

CITY OF WASHINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 11, 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.
 - a. Approval of a correction to the March 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes regarding a vote made by Councilmember Susan Branan to an amendment to place “citizens” comments at the top.
 - b. Approval of April 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda
- V. Committee/Board/Authority Reports Review
 - a. Included in Packets
- VI. City Attorney Discussion/Action Items:
- VII. Public Forum to Address Council (Sign up. Limit comments to 3 minutes.)
- VIII. City Administrator Topics:
- IX. Mayor Discussion/Action Topics:
 - a. Letting the City Manager evaluate and increase the rental price of the Edward B. Pope Center to a level system. **(1)** Price for renting venues like weddings and funerals **(2)** Price for parties and celebrations **(3)** Price for ticketed events like concerts.
- X. Council Discussion Topics:
 - a. **Councilwoman Susan Branan:** Several community events have been held in April: **(1)** Lost Gold 5-K had 120 entries, **(2)** Little League Day – attended by families and individuals, 200+, **(3)** Pupalooza – another great family event well attended by humans & pups. **(4)** Wilsbury Event – Mary Willis Library to raise funds for summer reading program. **(5)** Second Saturday sponsored by downtown merchants **(6)** Reminder of Memorial Day Ceremony on the square, May 25th at 11:00 am. Rep. Rick Allen will be the speaker. All are invited to honor our fallen Heroes. **(7)** Habitat for Humanity meeting is moved to May 18, with Crystal Martin and Habitat reps from Augusta. **(8)** Thanks to the Street committee for their attention to the dangerous overgrown trees around town. **(9)** National Guard Facility is getting a “face lift” over by Tiger Stadium.
 - b. **Councilwoman Kimberly Rainey:** **(1)** Partnership between the city and Parks & Rec to provide extra (non-sports related) services for children. **(2)** Edward B. Pope Center Repairs – inside some carpet squares need to be replaced. Repairs also needed outside. **(3)** Updates: **(a)** Water: When are we meeting with Carter & Sloope for the plan? **(b)**

Habitat for Humanity – Upcoming meeting **(c)** YMCA: Bus that delivers food, but the community needs more information **(d)** Wallstreet on Whitehall **(e)** Update on Juneteenth Celebration **(f)** Golden Harvest.

- c. **Councilman Calvin Wiggs: (1)** Update on the charter **(2)** Update on the new Ethics Policy

- XI. Council Action Topics:
 - a. **Councilwoman Kimberly Rainey: (1)** I move that we start the partnership process with Golden Harvest. (form in packet)
 - b. **Councilman Lary Hill: (1)** I make a motion that the City cover the cost of \$1,750 for the music and insurance for the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration at Booker Park.

- XII. Executive Session regarding personnel, litigation, or real estate matters if needed.

- XIII. Return to Regular Session and any votes that may be needed from Executive Session

- XIV. Adjournment