

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Zack Thompson, Juli Hayes, Abigail Guzman, Barbara Brooks, Jon Elliott
VACANT POSITION: Ward 1
STAFF PRESENT: Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson
STAFF ABSENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard

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

Mayor Thompson provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Guzman

Extended congratulations to three Housing Authority resident students who were accepted to Lanier Technical College through the Bridge Program. The program is sponsored by the Gainesville Housing Authority's Resident Services Department.

NOTE: Council Member Brooks joined the meeting at 5:32 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tory Bennett, Sunset Heights Subdivision, shared some concerns and grievances regarding property taxes, customer service, code enforcement, and use of property. Mayor Thompson stated the city values his feedback and noted the city has no involvement with assessing property value. He conveyed his apologies for the negative experience he received and offered to refer him to the appropriate department for assistance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: January 6, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Elliott

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott
Vacant: Ward 1

Resolutions

- A. BR-2026-02 Accepting Remainder of Millside Parkway as a City Street
- B. BR-2026-03 Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Gainesville and Gwinnett County for Emergency Water Usage
- C. BR-2026-04 Special Election for City Council Ward 1 Seat to be held in Conjunction with the May 19, 2026 Hall County General Primary/Nonpartisan Election
- D. PR-2026-01 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

City Attorney Abb Hayes provided a brief summary of the resolution items.

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott
Vacant: Ward 1

APPOINTMENT:

Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee – Appoint Ryan Thompson

Mayor Thompson nominated Ryan Thompson for appointment to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Committee. This fills a vacant seat.

Motion to appoint Ryan Thompson to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Brooks, Elliott
Vacant: Ward 1

ADJOURNMENT: 5:44 PM

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Zack Thompson, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk