

February 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026.

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.

Absent; Town Attorney, W.C. Outten, Jr.

Also present: Town Manager, Randy Lynch, Town Clerk, Patti Lewis, Special Projects Coordinator, Kimberly Martin, Police Chief, Clay Clary, Police Officer, Everette Gibson, Shawn Lucy, Debbie Burkett, Margaret McLeod-Cain, Ray and Pam Thomas, Leonard Rose, citizens, and press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 January 13, 2026, as received, suspend the reading and file.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

LEONARD ROSE

Mr. Rose spoke about social concerns.

DEBBIE BURKETT- RAM

Mrs. Burkett spoke on behalf of RAM, Remote Area Medical. This year's event will be held on June 27 & 28, 2026 in Emporia, Virginia. This is the 8th free pop-up clinic, which includes Medical, Dental and Vision care. Last year 396 patients were provided care. The care also includes specialty care, cardiology, mammograms, and endocrinology. Mrs. Burkett asked council for continued support of this event. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to donate in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Ram Event for 2026.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA

Shawn Lucy, Secretary/ Treasurer for the LEDA, spoke on behalf to promote support and growth of the Lawrenceville EDA and provided an overview of agenda and minutes from the previous LEDA meeting, to work together with Brunswick County, IDA, and the Town on incentives and other available programs.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum thanked Chief Clary, staff of LPD, Town Manager, Randy Lynch, and Special Projects Coordinator, Kim Martin for support while the Monks Peace Walk entered Town. Also, she stated that she noticed the Director of Public works out and about during all the water main breaks throughout the cold weather temperatures. She thanked all staff for their hard work. Mayor Tatum stated she attended the documentary of 15, The Brunswick 15 is the story of fifteen African American students, in 1964, desegregated the all-white Brunswick High School in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Mayor Tatum announced she is the recipient of the Annual Women's Empowerment, "We Got Your Back" for 2026, this is to be held March 14, 2026 in Emporia, she invited all to attend.

COMMUNITY THRIVER AWARDS

Brunswick Insurance Agency is the recipient of the Community Thriver Award for February, 2026. Ray and Pam Thomas are a major part of the community. Mayor Tatum thanked them both for the business within the Town of Lawrenceville. She mentioned the Thomas Family is involved in many local organizations, SVCC, Rotary, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. Council member Pecht added that the Brunswick Insurance Building was the oldest building in the district, built in 1880. The Thomas family has kept this historic building in amazing condition. Mayor Tatum presented the Thomas' with a puzzle piece and a certificate in appreciation.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No formal report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$160,182.37. On a motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$160, 182.37 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

2025 VIRGINIA CDBG OFFER LETTER FOR PARK STREET-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

Mr. Lynch stated the copy of the letter is in the packet and the offered amount of the Community Block Grant is \$1,524,121.00 to support the Park Street-High Street Project.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) FOR THE WWTP EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. Lynch shared the update letter for this project is in the packet, this upgrade would allow the town to expand the facility from 1.2 million gpd (MGD) to 2.2 (MGD) wwtp capacity. The award amount is \$1,092,000.00.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Lynch stated that there is only a revision to the number of vehicles that were on the original documentation. This has been reduced by four units for LPD. The Town Attorney has reviewed the Fleet Management documents. Per Mr. Pecht, this is the ideal time to move forward into the new fiscal year. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to proceed with the terms of the Enterprise Fleet Management Lease Agreement.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lawrenceville Town office meeting room. The flyer is in the packet.

LAWRENCEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL RETREAT

The retreat will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the Kennon House Restaurant. This meeting will be held to follow up and finalize previous items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pecht stated the Finance committee will meet after the March 2026 council meeting for the upcoming FY budget.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of January 2026, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to twenty-six (26) calls. Of the total, six (6) were in the town limits, twenty (20) were outside of the town limits.

Also of the call total, twenty (20) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with six (6) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, forty-seven (47) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Arcing Electrical Equipment (1) Brush Fire (1) Chimney Fire (1) Disregard (3) Fire Alarm (1) Landing Zone (1) Medical Assist (13) MVC w/injuries (1) MVC w/o injuries (2) Structure Fire (2) Smoke Scare (1)

1st Due-20

Mutual Aid-6

In Town-6

Out of Town-20

Total calls-26

Total man hours expended-47

PERSONNEL

Openings are listed in packet.

POLICE

Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 483 calls for service, issued 36 Virginia uniform traffic summons. The LPD partnered with BCSO to escort and ensure the safety of the MLK Day March and The Walk for Peace with the Buddhist Monks.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

No report.

STREETS, LIGHTS & CEMETERY

Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Brown provided a detailed report in reference works and duties completed since last council meeting.

No report for lights and cemetery; Committees to meet per Mrs. Talbert.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

No report. Items to be addressed at the Town Council retreat on February 26, 2026.

WATER/WASTEWATER

Per Mr. Pecht see the (CPF) Community Project Funding offer in the packet, this will allow the town to expand the wastewater treatment facility from 1.2 million gpd to 2.2 million gpd capacity.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report.

PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

WELLNESS

Ms. Whitehead provided an informational video and handouts on heart health awareness and other educational health benefit flyers.

FARMER'S MARKET

Mobile food pantry, more information, and dates to be announced.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting- Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Lawrenceville Town Council Retreat-Thursday, February 26, 2026; 4-7pm Kennon House Restaurant

Easter Egg Hunt-Saturday, March 28, 2026; 11am

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martin made the motion to start the process of redistricting from two voting districts to one at-large voting district. Seconded by Ms. Williams and carried by all ayes to proceed with the redistricting process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk