

BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2026 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL 21 N. AVONDALE PLAZA

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Graham Reiney, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael Smith, Commissioner
Luis Suazo, Commissioner
Lyda Steadman, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Assistant City Manager
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Karina Reyna, City Clerk
Harry Hess, Chief of Police
Jerry Branch, Deputy Chief of Police
Marcel Jackson, Director of Public Works, Parks and Sanitation
Ellen Powell, Creative, Marketing & Communications Director
Adriana Holt, Senior Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Isabella Salazar, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Meeting Called to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Michael Smith motioned to adopt the meeting agenda. Commissioner Lyda Steadman seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Commissioner Comments
Commissioner Lyda Steadman congratulated staff on achieving bronze certification. She explained her absence at the previous meeting was due to a previously planned vacation. Commissioner Luis Suazo remarked that, on the way in, they imagined how nice it would be to hold an outdoor meeting on a beautiful day.
Commissioner Michael Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
Mayor Pro Tem Graham Reiney said they had no significant updates, thanked everyone for attending, and concluded their remarks.
Mayor Jonathan Elmore asked if everyone was enjoying the Olympics, expressed pride in the athletes, stated they had no substantive comments, and thanked everyone for attending.

City Manager Updates:

- Galentine's Day event on Friday featuring women-owned businesses offering workshops, special menus, drinks, and promotions; heart-shaped balloons will mark participating storefronts. This event is DDA-sponsored.
- The city was named a Tree City USA for the 42nd consecutive year and received its 16th straight growth award for urban forest management; it is one of the three oldest Tree Cities in Georgia. Residents are invited to celebrate Arbor Day on February 20 at 2 p.m., including planting an American hornbeam at Lanier

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Gardens with free saplings available.

- Thanks to the community for participating in the Centennial Celebration Survey, which received 156 responses; more details on the organizing committee will be shared in the coming months.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Luis Suazo motioned to approve the following meeting minutes:

January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lyda Steadman seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Arbor Day Proclamation

The Mayor presented an Arbor Day proclamation recognizing the history and benefits of tree planting, noting the observance's origins in 1872 and its environmental importance. Jonathan Elmore proclaimed February 20, 2026, as the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day and encouraged residents to support tree conservation. The Garden Club also invited the public to its Arbor Day celebration, where a tree will be planted in memory of longtime resident Sheila Biggs, who recently passed away at age 102.

Consideration of an Ordinance to Establish a Franchise Agreement with Google Fiber

The Board considered and approved an ordinance establishing a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Google Fiber Georgia LLC to install network facilities in the city's public right-of-way. City Manager Patrick Bryant clarified that the company intends to use existing above-ground infrastructure, such as telephone poles, but may bury lines underground if existing infrastructure is unavailable.

Commissioner Luis Suazo motioned adopt an Ordinance to Establish a Franchise Agreement with Google Fiber. Mayor Pro Tem Graham Reiney seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission for assistance with the Local Comprehensive Plan Update

The Board considered and approved a memorandum of agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission to provide assistance with updating the city's Local Comprehensive Plan. The Board expressed appreciation for the commission's support in helping the city complete this required planning process and emphasized the importance of using the plan as a meaningful guide for future development and decision-making. Commissioners noted that the process will help shape the city's long-term growth and priorities and stressed the need to involve a wide range of stakeholders, ensure inclusive participation, and conduct strong community outreach to encourage resident engagement.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham Reiney motioned to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission for assistance with the Local Comprehensive Plan

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Update. Commissioner Lyda Steadman seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Public Comment

1. Bill Hover 89 Berkeley Rd.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lyda Steadman motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED unanimously. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Karina Reyna, City Clerk