



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL**  
**May 5, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. with Louise Young-Harris leading invocation and pledge. In attendance were council members, Allen Cochran (Absent), Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Louise Young-Harris, Mayor Elbert Wise, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Attorney Brandon Bowen, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee, Rick Hartley, Accountant. There were fourteen (14) attendees.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Patresha Northgraves asked what the plan was to get the City out of financial trouble. She wanted to go on record stating the City is in the hole-How is that ok?

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the previous Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING KINGSTON PARK (LITIGATION)**

At 6:08 p.m. Louise Young-Harris made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding Kingston Park Litigation. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6:39 p.m. Payton Silvers made a motion to return back to the meeting. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE FINAL PLAT KINGSTON PARK PHASE 4**

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the final plat for Kingston Park Phase 4 with the following conditions: 1. Accomplish changes to final plat 4 requested by Bartow County Water department. 2. Accomplish dedication of greenspace (probably HOA) to support phase 4 conservation subdivision density. 3. Accomplish dedication of utility easements for all prior phases. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Kate Posey voted No due to Council being asked to approve an Agenda item believed to be in violation of City ordinances and regulations (i.e., Approve Phase Four Final Plat without the Unified Zoning Board conducting a public hearing and making a recommendation to the Council prior to a Council decision)

**DDA UPDATE**

Patresha Northgraves spoke about the June 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ & Bean bags Event with a BBQ competition, corn hole competition and more.

**APPROVE 2025 BUDGET**

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Kate Posey recommended the gutters on the Women's History museum needed cleaned out. Mayor made CSX announcement on railroad crossing closures. Thanked everyone that attended the event.

Louise Young-Harris apologized for speaking harsh.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:14 p.m. Louise Young-Harris made a motion to adjourn. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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Mayor Elbert "Chuck" Wise, Jr.

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Kelly Ensley, City Clerk