

August 12, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 2025.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Present: Council Members, Jeanette Grimes, Dora Hardy, Scott Martin, Robert F. Pecht, III, Alice Talbert, Teya Whitehead, and Anne Williams.

Also present: Town Attorney, W. C. Outten, Jr., Town Manager, Randy Lynch, Town Clerk, Patti Lewis, Special Projects Coordinator, Kimberly Martin, Police Chief, Clay Clary, Leonard Rose, Keyonna Mangrum-Tatum, citizens, and press.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Rescheduled, date to be determined.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2025, as received, suspend the reading and file.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

#### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

##### LEONARD ROSE

Mr. Rose spoke about religion, social concerns, domestic violence, and social media.

#### LAWRENCEVILLE EDA

No report; appointment is needed.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum stated that the National Night Out event was amazing, she noted that there was a lot of vendor participation. Mayor Tatum thanked Mrs. Martin for her help making the event successful. Mayor Tatum welcomed Mr. Scott Martin back to council, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. H. B. Brockwell in District 2. The Comp Plan meeting went well; the Town of Lawrenceville is a stellar community. Mayor Tatum says she would like to schedule a community cleanup day, she states she has noticed a lot of trash while walking in town. She will have a date set at the September 2025 town council meeting. Council member Hardy suggested getting community groups involved such as 4H clubs, local girl scouts, sororities, and ROTC. Council member Grimes asked if this could be announced in the local newspaper.

Mayor Tatum says she wants local businesses to feel appreciated and would like a Town of Lawrenceville Business Appreciation Day, a later date will be determined. Mayor Tatum thanked Mrs. Lewis for taking on the Treasurer/Clerk position and thanked Council members for showing up at the National Night Out event.

#### COMMUNITY THRIVERS AWARD

No award this month.

#### REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No formal report.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$138,707.60. On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Pecht and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$138,707.60 and post to the proper accounts.

## REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

### ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR END JUNE 30, 2024

After review of the financial report, Mr. Lynch is requesting for council to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Pecht stated the audit was good, he thanked FY 2024 Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lewis, and staff. Ms. Williams asked if the state required a minimum reserve for the audit, per Mr. Pecht, no legal reserve is set by the state. On the motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes.

### WASTEWATER REISSUANCE VPDES PERMIT UPDATE

The Town is in the open comment phase of the permit with DEQ. Provided in the add packet you will see the reissued permit for 2025 for the Lawrenceville Water Treatment facility.

### RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN CERTIFICATION ADOPTION

The certification for the 24-03 Town of Lawrenceville Park Street Community Development Block Grant Project is in the packet and Mr. Lynch is requesting council to adopt and Mayor Tatum to sign and execute the plan certification for DHCD. On the motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes.

### PARK STREET-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT WATER AND SEWER RESOLUTION ADOPTION.

The resolution is in your packet and is to be included in the Park Street Phase II Neighborhood Infrastructure Project Grant application, this is broken into 2 phases, infrastructure, first phase. Mr. Lynch is requesting the Council adopt and authorize Mayor Tatum and the Town Manager to sign and execute the Park Street Neighborhood Project Water and Sewer Resolution as presented. On the motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Ms. Hardy and carried by all ayes.

### TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL RAMP PROJECT UPDATE

The Town submitted the SEID application to help with gap funding for this project, the town is awaiting grant application status. The pre-bid conference was held August 5, 2025. The bids can be received until August 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., will see the actual numbers at that time.

### TTHM & HAA5 TREND UPDATE

Mr. Lynch provided the charts to identify the TTHM and HAA5 testing results for all three systems. The results for 2025 testing continue to improve compared to the 2024 test results. Mr. Pecht asked if there is an average for compliance, Mr. Lynch explained a 5-test cycle, within a 4-month time frame. All numbers are lower, which is good.

### VML ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Mr. Lynch provided the conference schedule in the packet and invited all council to attend, please let the office staff know if you are able and they we sign you up. Mayor Tatum stated the last day of the conference is on the regular council meeting date for October 2025, she wanted to make all aware.

### PUBLIC HEARING #2 FOR PARK STREET PHASE II

Presented in the add packet is the flyer for the public hearing #2, a meeting to be held on August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town of Lawrenceville meeting room.

Mayor Tatum asked what, if anything could be done by the Town in reference to vacant/damaged buildings with-in the Town. Mr. Lynch explained that would fall under Building Code Enforcement; great expense, possibly look at grants available.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pecht referenced the 2024 Audit and stated preparation is near for the current FY audit.

## FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of July 2025, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to Fourteen (14) calls. Of the total, three (3) were in the town limits, eleven (11) were outside of the town limits. Also of the call total, eleven (11) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with three (3) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, ninety-eight (98) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Arcing Electrical Equipment (2), Disregard (1), False Alarm (1), MVC w/ injuries (2), MVC w/o injuries (1), Public service (1), Structure Fire (2), Tree Down (2), Vehicle Fire (2).

1st Due-11

Mutual Aid-3

In Town-3

Out of Town-11

Total calls-14

Total man hours expended-98

## PERSONNEL

Openings are listed in packet; Mrs. Talbert stated one perspective applicant is awaiting pre-employment results.

## POLICE

Ms. Hardy thanked Chief Clary and Mrs. Martin for the National Night Event. Chief Clary stated the police department received and has been using the body cameras purchased from Axon now for three weeks. Chief Clary and Ms. Hardy spoke on grants available to possibly purchase tasers and cameras for police cars/units. Ms. Williams stated that traffic has slowed down tremendously on Windsor Avenue, she thanked Chief and officers.

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

No report.

## STREETS, LIGHTS & CEMETERY

Mrs. Talbert, stated that all was weeded, sprayed, and cleared at the circle in Oakwood Park, trash containers are to be replaced, two styles are being reviewed as replacement options.

## TOWN DEVELOPMENT

No report.

## WATER/WASTEWATER

Per Mr. Pecht, Mr. Lynch covered this area in his report, on reissue of water permit, and pretreat program.

## HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Lynch mentioned grants and surveys may be available, this will need to be researched, as demo is expensive.

## PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

## WELLNESS

Ms. Whitehead shared a National Night Out slide show and provided a Health Monitor magazine handout.

## FARMER'S MARKET

Ms. Whitehead stated that there will be a Farmers Market at the Tractor Supply in South Hill, she would like to check it out and network for future ideas, sign up, August 28, 2025. She also mentioned that Boar's Head was holding a job fair for the re-opening of the plant in Jarrett. Mayor Tatum announced that Mrs. Charles is moving forward with purchasing the fridge for the food truck.

## LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Hearing #2 Park Street-High Street Neighborhood Project

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Town of Lawrenceville meeting room

## JAZZ ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL

August 23, 2025 4p.m.- 9p.m.

200 Block of N Main Street

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Williams provided a list of unfinished business;

1. Caboose- the Lawrenceville Caboose, sits at the Turntable Park. The Town received the insurance money several years ago to repair fire damage done to Caboose. The Town needs to hire a good carpenter and do the repairs so that this asset does not further deteriorate.

2. The LOVE SIGN has been in the works now for several years. What is the status of this project? The children who won the awards will probably graduate from college before we see the completed project! Why is this taking so long?

3. The dumpster sitting in the municipal parking lot near VCU Massey Cancer entrance needs to be removed. We have a number of events that require the use of the parking lot.

4. What is the status of the Southern States Building? The lease expired in October! There is no sign indicating it is for sale! The BDX trash is still at the side door. We need to pursue getting the building leased or sold!

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk