

July 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 14, 2026.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Present: Council Members, Jeanette Grimes, Dora Hardy, Scott Martin, Robert F. Pecht, III, Alice Talbert, 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, Police Officer, Everett Gibson, Leonard Rose, Malyka Walton, and Larry Edmonds.

Absent: Council member, Teya Whitehead.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 9, 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 expressed concerns of a tree that is hanging unto his rental property on Marks Lane. He returns to ask council again for a remedy for concerns of the tree falling onto his property. Mr. Edmonds stated the Town had the tree trimmed approximately 2 years ago and is asking for assistance again. Council will meet with Mr. Lynch to discuss and will be in touch with Mr. Edmonds.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum thanked Mrs. Martin and all involved in making the Sparks in the Park a success. She stated it was a really nice event. She has a gift for the young girl, Codie Gunther who sang the National Anthem. Mayor Tatum says she received nothing but positive feedback on the BOOMS downtown site visit, with 34 citizens participating. There is still interest from the individual with the Mobile Food Pantry. Mayor Tatum expressed concern about dogs with no leash and pet owners not picking after their pets., she has noticed this behind the Peebles Apartment building. The VML Conference and Mayors Institute is October 10-13, 2026 in Norfolk and she encouraged all members to attend. Mayor Tatum would like to have another retreat possibly in September to review all committees.

Mayor Tatum has been contacted by a concerned citizen on Third Ave., on an issue that may involve VDOT, the Town will reach out to this citizen. On July 25, 2026 the Mayor will partner with Tabernacle of Zion for a community prayer, all are encouraged to participate. Mayor Tatum expressed her concern of the vandalism at the Methodist Church playground; she stated that the playground is property of the church and allows the community to utilize this playground. Law enforcement is aware of the incident and are investigating.

COMMUNITY THRIVER

Virginia Cooperative Extension-4H

Malyka Walton is the recipient of the Mayors Community Thriver award for July. The Mayor presented Ms. Walton with a giftbag and puzzle piece. Mayor Tatum Thanked Ms. Walton for her love and compassion for the children and stated she is making a difference in the children's lives through the 4-H program.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$225,626.96. On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$225,626.96 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL RAMP PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lynch reported that Clary Construction is wrapping up this project, should be completed in approximately 4/6 weeks.

SHARP STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lynch stated that the pre bid was held July 9, 2026 and the pre bid closing date is July 27, 2026.

BOOMS CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mr. Lynch stated that photos are in the packet and this was a very informative downtown site visit.

PARK STREET HOUSING PROJECT, PHASE 2 GRANT SUBMISSION

Mr. Lynch reported that the grant was submitted on June 29, 2026.

2025 CCR UPDATE

Then reports were mailed in June for all 3 water systems; which were in compliance, zero violations.

SPARKS IN THE BALLPARK SPECTACULAR UPDATE

Photos are in the packet from the event.

DITCH WHICH VACUUM TRAILER UPDATE

The equipment has been delivered and training has begun on the equipment; photos are included in the packet.

FINANCE

ADOPTION OF FY26/27 RATE INCREASE

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt FY26/27 Water/Wastewater/Garbage Rate Increase.

Mr. Pecht stated this past fiscal year and current has incurred several large expenses with pumps, water lines and projects. Finance will need to set a meeting.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of June 2026, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to twenty-two (22) calls. Of the total, five (5) was in the town limits, seventeen (17) were outside of the town limits.

Also of the call total, seventeen (17) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with five (5) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, forty (40) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Alarm Activation No Fire (3) Brush Fire (2) Disregard (6) False Alarm (1) Medical Assist (2) MCV w/o injuries (3) MVC w/injuries (3) Smoke Scare/Odor (1) Structure Fire (1)

1st Due-17

Mutual Aid-5

In Town-5

Out of Town-17

Total calls-22

Total man hours expended-40

PERSONNEL

Openings are listed in packet.

Ms. Hardy announced that E. Corker in the water department received certification as a Class IV operator, congratulations to Eddie from Ms. Hardy and council.

POLICE

Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 271 calls for service.

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.

Sharp Curve Signage has been requested from VDOT to be placed near Oakwood Cemetery.

A brief meeting will be held, following the council meeting.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/WASTEWATER

No report; CCR's were mailed out in June, no violations. Mr. Pecht thanked all involved.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report.

PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

WELLNESS

No report. Ms. Hardy reported she is still trying to partner with the City of Refuge to provide free meals for the community, as they provide the neighboring town of South Hill.

FARMER'S MARKET

No report.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town of Lawrenceville R3 Community Grant Recipient- Tuesday, July 28, 2026; 12:30pm

National Night Out- Tuesday, August 4, 2026; 6pm-8pm

Brunswick County Public Schools- Saturday, August 8, 2026; 9am-1pm

Jazz on the Square Festival- Saturday, August 22, 2026; 4pm-8:30pm

Thank You note from Sylvia Allen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne Williams presented a letter of resignation for her seat on Town Council to be effective July 31, 2026. Town Council will need to appoint someone from District 2 to fill this seat.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk