



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
January 5, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Judge Terry Wheeler swore in Mayor Michael McFarland, Council members Reggie Applin and Patresha Northgraves

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. Payton Silvers leading invocation and pledge. In attendance were council members, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Patresha Northgraves, Reggie Applin, Mayor Michael McFarland, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Grayson Brown, Treasurer, Chief TJ Sosebee and Attorney Elliot Noll. There were thirty-five (35) attendees.

SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK

No one signed in to speak

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Kate Posey made a motion to amend the previous minutes. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Payton Silvers opposed the motion. Minutes for the December 5th meeting were amended.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the agenda. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

DDA UPDATE

Charlie Pecchio reported the Christmas Parade was great and the DDA is looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day parade.

KWHC UPDATE

Kate Posey stated she was a member of the Women's History and spoke with Linda Leachman. They would have a presentation ready for the February meeting.

SELECT/APPROVE MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor McFarland asked Payton Silvers to be Mayor Pro Tem. Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve Payton Silvers as Mayor Pro Tem. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO AMEND 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting schedule was changed to 7:00 p.m. with February 9th being the meeting date for February. Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the schedule change. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL SIGNAGE

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve digital signage. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO OPEN A NEW GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Payton Silvers made a motion to open a new General Fund account. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO GIVE GRAYSON BROWN ACCESS TO GENERAL BANKING ACCOUNT FOR POSITIVE PAY

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve for Grayson Brown access to the General Banking account for positive pay. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT HAMILTON EARLE TO ZONING BOARD

Kate Posey made a motion to appoint Hamilton Earle to the Zoning Board. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Payton Silvers Congratulated new mayor and council members. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Asked everyone to keep Mayor McFarland and council members in their prayers.

Patresha Northgraves encouraged the citizens to attend the open Work Sessions and Dda meetings to get involved with the community.

Reggie Applin Thanked everyone that voted for him. He's working for the citizens of Kingston.

Mayor McFarland thanked everyone for their votes his goal is to make the city better. Stated there will be some hard decisions to be made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m. Patresha Northgraves made a motion to adjourn. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Michael McFarland

Kelly L. Ensley, City Clerk