



City of Hogansville  
**City Council**  
Work Session Meeting Agenda  
**Monday, February 3, 2025 – 5:30 pm**

***Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall***

Mayor: <b>Jake Ayers</b>	2025	City Manager: <b>Lisa E. Kelly</b>
Council Post 1: <b>Michael Taylor, Jr</b>	2025	Assistant City Manager: <b>Open</b>
Council Post 2: <b>Jason Baswell</b>	2025	City Attorney: <b>Alex Dixon</b>
Council Post 3: <b>Mandy Neese *</b>	2027	Chief of Police: <b>Jeffrey Sheppard</b>
Council Post 4: <b>Mark Ayers</b>	2027	City Clerk: <b>LeAnn Lehigh</b>
Council Post 5: <b>Kandis Strickland</b>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

**WORK SESSION – 5:30 pm**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Granite Street Variance
2. LG Smart Poles
3. Citizen Appointments Discussion
4. McGee Field Park Plan Discussion
5. DDA T-Mobile Grant Funding
6. Donation of Property
7. Tennis Courts/School Campus



*Meeting held at Hogansville City Hall, 111 High Street, Hogansville GA 30230*

## **Work Session Meeting**

**February 3, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:31pm. Present was Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeffery Sheppard, and Community Development Director Dhayna Portillo. City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh was not present.

### **Order of Business**

#### **1. Royal Theater Discussion**

Robert Dippel expressed interest in creating a programming group of roughly 7–9 members to collaboratively design a new season for the Royal Theater—live events and movies—with the majority of meetings held virtually. He also requested the inclusion of two council members, and Council Members Ayers and Taylor volunteered to participate.

#### **2. Granite Street Variance**

City Manager Lisa Kelly explained that a public hearing will be held regarding a variance request for three properties on Granite Street. The proposal aims to reduce the required lot sizes from 14,000 sqft to 13,806 sqft, 13,600 sqft, and 13,394 sqft respectively. Originally, these three lots were part of a six-lot development, where five were deemed buildable under the previous code. With two of the lots now having houses built on them, the variance is considered straightforward. This item will be discussed at the next regular Council meeting.

#### **3. LG Smart Poles**

The Council reviewed an amended contract for two LG smart poles. The first, located downtown, will feature a Level 2 EV charger, digital display, lighting, WiFi, a 360° camera, and an emergency button. The second, located in Lake Jimmy Jackson, will include all the features except for the EV charger and emergency button. Both poles are being donated to the city, with LG covering the first year's costs. Jason Baswell recommended adding an emergency blanket and a power cut-off button to enhance fire safety. This item is scheduled for Council action at tonight's Regular Meeting.



#### **4. Citizen Appointments Discussion**

Discussion centered on reappointments and new appointments for four citizen commissions. Planning Commission: Three members wish to be reappointed, leaving one open seat that received no applications. This vacancy will be re-advertised via utility letters, social media, and the city website. Historic Commission: Four seats are available; with two reappointments confirmed and only one applicant for the remaining two seats, the open seat will be re-advertised for public notification. Hogansville Development Authority: Two reappointments have been secured, but one open seat received no applications and will be advertised again. Joint Development Authority: Five seats are available, with three members seeking reappointment and two new applicants. These appointments will be subject to a Council vote at tonight's Regular Meeting.

#### **5. McGee Field Park Plan Discussion**

The Holland Foundation proposed a partnership with the city and county to fund a new park in Hogansville. The foundation is prepared to donate \$1 million, contingent on the city and county each contributing \$500,000. Although a concept plan was previously presented to the Council, it has been revised to incorporate Council feedback, including a greater emphasis on green space.

#### **6. Tennis Courts/School Campus**

The School Resource Officer raised concerns about individuals being on campus during school hours and being directed to the trail. City Manager Lisa Kelly asked for suggestions on how to handle the situation while maintaining a positive relationship with the school system. Council Members Ayers and Baswell agreed that no one should be on campus during school hours and suggested closing the pickleball courts until after the school buses have departed. Council Member Taylor recommended that anyone on campus should check in with the SRO or other officers for external monitoring.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:50pm.

Respectfully,



Dhayna Portillo

Community Development Director