

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

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
June 16, 2025
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Pat Ferris Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Antonio Jones City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr.
Participated via Zoom	Councilmember Gutierrez

1. Invocation

City Resident Ann Pratt led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Sergeant Phillips and Lieutenant Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

A. Presentation: Honoring David Lyons for 14 years of service to the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Easterling presented David Lyons with a plaque recognizing 14 years of service to the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority.

B. Recognition: Promotion of Kennesaw Police Department Sergeant and Lieutenant

Chief Bill Westenberger recognized newly promoted Sergeant Shawn Phillips and Lieutenant James "Chris" Crane.

6. Public Comment

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

6:35 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:36 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: Updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) 2025-2029

Consideration for approval of a Resolution adopting the updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) report covering the five year period of 2025-2029. Case# MISC2025-04.

Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented a resolution to adopt the updated Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) report for the five-year period of 2025–2029. He noted that this marks the final public hearing required for the annual adoption of the report. As the City of Kennesaw collects impact fees, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) mandates the preparation and regional review of a report outlining how those funds are used for capital improvements and short-term projects. The DCA has reviewed the report, and a letter of approval for adoption has been submitted. The report must be finalized by June 30.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve [Resolution No. 2025-40](#) adopting the updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) report covering the five-year period of 2025-2029 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

6:37 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:38 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken: unanimously approved 5-0 (Councilmember Gutierrez voted via Zoom).
Motion passed.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: May 27, 2025 Work Session

Approval of the May 27, 2025, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: May 27, 2025 Executive Session

Approval of the May 27, 2025, City Council executive session minutes.

C. Minutes: May 28, 2025 Special Called

Approval of the May 28, 2025, City Council special called meeting minutes.

D. Minutes: May 30, 2025 Special Called

Approval of the May 30, 2025, City Council special called meeting minutes.

E. Minutes: May 30, 2025 Executive Session

Approval of the May 30, 2025, City Council executive session minutes.

F. Minutes: June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the June 2, 2025, City Council regular meeting minutes.

G. Road Closure: City Hall RTU Replacement

Consideration to approve a road closure for J.O. Stephenson Avenue on June 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to support the replacement of a HVAC Rooftop Unit for City Hall.

H. Resolution: Woodland Acres Sidewalk Improvements Phase VIII

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the bid and award contract for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Woodland Acres Sidewalk Improvements Phase VIII.

Resolution No. 2025-41

I. Resolution: 2025-2026 Main Street Affiliate Memorandum of Understanding

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Kennesaw and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Georgia Affiliate Main Streets Program.

Resolution No. 2025-42

J. Final Plat Application: 1994, 2004 & 1972 Duncan Dr

Approval of the final plat application submitted by Gunnin Land Surveying; this plat will revise the lot lines for lots 7-12, 13-19 and 27-31 within the townhome subdivision known as Devin's Shire (Parcel number 20013804350). Case# FP2025-02

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: unanimously approved, 5-0 (Councilmember Gutierrez voted via Zoom).
Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Stats: May 2025

Consideration to accept the May 2025 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the May 2025 crime statistics [See **Exhibit A**].

Motion by Councilmember Jones to accept the May 2025 crime statistics as presented.
Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

Vote taken: unanimously approved, 5-0 (Councilmember Gutierrez voted via Zoom).
Motion passed.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment

This section is for general comment.

6:39 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared the life story of Herbert C. McCollum, the namesake of both McCollum Parkway and McCollum Field at Cobb County International Airport [See **Exhibit B**].

6:40 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney did not have any updates to provide tonight.

20. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor and Council (re)appointments to Boards and Commissions. This item is for (re)appointments made by the Mayor to any Board, Committee, Authority, or Commission requiring an appointment to fill any vacancies, resignations, and to create or dissolve boards and commissions, as deemed necessary.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris to accept the resignation of David Lyons from the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

Vote taken: unanimously approved 5-0 (Councilmember Gutierrez voted via Zoom).
Motion passed.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Gutierrez enjoyed his honeymoon and is looking forward to coming home (after 20 hours of flights and layovers).

