

December 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

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, Leonard Rose, Michael Tatum, Mrs. Betty Vaughan, Jennifer Carter, Michelle Shaffer, Joey Lopresti, citizens, and press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 November 12, 2025, 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, traffic, and highway safety.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum thanked all for the work that is performed in town. Kim Martin, Special Events Coordinator for all her events, Town Staff, Police and Sylvia Allen for her reporting.

Mayor Tatum announced that December 13, 2025, 5-9pm, will be the Christmas Event with vendors, food trucks, Santa, and Christmas Carolers. December 20, 2025, 11am "Giving from the Heart" an event sponsored by DOC & CCAP, will consist of vendors, music, food, and a Toy Drive at 3pm.

COMMUNITY THRIVER AWARDS

The first award recipient is Mrs. Betty Vaughan. Mayor Tatum thanked Mrs. Betty for her service to the community through her Country Mouse School. She was also chosen as the Grand Marshall for the Town's Christmas Parade 2025. She was presented a puzzle piece and certificate by Mayor Tatum.

The second recipient is Brunswick Dixie Youth, members to accept this award were Jennifer Carter, Michelle Shaffer and Joey Lopresti, Mayor Tatum presented the BDYL with a puzzle piece and certificate.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No formal report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$164,223.52. On a motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$164,223.52 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

FLOOD ORDINANCE ADOPTION UPDATE

Mr. Lynch stated the Town received email confirming approval, will receive final documentation from FEMA.

PARK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT #23-03 UPDATE

Mr. Lynch says the CDBG contract has been executed and two homes have been inspected for this project. The engineering firm will have final plans within 60 days. The Park Street Phase 1 Neighborhood Project Sign will be installed next week. A fair housing activity was available at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which included a fair housing material for the children to create a home and complete coloring exercises. This is one of the activities required for the CDBG.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lawrenceville Town office meeting room. The flyer is in the packet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pecht mentioned the Lawrenceville Correctional Center is still at low-population due to construction at the facility. The Town incurred two large invoices for Pumps at water treatment plant. The town must keep backup pumps as well. This also includes generators. The Finance committee will meet in January for Fiscal Year updates and meet in February/March for next Fiscal Year.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of November 2025, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to thirty-five (35) calls. Of the total, five (5) were in the town limits, thirty (30) were outside of the town limits.

Also of the call total, eighteen (18) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with seventeen (17) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, one hundred nineteen and a half (119.5) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Brush Fire (1) Disregard (9), Gas Leak (1) Landing Zone (3) Medical Assist (5) MVC w/injuries (3) MVC w/o injuries (3) Public Service (2) Rekindle (1) Smoke Scare (1) Structure Fire (4) Vehicle Fire (2)

1st Due-5

Mutual Aid-30

In Town-18

Out of Town-17

Total calls-35

Total man hours expended-119.5

PERSONNEL

Openings are listed in packet; A new Employee will begin Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Water Treatment Plant.

POLICE

Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 538 calls for service, issued 70 Virginia uniform traffic summons. Council member Hardy thanked all for their hard work and recognized Officer Martisa Stith for receiving the Southside VASAP award for DUI Enforcement on November 6, 2025 at a ceremony held at Franklin 313 in South Hill, Virginia.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Town Manager, public works and the police departments are in communication with Enterprise to discuss fleet management.

STREETS, LIGHTS & CEMETERY

Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Brown provided a detailed report in reference works and duties completed since last council meeting. Christmas Decoration have been installed and are beautiful.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/WASTEWATER

Per Mr. Pecht reports the TTHM samples have been collected for the 4th Quarter and results should be in within a few weeks. This will conclude a full year's testing. Also, anyone experiencing discoloration and water issues should report them directly to the town office.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report.

PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

WELLNESS

Ms. Whitehead shared a VCU health magazine, Gaining Ground Against Alzheimer's. Ms. Whitehead also shared a flyer for the 2026 James Solomon Russell Community Prayer Breakfast. This will be held Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 9:00am

FARMER'S MARKET

Mayor Tatum's Christmas Market, December 13, 2025; 5-9pm, food vendors may arrive earlier.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comp Plan Committee Meeting- Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Toy Drive- Accepting Toys until December 16, 2025

Employee Christmas Luncheon -Wednesday, December 17, 2025 12p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Tatum will schedule a meeting to go over items/committees from the Council Retreat, to be scheduled the first of the year, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk