

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Zack Thompson, Juli Hayes, Abigail Guzman, Barbara Brooks, Jon Elliott, Bob Norton

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Pastor Whit R. Martin, Asbury Chapel, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: May 28, 2026 Work Session

Minutes: June 2, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott, Norton

APPOINTMENTS:

American Red Cross Ex-Officio Member – Appoint Council Member Bob Norton

Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Member – Appoint Council Member Bob Norton

Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank Ex-Officio Member – Appoint Council Member Bob Norton

Hallmark Initiative Ex-Officio Member – Appoint Council Member Bob Norton

Mayor Thompson presented the nominations for appointment.

Motion to appoint Council Member Bob Norton to serve as ex-officio on the American Red Cross, Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee, Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank, and Hallmark Initiative as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Guzman

Motion seconded by Council Member Elliott

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott, Norton

RESOLUTION:

Business Resolution 2026-24 Declaration of Surplus Property

Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Budget & Purchasing Kevin Hutcheson presented the proposed resolution declaring the listed assets as surplus property. All requirements for designating items as surplus property have been met. The listed property has exceeded its useful life and/or no longer needed. Approval of the resolution authorizes the advertisement and sale in FY2027.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2026-24 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott, Norton

BUDGET HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the budget hearing and confirmed the notice was advertised.

City Manager Bryan Lackey reminded Council of the budget presentation at the May 14, 2026 Work Session noting it is unchanged with the exception of some dates. He summarized the proposed budget supplemented with a power point presentation. Highlights from the presentation were noted as follows:

- The proposed budget is \$42,236,292 which is an 8.65% increase over FY2026 adopted budget.
- A budgeted fund balance of \$3.58M for capital projects.
- A full rollback.
- Property taxes are 3.53% of the budget.
- A 5% pay adjustment for employees.
- An addition of one general fund position – Risk Management Specialist.
- The FY27 millage rates are delayed.
- Proposed water updates to include a water rate increase.
- Proposed homestead credit for homeowners.

In closing, he shared the budget calendar which indicated the budget adoption on July 7 and millage rate adoption on August 18.

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed.

Mayor Thompson expressed appreciation to staff for all their hard work with the budget process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Abb Hayes requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to enter an Executive Session at 6:25 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott, Norton

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Jon Elliott, Bob Norton
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson, Jay
Parrish, Jeremy Perry, Christina Moss-Santee, Linda MacGregor,
Myron Bennett, Kim Leon
OTHERS PRESENT: Samuel Latimer, CPA (Rushton)

Motion to close the Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott, Norton

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM

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Zack Thompson, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk