

**City Council of Peachtree City**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2026**  
**6:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

The City Council of Peachtree City met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at City Hall. Mayor Kim Learnard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Suzanne Brown, Clinton Holland, Laura Johnson, and Michael Polacek.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition**

None

**Public Comment**

James Clifton said he had conducted a forensic investigation of the missing audio from the Fayette County Development Authority's (FCDA's) presentation at Council's January retreat. He said there were four recordings that corresponded to a morning session on the 29th, an afternoon session on the 29th, a morning session on the 30th, and an afternoon session on the 30<sup>th</sup>. However, he stated, the afternoon session from the January 29th portion of the meeting with the missing audio had a file name date stamp 10 days after the recording actually took place, which the device manufacturer said would only occur if the audio file was re-recorded, altered or edited 10 days later.

Clifton said the FCDA had reached out to him to attempt to sway his opinion about data centers. He also said he believed the City would begin looking for a scapegoat and told recording secretary Martha Barksdale she should get ahead of the accusations by attaining protected status as a whistleblower.

Clifton went on to say that his wife cried herself to sleep at night because of attacks against him on social media, but she also told him to keep fighting, and he pledged that he would not stop.

Phil Crane, another candidate for County Commission, said he understood there were concerns about potential development and the annexation study. He urged Council to try to stop miscommunication by holding a town hall meeting focused on annexation that would let residents be part of the conversation.

Cary Cook was concerned about cart drivers who did not use horns to alert path users that they were passing and asked for enforcement of laws regarding that. He then stated that he hoped the project to install village marking signs would include a sign at Peachtree Parkway and SR 54 at Walgreen's.

Silt was building up close to the drainpipe in the feeder pond to Lake Peachtree near the boat docks, Cook continued, and was driving the water towards the cart paths. He also said he was concerned about a proposal to increase the stormwater fees for

residents and suggested using unrestricted funds instead of adding a cost increase to homeowners.

Krystal Maynor said she owned a mural studio and was very excited to hear about plans for a citywide art program. She had reviewed the master plan and said it seemed well-designed, and she was looking forward to seeing it implemented.

### **Agenda Changes**

None

### **Quarterly Reports**

#### **A. 2025 Annual Report**

The Mayor said this was a department-by-department review of activities in 2025, calling it comprehensive and very, very impressive and urging citizens to check it out on the City website.

Brown stated that she appreciated the report but had not had time to review it and hoped they could have a full conversation at the next meeting. The Mayor agreed.

Johnson said she appreciated having this effort. Holland liked the use of graphics. He asked Police Chief Janet Moon if she would give the names of the Police officers mentioned as receiving awards.

Moon said Det. Taylor was honored for Educating the Public. Lt. Johnson and Sgt. Brown graduated from the Northwestern Police Staff and Command School. The report also remembered K-9 Meidas who had passed away in the past year. Also, Capt. Brad Williams graduated from the FBI National Academy. There was also a photo of School Resource Officer Smiley and a reminder of Snowpocalypse 2025, Moon reported.

Holland commended Moon and her staff, noting that overall crime had dropped by 28.7%, while theft was down 35.2%. Moon said that was thanks to the efforts of the officers in the field.

Johnson also remarked that there had been an increase in school resource officers from three to eight, and she thanked Moon and the Police Department for organizing that so smoothly.

This was the first year that they had condensed all of the quarterly reports into an annual report, Strickland observed. He thanked his executive assistant, Kayla Dennis, for working with all the department heads on this.

### **Minutes**

Holland moved to approve the March 5, 2026 City Council Work Session minutes and the March 5, 2026 Executive Session minutes. Polacek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **A. March 5, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes**

**APPROVED 5-0**

**B. March 5, 2026 Executive Session Minutes**

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**Consent Agenda**

None

**Old Agenda Items**

**A. 03-25-03 Text Amendment to revise land use regulations to permit Cosmetic Tattooing and Microblading**

Planning and Development Director Shayla Reed said this was initiated by Council in March 2025. The Planning Commission had several meetings on it, with their recommendation coming to Council on February 12, when Council deferred it in order for a few changes to be made.

Staff wanted definitions of tattooing and microblading in the ordinance. This text amendment would allow for microblading in General Commercial (GC) and in areas rezoned to GC, along with in Light Industrial (LI), Limited-Use Industrial Districts (LUC), and Limited-Use Industrial (LUI). Reed said there was a typo that said Light Use Industrial instead of Limited, but that would be corrected.

Learnard told Reed she appreciated her thoroughness in creating this text amendment. With this, she said, they had definitions and exact locations that controlled where microblading could be without opening the city up to tattoo parlors. There had been a public hearing on this, and no one spoke in opposition and one business owner spoke in favor, the Mayor stated.

Johnson asked if that business owner on Robinson Road would be allowed to practice under this amended ordinance. Yes and no, Reed replied, noting that this businessowner said she wanted to do cosmetic tattooing, which was not permitted, in addition to microblading, which would be allowed.

Holland moved to approve Old Agenda Item 03-25-03, text amendment to revise land use regulations to permit cosmetic tattooing and microblading. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Yasmin Julio corrected this to say that cosmetic tattooing should not be included; it was not permitted.

Johnson moved to reconsider that item. Holland seconded.

Holland then moved to approve Old Agenda Item 03-25-03, text amendment to revise land use regulations to permit microblading. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Agenda Items**

**A. 03-26-03 Public Art Master Plan**

Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby said they had made some minor edits in this plan since he presented it at the March 5 workshop, including a change in terminology from “golf cart path” to “shared use path.” Holland had asked them to change out some of the stock photos used to photos of Peachtree City, and Hobby said they would do that.

Polacek said he believed this public art master plan would create an opportunity for creating village identities, as a citizen had mentioned earlier.

Brown recalled that she had mentioned adding the public art installations to the navigation app and wondered if that needed to be stated in the plan. Hobby said it did not need to be in the plan, but it was something they could, and would, do. He believed the citizen committee would drive some of that. Brown said several citizens had mentioned they wanted the art to be geocached.

At the last meeting, Brown had said she did not believe the City should be selling its bike racks to private businesses. She remarked that she had since learned that the City ordered 30 bike racks at a cost of \$4,932.30, or \$164.41 each, and that was much cheaper than what individual owners would pay for their own racks. She now thought the important thing was just to get the racks in use.

She said she had obtained a list of where the first 30 racks should go, along with the Transportation Advisory Group’s (TAG) suggestion of an additional 34 sites. She thought the City should go ahead and purchase the additional racks.

Brown also mentioned that May would be National Bike Month, and she wanted to see the donated bike repair rack installed before then.

Johnson and Polacek said they were in favor of adopting this plan. Holland said he was glad to see it and that his offer to buy a statue of Flat Creek Floyd still stood.

Johnson moved to approve the Public Art Master Plan, the associated budget amendment, and the associated ordinance to create the Public Art Advisory Group. Holland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. 03-26-04 Chapters 70 and 78 Ordinance Amendments**

Public Works Director Jonathan Miller said Council was briefed at the previous workshop about the many revisions TAG had done to these chapters, and Council had requested a few corrections to language and a couple of additions, such as the pedal-assisted electric vehicles (PAEVs) and definitions of “on, along,” and “across.” They received an email about a section of MacDuff where a cart had to travel on the road, so they added that. Also, they clarified that Class 3 electric bikes were prohibited.

Johnson said she re-read this, and it was much clearer with the changes.

The unanswered question, Brown remarked, was whether a requirement for insurance on carts should be added. She said she understood why TAG thought it was probably Council's duty to do that. She asked City Attorney Ted Meeker if Council could require that, and he said they could certainly make it a requirement.

Brown asked if that was something they should decide separately from these ordinance changes, and Learnard said she thought it should be separate. Brown agreed, but said they should enter into that discussion soon, especially with all the other micromobility vehicles that were now on the paths.

Holland asked Miller to state the difference between a low-speed vehicle (LSV) and a golf cart.

Miller said an LSV had a restricted mode that could be used to keep in under 20 mph. A motorized cart could only be able to go up to 20 mph. LSVs, because they were registered on the road, could go up to 25 mph on the roads but had to be restricted on the paths. Holland said LSVs had to have insurance because they were street-legal.

Brown asked if a PAEV had been listed as an unauthorized vehicle since March 5? She said Strickland had said PAEVs were not listed as either authorized or unauthorized.

Strickland said they were classified the same as a motorized cart and would be allowed on the paths. They were similar to carts but had pedals that kept them in the electric-assist category. Peachtree City was treating them like carts because they were the same width and had electric motors. Owners would have to register them with the City in order to legally use them on the paths. Brown said they needed to be listed as authorized, and Strickland said they were listed in the current version, and if they were unregistered, they were not authorized.

Holland said pedestrians should walk facing oncoming traffic on both the roads and the paths.

Holland moved to approve New Agenda item 03-26-04, Chapters 70 and 78 ordinance amendments. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. 03-26-05 Stormwater Utility Rate Update**

Council discussed updating the stormwater utility rates at their retreat and had seen a detailed explanation at their March work session, City Engineer Dave Borkowski stated. The proposed ordinance would increase the rate of the standard equivalent runoff unit (ERU) from \$6.49 to \$14. If Council approved this, Borkowski said they would return at a future meeting to adopt revisions to the Credit Manual. Hope Larisey from Integrated Science and Engineering (ISE) was present to

answer questions, if needed.

Learnard commented that the City was backlogged \$20 million in stormwater projects, and this modification of the rate structure was necessary for environmental reasons and also for public safety, such as keeping roads safe and preventing flooding.

Brown said several people had approached her about this. She noted that there had not been a fee increase in 13 years, and the pipes were older and would all be failing at some point. The additional money would enable the City to perform preventative maintenance and catch the problems before the pipes collapsed.

Citizens had also said they wanted the stormwater fees included as a separate line item on the property tax bills, Brown stated, and she wanted to get that in the ordinance. She said Finance Director Kelly Bush had said that it was possible and would be cheaper than the billing system they were doing at present.

Johnson asked if that was possible to do now, and Strickland said they would have to do an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the County. The County Tax Commissioner had said she was amenable to doing this, Bush added. Meeker said the first step would be going to annual billing. The ordinance that was before Council said they would choose the billing method, Borkowski said.

Holland moved to approve New Agenda item 03-26-05, stormwater utility rate update. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. 03-26-06 Multiple Police Station Buildings Renovation Design**

This also was discussed at the work session, Borkowski stated, and he asked Council to approve the design work for renovations of multiple Police station buildings to architectural firm GMC in the amount of \$406,090.

Meeker commented that Council might want to consider a change order depending on what happened with the next agenda item regarding 107 Guthrie Way. Borkowski said they could break that cost out, and Meeker commented that it would be best to break it out now and add it back in if needed.

Meeker stated the motion as to approve the agreement subject to a potential change order. So moved, said Brown, and Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. 03-26-07 Budget Amendment and Purchase of Property at 107 Guthrie Way — Parcel No. 0614 078, 1.03 acres**

A motion was needed to continue this matter indefinitely, Meeker stated, and Holland said, "so moved," with Brown seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearings**

**A. 03-26-08 Text Amendment to the Lighting Ordinance, Sec. 731.2 of the Land Development Ordinance**

This was initiated by City Council in January. Reed stated, and the Planning Commission worked on it at several meetings. Currently, the lighting ordinance listed only five types of exterior lighting as allowed and did not include light-emitting diode (LED) lighting, although that was the most commonly used type of lighting now.

The revised ordinance listed LED as the preferred lighting type but said that the other types were allowable. The ordinance also stated that exterior lighting should maintain a consistent color temperature.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak either in favor or in opposition, and she closed the hearing.

Brown said she was surprised they had not updated the ordinance for LED lights before now. Holland said mercury vapor lights, listed as permissible, were banned in many states. Reed said she had not heard of that in Georgia.

Holland moved to approve New Agenda item 03-26-08, text amendment to the Lighting Ordinance, Sec. 731.2 of the Land Development Ordinance. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Council/Staff Topics**

**A. CARS/CAMS Review**

Staff had been working on these for some time, Julio said. Some of these rules and regulations involved the public, but they were on an internal archiving file that had been open to the public in the past. However, that access was removed for cybersecurity reasons. City staff was trying to consolidate the items that were public-facing and have them listed as ordinances instead of a policy that no one could reference. Julio said she would be bringing them to Council in the future.

**B. Pinegate Water Lines**

Polacek acknowledged the frustration that Pinegate residents were seeing after several recent water outages caused by work from AT&T and now, Georgia Power crews. It had happened again early that week, and Polacek said this was inexcusable. He wanted to reassure residents that the City and the County were doing what they could to solve the problems.

**C. Annexation Townhall**

He also mentioned that he would support a town hall regarding the annexation study and believed that two meetings were promised when Council awarded the contract for the study. In addition to a presentation of the findings, Polacek said he wanted residents to have a chance to ask questions and engage with the consultants.

**D. Open Container/ Entertainment District**

Polacek then noted that Council had received an email from several businesses at The Avenue about creating an entertainment district with open containers allowed. He said he believed Council had discussed this before he took office, and he would like to see it come back on a future agenda.

Learnard asked if Council would agree to that, and Holland said he was fine with it after hearing that the Police had no issues. Strickland then said Polacek's request was sufficient to get it on an agenda. Brown made it know that she was opposed.

**E. Lack of Audible Signs on Paths**

Brown then mentioned the lack of horn use on the paths. She said it was tough to regulate, though.

Holland echoed Polacek's comments about the annexation town hall.

**F. Altitude Trampoline Park**

Learnard said she toured the future site of Altitude Trampoline Park at the old Kmart, and the owner had asked to give a brief presentation to Council.

Council had brought up insurance requirements for motorized carts, Meeker said, but carts were not the only vehicles on the paths. They needed to think about whether to add insurance requirements for other vehicle types.

**Executive Session**

Holland moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss pending or threatened litigation and the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

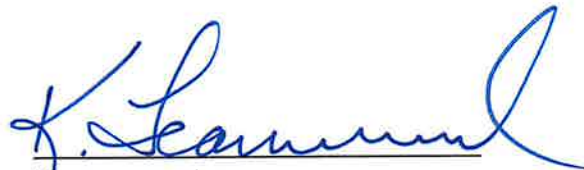
Brown moved to reconvene in regular session at 7:53 p.m. Holland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

With no more business to discuss, Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Holland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

  
Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary

  
Kim Learnard, Mayor