



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY HALL
February 23, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Michael McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were council members, Reggie Applin, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Patresha Northgraves, Mayor Michael McFarland, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee. There were eight (8) attendees.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Payton Silvers lead

Presentation:

1. Kevin Cardinal Master Planner and Engineer did a presentation to the city advising on future traffic control, Subdivision and Zoning code of how the now effects the future. Offered to help as the city grows.

Sign in to Speak: Marty Mulinix presented a budget and list of maintenance items the Kingston Women's History Museum needs to have done. Mayor asked for 3 estimates on maintenance items and the city would look at funding. Charlie Pecchio stated there is possibly a grant to help with the maintenance needed.

Old Business:

2. Read meeting minutes for January 26, 2026 work session; no changes
3. Read meeting minutes for February 9, 2026 Council meeting; no changes
4. Update on additional people to be added to the Unified Zoning Board; no new updated Payton Silvers to reach out to Larry May
5. Resolution for Kingston Downtown Development Authority-review terms & members; no changes-DDA Training is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
6. Update on Electronic City notification system – Payton Silvers stated Marcus Warren to reach out to Kelly, City Clerk.
7. Update on Communication Tower - Patresha Northgraves stated the city needs to establish where they would like the tower to be placed. See attached map.
8. Finance committee Report: Charlie Pecchio stated the City was still in business. Working on starting the Mileage rate process and discussing a loan with the County.
9. Discuss Audit Engagement Letter; ok

10. Discuss Water Tower Cleaning and painting-Working with Sweitzer Engineering to get the process and painless to the residents as possible.
11. Discuss additional credit card fees-discussed placing a \$3.95 fee on *all* card payments; all were in agreement
12. Discuss garbage interruption fees for non-paying customers; ex: water cutoff fees are \$50- stated and agreed garbage interruption fees should be \$50 same as water cutoff.
13. Review and discuss Occupational Tax Ordinance-ok to forward to attorney; remove #1 on page 3
14. Review and discuss Coin-Operated Amusement Machine Ordinance-ok to forward to attorney

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kate Posey gave a handout of the new Community Development Ordinance for proof reading.
Patresha Northgraves spoke about the parade; asked about the flagpole to be fixed for a dedication in April.

Chief TJ Sosebee asked about the closing of Dawson St.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Michael McFarland

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk