



City of Hogansville
City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2026 – 5:30 pm

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HOGANSVILLE CITY HALL
111 HIGH STREET, HOGANSVILLE, GA 30230

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2029	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2029	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2029	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

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BUSINESS

1. Gazebo Rebuild/Repair
2. Sanitation Services
3. SPLOST Funds



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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:35 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard.

1) Gazebo Rebuild/Repair

Council reviewed three repair bids and three rebuild bids. Caleb Stanley Company submitted the lowest bid for both the repair and rebuild options.

Council was informed that a \$10,000 charitable donation is available to be applied toward a full rebuild, reducing the City's cost for the lowest rebuild bid to \$13,700.

Council discussed several design modifications for the rebuild to create a more open and modern appearance. Proposed changes included exposing the rafters at an additional cost of approximately \$1,000, removing the railings, modifying the roof pitch, and constructing the building on a raised concrete slab foundation to improve longevity.

Following discussion, Council expressed support for moving forward with a full rebuild by Caleb Stanley Company. Staff was directed to obtain revised pricing reflecting the proposed design modifications before the project is brought back for final approval.

2) Sanitation Services

Council reviewed bids for sanitation and recycling services and discussed the two lowest proposals submitted by AmWaste, the City's current provider, and 121 Disposal. Following discussion, the Council expressed support for continuing service with AmWaste based on the company's established relationship with the City, existing collection routes, and ability to provide knuckle boom service.

Staff presented plans to transition from rear-load to side-load residential collection. Under the proposed agreement, AmWaste would provide a new side-load collection vehicle and coordinate customer notifications, cart replacement, and a public education campaign regarding proper cart placement.

The proposed service rate from AmWaste is \$21.01 per customer per month, which includes fuel costs and weekly knuckle boom service. The Council discussed entering into a three-year agreement with an exit clause to provide rate stability while maintaining flexibility. Any award would be contingent upon approval of the final contract.

Staff also presented plans for a new recycling center to be located at the Police Department impound lot. The secured, fenced property would be divided to accommodate both employee parking and the recycling center, which would include three roll-off dumpsters designated for glass, plastic, and cardboard recycling.

3) SPLOST Funds

The Council discussed installing a SCADA system for the splash pad at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The system would allow remote monitoring and control of operating hours and functions, with a goal of having it operational by March 2027. Funding for the project will be reclassified under the Parks, Recreation, and Trails budget. Council also expressed a desire to expand the splash pad's operating schedule next season to seven days per week from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Council reviewed several proposals for shade structures at the playground but took no action. A proposal from BYO Recreation for a 57-foot by 49-foot by 14-foot installed structure totaled \$50,401. Other lower-cost proposals did not meet the required 14-foot clearance. Council discussed concerns regarding vendor responsiveness, installation costs, mildew, and warranty provisions. Staff was directed to obtain additional bids, and explore alternative options, including local installers and metal awning structures.

Staff also provided an update on equipment needs. A side-arm mower and a replacement ice machine have been purchased. Additional equipment needs discussed included a bush hog tractor, estimated at \$30,000, to replace the City's aging tractor; a walk-behind concrete saw to improve safety during cutting operations; and a compact loader. Council agreed these purchases should be considered in conjunction with the upcoming road paving budget. Additional discussions will be had at a later date for final decisions on allocating funds.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk