



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY HALL**  
**January 26, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were council members, Reggie Applin, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Patresha Northgraves, Mayor Michael McFarland, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Police Chief TJ Sosebee, Treasurer, Grayson Brown. There were six (6) attendees.

1. Approved minutes from August 4th work session - motion by Kate Posey, second by Payton Silvers. Due to new Mayor and 2 council members, there was a discussion of approval. Patresha Northgraves approved, she was present at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. December 1, 2025, meeting minutes - Correction to be made; to remove Motion was carried unanimously under the Approval of minutes of Council Public Hearing and first reading of applications to amend the City Zoning district map.
3. Meeting minutes for January 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting – no issues
4. Unified Zoning Board - A suggestion was made by Payton Silvers to add Larry May and Bill Williams by Reggie Applin
5. Kingston Downtown Development members requested to be added - Jolie Mata, 2 Amigos, Patresha Northgraves, Council representative, Peggy Vance, taxpayer, Madison Earle and Natalie Turner can be added when they receive their business license.
6. Appoint finance committee members-Brandon Walls, Charlie Pecchio and Kate posey. An advisory council with access to Audits, Budgets, everything. Will have scheduled and announced meetings. Will possibly meet at 6 p.m. before work sessions.
7. New attorney - Leslie Simmons has significant background in real estate and annexation. Try the fit for one year; if it works the city is happy, she will continue to represent the city. Our attorneys now are not giving one hundred percent. The Mayor, Chief of Police, Patresha Northgraves and Kate Posey are allowed to contact the attorney. Payton Silvers suggested Kelly have approval also.
8. Electronic City notification system - Patresha Northgraves contacted Bartow County to see if the city could piggy-back off the Bartow County notification system. Payton Silvers reached out to Marcus Warren to see if there was a way to add the city, Marcus Warren to contact Payton Silvers when he has the answer.
9. Communication Tower - Patresha Northgraves presented an RFP to possibly place a cellular tower in the cemetery area.

10. Requesting a loan was discussed from the county to see if it could be for a year. With annexation and sewage coming and meet with the battery plant to sponsor to paint the old water tower and taxation we should be able to pay back. Kate Posey and Patresha Northgraves requested to let the finance committee help on the decision before voted on.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor McFarland stated that the city will be selling the dump truck, purchasing a conex building. Looking to purchase a one-ton dump truck and mini excavator, Reggie Applin to assist with Maintenance organization.

Patresha Northgraves to have administrative access to the city website and Facebook page for public information. Also requested Payton Silvers, Kelly Ensley and Grayson Brown to submit a bio for the city website.

Patresha Northgraves asked about the caution light at Shaw Street and 293. The city had contacted Georgia Power.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Michael McFarland

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Kelly Ensley, City Clerk