

CITY OF WASHINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Edward Pope Conference Center
48B Lexington Avenue
Washington, GA 30673

- I. Call to Order by Mayor Bruce Bailey
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Executive Session regarding personnel, litigation, or real estate matters if needed.
- IV. Return to Regular Session and any votes that may be needed from Executive Session
- V. Consideration of Ethics Complaint – Amethyst Wesley
- VI. Approval of January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Approval of September 8, 2025, **Corrected** Regular Council Meeting Minutes on a vote made by Councilman Larry Hill, Seconded by Councilman David Fisher.
- VII. Approval of Meeting Agenda
- VIII. Committee/Board/Authority Reports Review
 - a. Included in Packets
- IX. City Administrator Topics:
 - a. CDBG 2023 Grant
 - b. Update on Andrew Drive
- X. Major Discussion Topics:
 - a. Water infrastructure Strategic Plan (DRAFT)
- XI. Mayor Action Topics:
 - a. Recommendation to appoint Mike Karamihalis to the Housing Authority Board to replace Jon Waldorf
- XII. Council Discussion Topics:
 - a. Councilwoman Susan Branan – (1) Permission to contact the UGA Small Business Development Center to see what resources are available to help our businesses in Washington and recruit other businesses to our area. (2) Thanks to all city workers, the Administrator, and the mayor for handling winter storms in January. Great efforts by all to keep citizens safe (3). The ethics policy to be placed on the Retreat agenda so that all council members can review and provide input. (4) Qualifications to run for elected positions in Washington (i.e., council members and mayor) currently require very limited documents for qualification.

- b. Councilman Newton Gunter – We need to do something about Animal Control in our City as well as in the County.
- c. Councilman Larry Hill – Requesting the city administrator to give a full report and update regarding Andrew Drive Street project, Update on the contractor for the project, total number of dollars the city spent on the project, A copy of the grant used for the project, A copy of the bond requested by Council, a copy of sign contract with the contractor, etc.
- d. Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey – (1) Retreat is not being handled the way I originally proposed with citizen involvement. Therefore, I'm proposing a town hall meeting. (2) Forensic Audit. The council voted to do one last year, and it never happened. (3) Updates: Boys/Girls Club or YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Water- Municipal Bond, Wall Street on Whitehall - last Saturday on February 28th @9:00 a.m., Ethics Policy – Discuss during the retreat.

XIII. Public Forum to Address Council (Sign up. Limit comments to 3 minutes.)

XIV. Council Action Topics:

- a. **Councilman Newton Gunter** – I move to not bring back up matters after it has been voted down or the motion dies for 3 months, as we have a lot of City Business that needs to be addressed instead of the same things over and over.
- b. **Councilman Newton Gunter** – I move to do away with Districts to start the process of coming together as one City without the division that we have right now.
- c. **Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey** – I move that the City of Washington have a town hall meeting in March 2026 so that citizens can have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers.
- d. **Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey** – I move that the city have a forensic audit completed for FY 2025, instead of the regular audit process.

XV. Adjournment