



**Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:30 PM
Public Safety Complex, Municipal Court Room
701 Queen City Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30501
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem Presides**

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A. You're the Reason Scholarship Awards
- B. Gainesville Chicken Scholarship Awards
- C. Proclamation: National Public Works Week

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (20 minutes maximum)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

- A. April 30, 2026 Work Session
- B. May 5, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Final: Monday, May 18, 2026 1:40 PM



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: April 1, 2026
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026
Final Approval Date: May 18, 2026
Presenter: Robyn Lynch
Jeremy Perry
Item of Business: You're the Reason Scholarship Awards
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Purpose of Request:

To present the "You're the Reason Scholarship Awards" and recognize the recipients.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The You're the Reason Scholarship fund was created to benefit employees of the City of Gainesville. Funds are collected through donations from City employees and the Gainesville Chicken Festival proceeds.

In coordination with the City Managers Office, the Financial Services Office, and the Communication and Tourism Office, along with leaders from the poultry industry and the North Georgia Community Foundation, funds were raised, applications submitted, reviewed, and scholarships have been awarded.

The 2026 You're the Reason Scholarship recipients are:

- Jiya Johnson - 13th Place - \$1,000
- Emma Brooke Anderson - 12th Place - \$1,000
- Olivia Morris - 11th Place - \$1,000
- Matelyn Allison - 10th Place \$1,000
- Lily Clay - 9th Place \$1,000
- Olivia Swafford - 8th Place \$1,000
- Heidi Griffin - 7th Place - \$1,000
- Taylor Reid - 6th Place - \$1,000
- Kaylee Trammell - 5th Place - \$1,000
- Violet Nosal - 4th Place - \$1,000
- Garrett Matthews - 3rd Place - \$1,000
- Addison Sheppard - 2nd Place - \$1,500
- Harrison Tullar - 1st Place - \$2,000

Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient's college.

Department Recommendation:

Department Director:

Jeremy Perry

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

None



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: April 1, 2026
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026
Final Approval Date: May 18, 2026
Presenter: Robyn Lynch, Tourism Director
Jeremy Perry, Chief Financial Officer
Angel Jackson
Item of Business: Gainesville Chicken Scholarship Awards
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Purpose of Request:

To present the Gainesville Chicken Scholarship Awards and recognize the recipients.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The City of Gainesville and the local poultry industry recognize the need for outstanding young men and women to continue the City's legacy as the "Poultry Capital of the World". The Gainesville Chicken Scholarship supports college students pursuing a degree in poultry science or a related agricultural degree.

In coordination with the City Managers Office, the Financial Services Office, and the Communication and Tourism Office, along with leaders from the poultry industry and the North Georgia Community Foundation, funds were raised, applications submitted, reviewed, and scholarships have been awarded.

The 2026 Gainesville Chicken Scholarship recipients are:

- Allison Christiansen - 7th Place - \$1,000
- Isabelle Williams - 6th Place - \$1,000
- Sawyer Fleming - 5th Place - \$1,000
- Molly White - 4th Place \$1,000
- Resse Sorrow - 3rd Place \$1,000
- Kylianne Brown - 2nd Place \$1,500
- EmmaGrace Wilkes - 1st Place - \$2,000

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Department Recommendation:

N/A

Department Director:

Jeremy Perry

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

None



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: May 11, 2026
Date Submitted: May 11, 2026
Final Approval Date: May 18, 2026
Presenter: Zack Thompson
Item of Business: Proclamation: National Public Works Week
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Purpose of Request:

To acknowledge the City of Gainesville Public Works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to our national health, safety, welfare and quality of life.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

Public Works attendees include, but not limited to:

- Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky
- Deputy Director of Public Works Todd Beebe
- Deputy Director of Public Works Matt Tarver

Department Recommendation:

Department Director:

Chris Rotalsky

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

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Attachments:

1. National Public Works Week Proclamation 2026



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: *public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety and well-being of the people of Gainesville; and*

WHEREAS: *such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees from state and local units of government and the private sector, who are responsible for and must plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation systems, solid waste and recycling, cemetery, vehicles and equipment, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to serve our citizens; and*

WHEREAS: *it is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders in the United States of America to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and*

WHEREAS: *the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that I, Zack Thompson, Mayor and the Gainesville City Council, do hereby proclaim the week May 17-23, 2026 as*

“National Public Works Week”

and urge all our people to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health, safety, welfare and quality of life.

Presented this 19th day of May, 2026

Zack Thompson, Mayor
City of Gainesville



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: December 30, 2025
Date Submitted: May 19, 2026
Final Approval Date: May 19, 2026
Presenter: Alisa Grayson, City Clerk
Item of Business: April 30, 2026 Work Session
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to allow the governing body to approve the minutes from the referenced meeting.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

Draft minutes were distributed to the governing body, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Directors for comments/corrections.

Department Recommendation:

Approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Department Director:

Bryan Lackey

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Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

None



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: December 30, 2025
Date Submitted: May 19, 2026
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Presenter: Alisa Grayson, City Clerk
Item of Business: May 5, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

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