



Blackshear City Council
Work Session
September 1, 2026 @ 4:30PM
Blackshear City Hall
318 Taylor St.
Blackshear, GA 31516

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Discussion Items

a. 2026 Millage Rate

Synopsis: Council will review the City of Blackshear's 2026 property tax digest and consider setting the 2026 net maintenance and operation (M&O) millage rate at 8.085 mills. This represents a reduction from the 2025 rate of 8.664 mills, a decrease of 0.579 mills, or approximately 6.7%.

The proposed rate consists of a gross M&O millage rate of 13.361 mills, less a 5.276-mill Local Option Sales Tax rollback, resulting in the proposed net rate of 8.085 mills.

The millage rate is scheduled to be formally set by the City Council at its meeting on September 10, 2026, following publication of the current tax digest and five-year history of levy as required by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.

b. Alcohol License Application – Risha 86 Corporation d/b/a Z-Foodmart

Synopsis: Consider an application for a new retail beer and wine alcohol license for Risha 86 Corporation, doing business as Z-Foodmart, located at 25 Hendry Street, Blackshear, Georgia

c. Zoning and Land Development Code and Board Ordinance (2nd Reading)

Synopsis: Consider adopting a City of Blackshear Zoning and Land Development Code to establish local standards and procedures for zoning, land use, subdivision, development review, permitting, and enforcement within the city limits. Council will also consider establishing the board authorized under the Code and appointing members to serve on the board.

d. Appointment of Members to the Zoning and Land Development Board

Synopsis: Consider the appointment of members to the City of Blackshear Zoning and Land Development Board. The Board will serve in accordance with the City's Land Use

and Development Code and will assist in reviewing zoning and land development matters that require consideration or recommendation before final action by the Mayor and Council.

Appointments will establish the membership necessary for the Board to begin carrying out its duties, including the review of matters such as rezoning requests, conditional use applications, amendments to the development code, and other land use and development matters assigned to the Board by ordinance.

e. Amendment to the Pierce County Service Delivery Strategy

Synopsis: Consider approving an amendment to the Pierce County Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) to reflect the City of Blackshear's assumption of responsibility for land use services within the city limits.

The amendment reflects the City's transition from utilizing Pierce County for land use services to providing those services directly. Approval will authorize the City to execute the necessary Service Delivery Strategy amendment, certifications, and related documents for submission to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

This update is required so that the County's Service Delivery Strategy accurately reflects the current service-delivery arrangement now that the City is providing these services within its corporate limits.

5. Upcoming Events

- America 250 Celebration (9/12/2026)

6. Adjournment