October 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 13, 2026.

ROLL CALL
Roll was called. Present: Council Members, Jeanette Grimes, Scott Martin, Robert F. Pecht, III, Alice B. Talbert, Teya Whitehead and Darleen Ferguson.

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, Michael Tatum, Eric Gregory, Larry Edmonds, Everette, Lynn, and Zach Gibson.

Absent: Council member, Dora Hardy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor Tatum opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Town Charter for At-Large Elections. Mr. Eric Gregory with the Law Firm, Hefty Wiley & Gore, P.C., provided an outline for the process for the proposed Charter amendment. With no public comment, Mayor Tatum closed the public hearing. On motion by Mr. Pecht and seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted by roll call vote to sign and execute the resolution, requesting the General Assembly of Virginia amend the Town Charter to consolidate election districts and establish At-Large elections for Town Council.
Roll Call Vote; Grimes, aye, Hardy, absent, Martin, aye, Pecht, aye, Talbert, aye, Whitehead, aye, Ferguson, aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 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.

LARRY EDMONDS
Mr. Edmonds returns to council in regards to a tree that overhangs his property on Marks Lane. Council will get a reassessment from an arborist and provide Mr. Edmonds with a report.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Tatum just returned from the annual VML conference and stated it was a pleasure to represent the Town. Mayor Tatum says there was informative information in regards to active shooter training at the conference and asked Chief Clary if this was something he could provide for the safety of all. Council woman Whitehead also attended the VML conference and stated that Data Centers were a topic at the conference and it was very informative, she and Mayor Tatum thanked the Town for allowing the opportunity to attend.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY
Charter Change for the Voting Districts will be addressed by the Town Manager and Mr. Eric Gregory of Hefty Wiley & Gore, P.C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS
Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total $462,535.23 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 $462,535.23 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER
TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE RESOLUTION FOR AT-LARGE ELECTIONS
The resolution requesting that the Virginia General Assembly amend the Town of Lawrenceville's Charter to consolidate the existing electoral districts and establish at-large elections for Town Council was presented during the public hearing held today, October 13, 2026. I am requesting that Council approve the resolution as presented and authorize Mayor Tatum, Town Clerk Mrs. Patti Lewis and Town Attorney Mr. Outten to sign and execute the necessary documents, if Council so desires.

PARK-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT RESOLUTION
Please refer to the Park-High Street Neighborhood Project Resolution included in your packet. The Town of Lawrenceville has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of $1,524,121 from Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The resolution will allow the Town to accept and appropriate the funds for improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure in the Park Street neighborhood. The resolution will also authorize me, as Town Manager, to approve, sign and submit reimbursement requests and other necessary documents, as well as execute contracts and agreements associated with the project. Therefore, I am requesting that Council approve the Park-High Street Neighborhood Project Resolution and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution on behalf of Council, with the Town Manager attesting to the resolution, if desired.

2026 CDBG AWARDED PROJECTS GOVERNOR SPANBERGER ANNOUNCMENT
Mr. Lynch provided the announcement regarding the 2026 (CDBG) awards. The Town of Lawrenceville is pleased to announce that its Park Street Phase II Housing Project has been approved for CDBG funding in the amount of $883,795. No action is required from Council at this point.

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL RAMP PROJECT UPDATE
Mr. Lynch presented photos in the packet for the completed Tobacco Heritage Trail Ramp Project. A Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026 at 2pm. All our invited to attend.

PARK STREET PHASE I PROJECT UPDATE
Mr. Lynch stated that four proposals were received from qualified architectural historians to provide historic mitigation documentation services for this project. The scope of work includes completing a (DHR) intensive level survey to mitigate the adverse effects associated with the planned demolition of two structures. Dutton & Associates, a Timmons Group company was selected as the consulting firm for this project. The agreement has been reviewed and signed and work is expected to begin soon.

SHARP STREET PROJECT UPDATE
Mr. Lynch stated that VDOT has approved additional funding in the amount of $168,942.06, providing the remaining funds needed to fully fund the Town's Sharp Street Project. This project has been authorized to award, and VDOT will begin the process of transferring this project to construction.

FINANCE
Mr. Pecht stated that each council member received copies of the FY25 audit. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the FY25 audit. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to sign the audit engagement letter from Creedle, Jones and Associates, P.C. for FY26.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
In the month of September 2026, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to forty-seven (47) calls. Of the total, four (4) were in the town limits, forty-three (43) were outside of the town limits.
Also of the call total, thirty-nine (39) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with eight (8) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, sixty-two (62) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Alarm Activation, No fire (2) Brush Fire (1) Cooking Fire (2) Disregard (14) Landing Zone (1) Medical Assist (3) MCV w/o injuries (2) MVC w/injuries (3) Tree Down (17) Smoke Scare/Odor (1) Structure Fire (1)

1st Due-39; Mutual Aid-8; In Town-4; Out of Town-43; Total calls-47; Total man hours -62

PERSONNEL
Openings are listed in packet.

POLICE
Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 230 calls for service.
Chief Clary presented Evertte Gibson with a badge of retirement for his years of service with Lawrenceville Police Department.

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.
Cemetery signs have been installed; photos are in the packet.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT
No report.

WATER/WASTEWATER
No report.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT
Council members Talbert and Pecht brought concerns of trash in the streets and tall grass. Mr. Lynch is to follow up on this.

PARKS/RECREATION
Tobacco Heritage Trail Ramp is complete with a scheduled ribbon cutting October 26, 2026 at 2pm.

WELLNESS
Ms. Whitehead provided an informative flyer as October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

FARMER'S MARKET
Ms. Whitehead provided a City of Refuge flyer. This organization provides meals to families and is looking to expand to Lawrenceville.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Tobacco Heritage Trail Ramp-Ribbon Cutting-Monday, October 26, 2026; 2pm
Trunk or Treat on Main- Friday, October 30, 2026; 6pm
Tree Lighting Ceremony- Wednesday, December 2, 2026; 7pm
Christmas Parade-Friday, December 4, 2026; 7:30pm
Employee Christmas Luncheon-Friday, December 11, 2026; 12pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk