

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

EDWARD B. POPE CONFERENCE CENTER

48B Lexington Avenue, Washington, GA 30673

The Mayor and City Council of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center. The following members were present: Mayor Bruce Bailey, Councilman Newton Gunter, Councilman David Fisher, Councilman Larry Hill, Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey, and Councilman Andy Anderson. Attorney Adam Nelson was also present.

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with an invocation led by Councilman Larry Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Approval of October 15, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes

Approval of October 20, 2025, Regular meeting minutes

Approval of October 20, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes

Councilman Newton Gunter moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilman Andy Anderson. Discussion: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr. expressed that Sr. should be added to his name, verified how the Clean Spark contract would be executed, and corrected the recording of a motion. Councilman Larry Hill had concerns about the recordings of a motion. Call for vote: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr.-Yes, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey-Yes, Councilman Andy Anderson-Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter-Yes, Councilman Larry Hill-Yes, and Councilman David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed with applicable corrections.

c. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The motion was made by Councilman Andy Anderson, seconded by Councilman David Fisher, to approve the meeting agenda. Discussion: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., questioned a motion that Councilman Andy Anderson had on the agenda without first noting a debate. Discuss the citizens' ability to ask questions and provide feedback on the Water Presentation. Call for vote: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr.-No, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey-Yes, Councilman Andy Anderson-Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter-Yes, Councilman Larry Hill-Yes, and Councilman David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed 5 – Yes, 1 – No.

d. Water Department Presentation by Greg Fanning - Explained about the water quality in the city and the water lines infrastructure that needs repair.

e. Committee/Boards/Authority Reports Review – Included in Packets

- f. Citizen's Comments: Limit to 3 minutes-Rules of Decorum were read**
Community organizations announced the availability of food and non-perishables during the holiday season. An opinion was expressed on the Ethics Ordinance and the need to finalize it. An opinion was suggested to eliminate districts or appeal to redistricting.
- g. City Attorney Discussion Items:**
 - a. Tabled Item from last meeting: An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ethics.
- h. City Administrator Discussion/Action Items**
 - a. Water Department Presentation by Greg Fanning
- i. Mayor's Discussion Items/Action Items:**
- j. Council Members' Discussion Items:**
 - 1. Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey:**
 - a. Water Department: I have a handout for the citizens to ease their minds and end some of the panic around the Brightwood situation and Legionnaires' Disease. It was scary, and I don't think the city did a good job of equipping its citizens with the information they needed to feel safe. Yes, we have a water problem, but this situation wasn't the city's fault. I have the reports. I even had them verified by some friends at the water department in another town.
 - b. Fire Department: I would like to see the Fire Department be more proactive. A couple of citizens asked why the fire department didn't come to the homes to provide services such as proper care and use of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. I also like to see the meeting space used for the community.
 - c. Where are we on the projects I brought up last month? Habitat for Humanity, Wall Street on Whitehall, and Boys & Girls Club. When I emailed the City Administrator requesting this information, I never received a response with the information that I needed to do the job that the citizens elected me to do.
 - d. Here is a list of items I need to make an informed decision regarding the budget: Organizational Chart, Personnel Policies and Procedures, Utility Final Bill/Cut-off/Write off Procedures, Edmunds Procedures, Check Ledger, Contracts & Reports from Carter & Sloope, How Clean Spark Revenue is distributed/Used, AARA Funds/COVID Funds, Credit Card Receipts, CDs, Mutual Fund Trust, GEFA Grant, CDBG Grants, and Invoices. I don't need to take them with me, but I need access to these documents.

k. Council Members' Action Items:

1. Councilman Andy Anderson:

a. Motion made by Councilman Andy Anderson to approve the creation of a budget item to allocate an amount to be determined to establish funding for critical water infrastructure repair and improvements beginning with the 2026 budget, and seconded by Councilman Newton Gunter. Discussion: Different opinions were discussed concerning the creation of the line item and funding the account. Call for vote: Councilman David Fisher – Yes, Councilman Larry Hill – Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter – Yes, Councilman Andy Anderson – Yes, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey – Yes, Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr. – No.

l. Executive Session

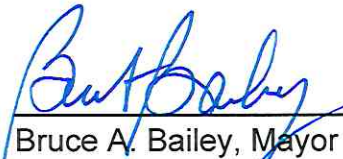
Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Councilman David Fisher, to go into executive session. Call for vote: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr.-Yes, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey-Yes, Councilman Andy Anderson-Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter-Yes, Councilman Larry Hill-Yes, and Councilman David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

m. Return to the Regular Session and proceed to cast any necessary votes.

Attorney Nelson: 1 Personnel Matter. 1 Litigation. No action was taken.

n. Adjournment

Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman David Fisher. Call for vote: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr.-Yes, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey-Yes, Councilman Andy Anderson-Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter-Yes, Councilman Larry Hill-Yes, and Councilman David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.


Bruce A. Bailey, Mayor


Yoshe T. Jenkins, City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

November 10, 2025

Washington, Georgia's Mayor and City Council went into executive session on November 10, 2025, at 7:40 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Bruce Bailey, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey, Councilman Newton Gunter, Councilman David Fisher, Councilman Larry Hill, Councilman Andy Anderson, and Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., as well as Attorney Adam Nelson.

A quorum was present; Mayor Bruce Bailey called the meeting to order and presided.

Executive Session Summary

During the executive session, the council discussed one personnel matter and one Litigation matter. No action was taken.

The open session was reconvened at 7:59 p.m.


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