

June 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 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.

Also present: Town Manager, Randy Lynch, Town Clerk, Patti Lewis, Special Projects Coordinator, Kimberly Martin, Police Officer, Everette Gibson, Leonard Rose, Michael Tatum, Shirley Penn, citizens and press.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING- PROPOSED FY 2026/2027 BUDGET

Mayor Tatum opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-2027 Water/Wastewater/Garbage Rate Increase. There was no public comment. Mr. Martin made the motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pecht and carried by all ayes.

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 May 12, 2026, as received, suspend the reading and file.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Martin, 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.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum acknowledged Sylvia Allen for her years of service with the Brunswick Times Gazette. Ms. Allen will retire with 29 years of service. Mayor Tatum thanked Sylvia for her amazing stories and presented her with flower globe and on behalf of Town Council presented a resolution. Mayor Tatum announced "Lunch on the Town", a free event; will be held on June 12, 2026. Hotdogs, chips and water will be available from 12-2pm.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$378,360.61. 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 \$378,360.61 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

PARK STREET HOUSING PROJECT, PHASE 2 RESOLUTION ADOPTION

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the resolution.

#25-08 PARK STREET-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT SECTION 3 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PLAN ADOPTION

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the plan.

#25-08 PARK-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY ADOPTION

On motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the policy.

#25-08 PARK-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE ADOPTION

On motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the procedure.

#25-08 PARK-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN CERTIFICATION ADOPTION

On motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the certification.

#25-08 PARK-HIGH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT FAIR HOUSING CERTIFICATION ADOPTION

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the certification.

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL RAMP PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lynch reported that Clary Construction has started on this project and it is progressing to provide handicap access with a completion timeframe of approximately 2 months.

SHARP STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lynch stated that engineering will submit final plans and specifications to VDOT for bid approval.

FINANCE

ADOPTION OF FY26/27 BUDGET

Mr. Pecht moved to adopt the budget for FY26/27, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to adopt the FY26/27 budget.

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF FY26/27 RATE INCREASE

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

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of May 2026, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to twenty-five (25) calls. Of the total, one (1) was in the town limits, twenty-four (24) were outside of the town limits.

Also of the call total, fifteen (15) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with ten (10) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, forty-nine (49) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Alarm Activation No Fire (2) Brush Fire (5) Disregard (5) Landing Zone (2) MCV w/o injuries (2) MVC w/injuries (3) Smoke Scare/Odor (4) Structure Fire (1) Power Line Down (1)

1st Due-15

Mutual Aid-10

In Town-1

Out of Town-24

Total calls-25

Total man hours expended-49

PERSONNEL

Openings are listed in packet.

POLICE

Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 344 calls for service, issued 45 Virginia uniform traffic summons. Assistant Chief D. Coles submitted his letter of resignation to be effective May 28, 2026. On motion by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council accepted the resignation. Ms. Hardy expressed thanks to the Lawrenceville Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta for hosting a Dash & Dine for First Responders on May 21, 2026.

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.

Draft signage for the Oakwood Park Cemetery was provided for review, signage will be located at each entrance and at the New Section, for a total of (3) signs.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/WASTEWATER

No report; CCR final approval should be this week. A clean report is expected.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report.

PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

WELLNESS

Ms. Whitehead provided informative flyers for food pantries & mobile food distribution for the community. These events are free.

FARMER'S MARKET

Mayor Tatum, Ms. Whitehead & Ms. Hardy to get together to talk and plan a "Feeding Community" event, such as the City of Refuge in South Hill that currently offers this in the neighboring county.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch on the Town-Friday, June 12, 2026; 12-2pm

FY 2026-2027 Town Council Meeting Dates

Brunswick Health Ambassadors-Saturday, June 13, 2026; 11am-1pm

Park Street Project Meeting- Tuesday, June 16, 2026; 6pm

Red White & Blue Parade- Friday, June 26, 2026; 6:30pm

Sparks in the Park- Friday, June 26, 2026; 7-10pm

Remote Area Medical- Saturday & Sunday, June 27-28, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY- JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027.

On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to appoint W. Curtis Outten, Jr. as Town Attorney for the term July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER- JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027.

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to appoint Randall W. Lynch for the term of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk