



City of Kingston
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
March 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Michael McFarland, Mayor Pro Tem Payton Silvers, Councilman Reggie Applin, Councilwoman Kate Posey, Councilwoman Patresha Northgraves.

Staff in Attendance: Chief TJ Sosebee, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk and Grayson Brown, Treasurer

Attendees: Seventeen (17)

The Regular Session Meeting for March 2, 2026 was called to order by Mayor Michael McFarland at 6:58 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Payton Silvers

Presentation -No presentations made

Approval of Minutes

- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve meeting minutes January 26, 2026 work session. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve minutes February 9, 2026 Council meeting. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sign in to Speak

- Eric Nord with Custom Disposal spoke about getting the city's garbage service.
- Marty Mulinix gave a status report on the Women's History Museum electrical issues that were taken care of by Michael with Wire Tech.
- Ezella Miller asked about loose dogs and pot belly pig roaming her street.

Approve Agenda

- Kate Posey made a motion to add "30 day" moratorium for no new development in the city. Motion was seconded by Patresha Northgraves. Motion was carried by Reggie Applin and opposed by Payton Silvers.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve the agenda to add 30 day moratorium for no new development in the city. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried by Reggie Applin and opposed by Payton Silvers.

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- Ashley Earle spoke about the DDA and the St. Patrick's day parade on March 14th; still looking for volunteers. Municipality training on Saturday, March 21st 8:30 a.m.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve Kingston Downtown Development Authority-terms & members. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve the location for Communication Tower; map attached
- Mayor Pro Tem Payton Silvers made a motion approve the Audit Engagement letter. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve \$3.95 credit card fees on ***all*** payments; starting April 1, 2026. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve garbage interruption fees for non-paying customers of \$50; starting April 1, 2026. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Kate Posey Made a motion to approve a 30 day moratorium for new development in the city. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion was carried by Reggie Applin and opposed by Payton Silvers.

Mayor, Council Comments

Mayor McFarland presented City Clerk Kelly Ensley with a 10 year service award. Patresha Northgraves encouraged everyone in attendance to join in the refreshments.

Adjournment

Payton Silvers made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion was seconded by Patresha Northgraves. Motion was carried unanimously.

Michael McFarland, Mayor

Kelly L. Ensley, City Clerk

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