

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

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May 28, 2025
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Pat Ferris Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Antonio Jones Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney Assistant City Attorney Fred Bentley, Jr.
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1. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

He called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

This section is for comment on any item on the agenda.

6:30 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:31 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

3. New Business

A. Resolution: Service Delivery Strategy Agreement

Consideration to approve a Resolution adopting a Service Delivery Strategy agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement forms.

Assistant City Attorney Fred Bentley, Jr. presented a resolution which adopts an updated Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) agreement and authorizes the Mayor to sign the corresponding documents.

Mr. Bentley explained that all participating cities and the County have approved the updated SDS agreement. The agreement is set to remain in effect for one year, due to a provision in the original agreement that required all parties to reset once the City of Mableton formally joined. He clarified that the City of Kennesaw's agreement would remain in effect for the remainder of its 10-year term. At the conclusion of the one-year

period, it will be determined whether another reset is necessary. At the time of this discussion, Mableton was the only jurisdiction yet to approve the agreement, but their council was meeting concurrently to consider it.

Mr. Bentley noted key changes in the agreement:

- The City of Mableton will agree to pay \$9.5 million for police services.
- After six months, Mableton will assume responsibility for its own stormwater maintenance.

He further informed the Council that while additional intergovernmental agreements will be brought forward at a later date, they will not impact the resolution being considered at this meeting.

Mr. Bentley urged the Council to approve the resolution and authorize the Mayor's signature so that the finalized agreement could be submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). He emphasized that the DCA has committed to an expedited review, and stressed the urgency of submission, noting that if the agreement is not accepted by June 1, the City risks losing its certified local government status. This could significantly impact the City's access to grant funding, certain regulatory authorities, and potentially affect its credit rating.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve [Resolution No. 2025-37](#) and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement forms as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: Unanimous approval, 5-0. Motion passed.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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