

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

102 East Liberty Street, Washington, GA 30673

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Bailey presided.

2. ROLL CALL

- Council Member Fisher — Phone In
- Council Member Hill — Present
- Council Member Gunter — Present
- Council Member Wiggs — Present
- Council Member Branan — Present
- Council Member Rainey — Present

Also present: Mayor Bailey, City Manager Long, City Attorney Nelson, City Clerk Jenkins, and Assistant City Clerk Ivey.

• INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was delivered by Council Member Larry Hill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

• APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To amend the agenda to add for consideration an expenditure on the painting of the Reese Booker basketball court.

Made by: Council Member Kimberly Rainey

Seconded by: Council Member Newton Gunter

Discussion: It was stated that Emida Roller proposed to paint the basketball court in conjunction with 4E and The Identity Center, with the City's cost being \$2,853 for court preparation and supplies. The project would involve local children.

Vote (Roll Call):

- Council Member Fisher — Phone In - Yea
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea

- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea

Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Made by: Council Member Susan Branan

Second by: Council Member Larry Hill

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Painting of Reese Booker Basketball Court

The Council considered the proposal from artist Emida Roller to paint the Reese Booker basketball court. Discussion included confirmation that an anti-slip additive would be used in the paint.

MOTION: To approve the expenditure of \$2,853 for the preparation and supplies for the painting of the Reese Booker basketball court by artist Emida Roller.

Made by: Council Member Newton Gunter

Seconded by: Council Member Larry Hill

Discussion: Council Member Gunter confirmed that nets would be installed at the goals.

Vote (Roll Call):

- Council Member Fisher — Yea – Phone In
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea
- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea

Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Calvin Wiggs and seconded by Council Member Susan Branan to enter executive session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss one personnel matter, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2). The motion carried.

The Council returned to open session at 9:55 a.m.

1. **MOTION:** To authorize the mayor to sign an affidavit indicating an executive session was held, that one personnel matter was discussed, and no final action was taken.

Made by: Council Member Calvin Wiggs

Seconded by: Council Member Kimberly Rainey

Discussion: None.

Vote (Roll Call):

- Council Member Fisher — Yea – Phone In
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea
- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea

Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

2. **MOTION:** To repeal the last sentence of Section 2-68 of the Code of Ordinances, removing: Upon removal as provided in this section, the city administrator shall be paid forthwith any unpaid balance of salary for the calendar month in which removed and such salary for the next six calendar months following, contingent upon serving a one-year probationary period at which time he/she can be terminated with one month's pay.

Made by: Council Member Kimberly Rainey

Seconded by: Council Member Larry Hill

Discussion: None.

Vote (Roll Call):

- Council Member Fisher — Yea – Phone In
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea
- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea

Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

3. **MOTION:** To authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Donald Long to serve as City Administrator for a term of 3 years for \$185,000.00 per year, and subject to the other terms of the agreement.

Made by: Council Member Gunter

Seconded by: Council Member Fisher

Discussion: None.

Vote (Roll Call):

- Council Member Fisher — Yea
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea
- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea
- Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Council Member Newton Gunter

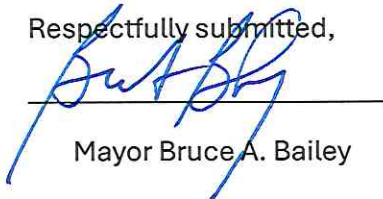
Seconded by: Council Member Kimberly Rainey

Vote (Roll Call):

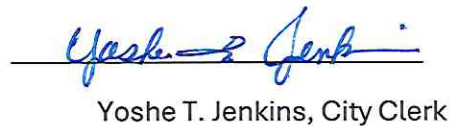
- Council Member Fisher — Yea
- Council Member Hill — Yea
- Council Member Gunter — Yea
- Council Member Wiggs — Yea
- Council Member Branan — Yea
- Council Member Rainey — Yea
- Result: Motion carried by a vote of 6-Yea / 0-Nay, with 1 Phone -In.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Bruce A. Bailey



Yoshe T. Jenkins, City Clerk



AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF WASHINGTON**

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

June 23, 2026

Washington, Georgia's Mayor and City Council went into executive session on June 23, 2026, at 9:55 a.m.

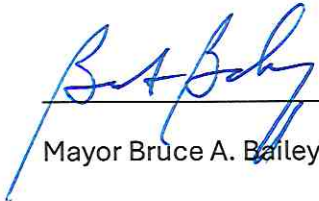
The following members were present: Mayor Bruce Bailey, Councilwoman Kimberly J. Rainey, Councilman Newton Gunter, Councilman David Fisher, Councilman Larry Hill, Councilwoman Susan Branah, Councilman Calvin J. Wiggs III, and Attorney Adam Nelson.

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

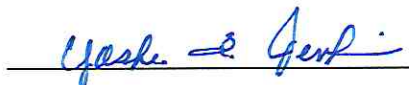
Executive Session Summary

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

The open session was reconvened at 10:01 a.m.



Mayor Bruce A. Bailey



Yoshe T. Jenkins, City Clerk

