

City of Washington
Mayor & Council Work Session Meeting
for 2026 Preliminary Budget
November 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Washington, City Hall
102 East Liberty Street, Washington, GA 30673

The Mayor and City Council of Washington, Georgia, held their Work Session Meeting for the 2026 Preliminary Budget on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 102 East Liberty Street, Washington, GA 30673. The following members were present: Mayor Bruce Bailey, Councilman Newton Gunter, Councilman David Fisher, Councilman Larry Hill, Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., and Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey. Councilman Andy Anderson was not present. Attorney Adam Nelson was also present.

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

b. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The motion was made by Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., seconded by Councilman David Fisher, to approve the meeting agenda. Discussion: Let the record reflect that Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr., disagreed with Councilman Andy Anderson calling in to the meeting because of numerous calls in. Call for vote: Councilman Nathaniel Cullars, Sr.- Yes, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey-Yes, Councilman Newton Gunter-Yes, Councilman Larry Hill-Yes, and Councilman David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed.

c. Budget Workshop Overview:

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a proposed budget for a final vote in December. The city manager explained that the current draft includes all council members' requests.

d. Meeting to review/discuss the budget

Public Works – All agreed on budget amount – add depreciation line item

Electric Department – All agreed on budget amount – add depreciation line item

Maintenance – All agreed on the budget amount

Wastewater Treatment – All agreed on the budget amount – add depreciation line item

Water Treatment – All agreed on the budget amount – add depreciation line item

Fire Department – Truck on hold for more information – Add depreciation line item

Municipal Court – All agreed on the budget amount

Community Development / Housing – All agreed on the budget amount

Planning & Zoning – All agreed on the budget amount

Administration – All agreed on the budget amount – add depreciation line item

Legislative – All agreed on the budget amount

Finance Department – all agreed on the budget amount

Downtown Development Authority - All agreed to give \$50,000

Economic Development – Working on filling the position

Animal Shelter – Give a breakdown of the budget before approving / financial report

Community Services – All give financial reports

Discussed COLA/Merit raises process

Incentive pay will be paid in this order: 0-5 yrs - \$350.00, 6-10 yrs - \$500, and 11 yrs and up – 1 week pay.

e. Executive Session

Councilman David Fisher made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey, 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.

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

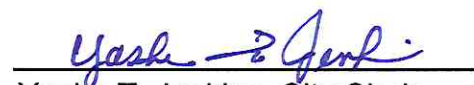
Mayor and Council reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Attorney Nelson: 1 Personnel Matter. 3 Real Estate. No action was taken.

g. 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 David Fisher-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.


Bruce A. Bailey, Mayor


Yoshe T. Jenkins, City Clerk



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STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

November 14, 2025

Washington, Georgia's Mayor and City Council went into executive session on November 14, 2025, at 12:28 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 three real estate matters. No action was taken.

The open session was reconvened at 12:45 p.m.


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