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris expressed disappointment over the cancellation of Saturday's

events but thanked Dr. Drobney and his team for making the right decision. He noted that the next event to look forward to is Salute to America on July 3, 2025.

Councilmember Jones hoped everyone had a wonderful Father's Day.

Councilmember Orochena said that this Saturday is International Yoga Day, which will be celebrated by two free yoga classes at Depot Park! She regretfully noted that she would miss the event due to attending the Georgia Municipal Association conference in Savannah.

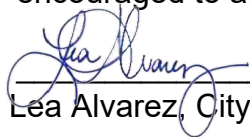
Councilmember Viars thanked David Lyons for his service to the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority.

22. Executive Session

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

May 2025 Crime Statistics



Group A Crimes	May 2025	May 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2 (-4)	6	18 (-1)	19
INTIMIDATION	9 (+0)	9	54 (+20)	34
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14 (-16)	30	65 (-33)	98
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (+0)	0	0 (-1)	1
SEX OFFENSES	3 (+1)	2	13 (-3)	16
KIDNAPPING	2 (+0)	2	4 (-2)	6
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3 (+3)	0	13 (+7)	6
BURGLARY	1 (+1)	0	14 (-1)	15
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	1 (+1)	0	2 (+0)	2
BRIBERY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ARSON	0 (+0)	0	1 (+1)	0
ROBBERY	0 (-1)	1	3 (+2)	1
FORGERY	1 (+0)	1	5 (-2)	7
EXTORTION	4 (+1)	3	8 (+0)	8
FRAUD OFFENSES	21 (+1)	20	83 (+19)	64
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	11 (+2)	9	69 (+11)	58
VANDALISM	5 (+0)	5	21 (-9)	30
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1 (-2)	3	7 (-1)	8
DRUG/ NARCOTICS OFFENSES	23 (-9)	32	133 (-19)	152
PORNOGRAPHY OBSCENE MATERIAL	0 (-2)	2	1 (-4)	5
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	4 (-1)	5	19 (+1)	18
Totals	105	130	533	548

	May 2025	May 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dispatched Calls for Service	778 (-36)	814	3,697 (-81)	3,778
Self-Initiated Activity	1,260 (+139)	1,121	6,516 (+1,047)	5,469
Traffic Citations	568 (+92)	476	2,802 (+78)	2,724
Traffic Warnings *	681 (+164)	517	3,545 (+832)	2,713
Arrests **	82 (+13)	69	395 (+8)	387

	May 2025	May 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Auto Accidents	102 (-21)	123	506 (-43)	549
Accident w/ Injury	7 (+1)	6	49 (+5)	44
Hit and Run	15 (+3)	12	61 (+2)	59
Hit and Run w/ Injury	0 (-2)	2	2 (-4)	6
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	0 (+0)	0	3 (+2)	1

* Warnings do not include verbal warnings **
Arrests do not include juvenile arrests

KENNESAW HISTORY

Herbert McCollum

Herbert C. McCollum is the namesake of both McCollum Parkway and McCollum Field at Cobb County International Airport.

McCollum was born in 1913 in Cherokee County, and his family moved to Cobb County when he was three years old. During World War II, he served in the US Army. On returning to Cobb County after the war, he became involved in countywide politics. In 1956, he was elected the Cobb County Commissioner, at a time when we had only one commissioner instead of a board. He served in that role for eight years. McCollum was the last individual to serve as the sole county commissioner.

During his time in office, McCollum helped to attract residents and businesses to Cobb County as the metropolitan area was rapidly growing. Two major projects were in Kennesaw: the Cobb County Recreation Area, today's Pinetree Country Club, and the opening of McCollum Airport. Interestingly, both the airport and McCollum Parkway were named after him while he was in office. Lastly, McCollum was leader of the county when the state announced the creation of Kennesaw Junior College.

Herbert C. McCollum passed away in 1998, and is buried in Marietta.



Hebert C. McCollum, 1960
Image from Kennesaw State University

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the June 16, 2025,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

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**City Council Meeting
6/16/2025
Public Comment Sign-in**

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