

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