Town of Carl
Town Council
October 13, 2026 - 2:00 P.M.
Town Hall
1690 Carl Bethlehem Rd
Auburn, GA 30011
Town Council Work Session

Present: Mayor Shannon Stinchcomb; Council Members Frank Cheely, Jimmie Shedd, and Jason Allen; Town Attorney Ted Baggett, Town Manager, Christy Singley; Town Clerk Laura Crenshaw.

Guests: Police Chief Chris Hodge and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Palmer from the City of Auburn; Sharon Courson and Glen York from the Barrow County Emergency Management Department

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Stinchcomb called the Work Session to order at 2:02 PM

INVOCATION:
Mayor Stinchcomb gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Mayor Stinchcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Stinchcomb made welcoming comments and opened the floor for public comment. None at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement
Town Manager Singley invited Chief Hodge to address the Council regarding a possible future IGA with the City of Auburn for Code Enforcement service.

2. 1202 Atlanta Highway Rezoning Application
The Public Hearing and first reading of the consideration to rezone 1202 Atlanta Highway from R-1 to C-1 will be during the regular Council Meeting on 10/15/2026. This is a town-initiated rezoning.

3. Budget Planning and Meeting Schedule
The Budget will be presented to the Council via email by 11/17/2026. The first reading of the Proposed 2027 Budget will be during a Public Hearing on the regular 11/19/2026 Council meeting. The second reading will be at the regular 12/17/2026 Council meeting followed by the vote to adopt the budget.

4. Certificate of Deposit
Town Manager Singley presented a revision to the business of the maturing CD at South State Bank. The Council had voted to invest with Marcus, but they only offer plans for individuals. Singley presented local rates and options.

5. Carl Christmas
Town Manager Singley proposed changing the meeting time for the December meeting to 6:30 PM to accommodate the Carl Christmas event time schedule of 3:30-6:30 PM on December 17, 2026. Singley also asked for approval to purchase a Christmas tree, ornaments and decorations for Town Hall. Mayor

Stinchcomb stated that he would like to see some sort of decorations in the park and on the Pavilion as well. There is also consideration of sponsoring a family for Christmas via donations.

6. Purchase of Shelving
Town Manager Singley requested the purchase of shelving for the Maintenance Room at Town Hall for the purpose of proper records retention and storage. Council Member Allen stated that he would like to see the lock replaced on that room and have the windows covered as well.

Attorney Baggett advised that the Town needs to formally adopt the Records Retention Schedule approved by the Georgia Archives Division.

PLANNING SESSION

1. Proposed Turning Land on Carl Bethlehem Road
Town Manager Singley advised that research is underway for this project and proposed a budget line item for Engineering and other research needed.

2. City Operations
Momentum Results will be meeting with Mayor Stinchcomb, Town Manager Singley, and Town Clerk Crenshaw regarding procedure, and updated forms and applications, for Occupational tax Certificates and renewals, Alcohol licensing, and the budget process.

3. Planning Updates
Town Manager Singley advised that the LDP has been granted for the assisted living home at 43 Carl Midway Church Road.

4. Long Range Planning Initiatives
The future land use map is not adequate for the Town's needs. Attorney Baggett advised that the Town needs to update the Comprehensive Plan then the Future Use Map.

5. Financial Planning
Town Manager Singley advised that the fees as stated on the current fee schedule are inadequate for Permitting, Inspections, and Plan Review. Attorney Baggett advised that calculation of fees for Occupational Tax Certificates must also be reviewed. The Town needs to review the fee schedule, then hold Public Hearings to amend the Code for both the Occupational Tax and other fees.

Work Session adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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Shannon Stinchcomb, Mayor

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Laura Crenshaw, Town Clerk