

Mayor

Derek Easterling

City Manager

Jeff Drobney, ICMA-CM

City Clerk

Lea Alvarez, CMC

**Council**

Madelyn Orochena

Tracey Viars

Pat Ferris

Antonio Jones

Anthony Gutierrez

City Council**Meeting Agenda**

August 18, 2025 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)

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- 1. Invocation**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Call to Order**
 - 4. Announcements**
 - 5. Presentations**
 - A. Proclamation: Kennesaw's Historian, Neighbor, and Friend**
Proclamation presented by Mayor Easterling recognizing Joseph L. Bozeman, Jr.
 - 6. Public Comment**

This section is for comment on any item on the agenda.
 - 7. Old Business**
 - 8. New Business**
 - 9. Committee and Board Reports**
 - 10. Public Hearing(s)**
 - 11. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes: July 28, 2025 First Millage Rate Hearing**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, First Millage Rate Hearing minutes.
 - B. Minutes: July 28, 2025 Work Session**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, Work Session minutes.
 - C. Minutes: August 4, 2025 Second Millage Rate Hearing**

Approval of the August 4, 2025, Second Millage Rate Hearing minutes.

D. Minutes: August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the August 4, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

12. General and Administrative

A. Resolution: Kennesaw - Acworth 911 Services Renewal Agreement

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth for 911 emergency call answering services.

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Stats: July 2025

Consideration to accept the July 2025 crime statistics

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.

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

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.

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23. Adjourn



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 18, 2025

TITLE: **Proclamation: Kennesaw's Historian, Neighbor, and Friend**
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Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: August 18, 2025
TITLE: **Minutes: July 28, 2025 First Millage Rate Hearing**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, First Millage Rate Hearing minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2025-07-28 First Millage Rate Hearing Draft Minutes

**MINUTES OF FIRST MILLAGE RATE HEARING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
July 28, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

1. Invocation

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Easterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

6. Public Comment

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

6:00 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:01 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. First Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate

Consideration to approve a Resolution adopting the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate.

Finance Director Jennifer Gordy introduced Property Tax Administrator Tom Jankowski, who presented a resolution to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate. Mr. Jankowski stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing an M&O millage rate of 7.75 mills, which remains unchanged from the previous year. The public hearing dates, along with the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy, were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19, 2025. Additional required advertisements were published on both July 19 and July 26, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32. The second and third public hearings are scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

6:02 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:03 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

B. First Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate

Consideration to approve a Resolution adopting the Bond Millage Rate.

Mr. Jankowski presented a resolution to adopt the Bond millage rate. He stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing a Bond millage rate of 1.5 mills, which remains unchanged from the previous year. This rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds approved by voters on September 21, 2004. The public hearing dates, along with the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy, were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19, 2025. Additional required advertisements were published on both July 19 and July 26, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32. The second and third public hearings are scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

6:03 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

NORMAN DURAN [City Resident]: Mr. Duran commented that the City of Kennesaw is looking great, but expressed interest in gaining a better understanding of the millage rate and the related process. Staff provided clarification on the City Council's decision to opt out of House Bill 581, as well as an overview of upcoming projects that will be funded through property tax revenues.

6:10 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

11. Consent Agenda

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

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.

6:11 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:12 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

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20. Mayor's Report

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23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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City Council First Millage Rate Hearing

7/28/2025

Public Comment Sign-in

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: August 18, 2025
TITLE: **Minutes: July 28, 2025 Work Session**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, Work Session minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2025-07-28 City Council Work Session Draft Minutes

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
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**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
July 28, 2025
6:30 PM**

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

1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to Order

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Resolution: Update to Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual

Consideration for approval of a Resolution revising the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual section 15.5 Training, Conference, and Meeting Attendance Travel Policy.

Assistant to the City Manager Anna Trapp presented a resolution revising Section 15.5 of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual, titled "Training, Conference, and Meeting Attendance Travel Policy." The policy, last updated in 2017, required further revisions to reflect current practices. Key updates include:

- Reformatting and rewording for improved clarity and readability.
- Clarification that Meals & Incidental Expenses will now be administered on a per

diem basis, as outlined on the GSA website.

- Transitioning Travel Advance and Reimbursement Requests from paper check requests to submission through the city's Tyler financial system.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris expressed concern about the potential complexity for staff in using the GSA website to determine per diem rates, as opposed to having a fixed amount stated in the policy. Ms. Trapp explained that per diem rates vary by county, and using the GSA website will provide staff with a more accurate and equitable reimbursement.

With Council consensus, Mayor Easterling recommended placing the item on the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

8. Committee and Board Reports

9. Public Hearing(s)

A. Third and Final Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate.

The hearing will be conducted during the City Council Regular Meeting on August 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

B. Third and Final Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Bond Millage Rate.

The hearing will be conducted during the City Council Regular Meeting on August 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: July 14, 2025 Work Session

Approval of the July 14, 2025, City Council Work Session minutes.

B. Minutes: July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the July 21, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

C. Cemetery Deed: Section III-41-H

Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Deed for a Cemetery Lot purchased by Victoria Ramsey.

11. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: Legacy Liquors LLC

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol Retail Package License for Beer,

Wine, Liquor and Sunday Sales for Legacy Liquors LLC d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Pkwy NW Ste. 111 Kennesaw, Ga 30152. Applicant: Kantilal Dadhaniya

Business License Manager Mariyah Nall presented an Alcohol Retail Package license application for beer, wine, liquor, and Sunday sales for Legacy Liquors LLC, doing business as Bottle Shop, located at 2774 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite 111. The applicants have completed the required alcohol workshop in accordance with Sec. 6-69. Proper signage has been posted, and the application has been advertised in compliance with Sec. 6-36. The current application and background check results are on file. A distance survey conducted by a certified surveyor confirmed that the business is not within the prohibited distance of any property line or structure identified in Ordinance Sec. 6-42 and Sec. 6-43. This application is the result of a transfer of ownership.

12. Public Safety

13. Information Technology

14. Public Works and Building Maintenance

A. Resolution: Contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., for Street Resurfacing

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding a contract to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., for the resurfacing of various streets.

Councilmember Jones noted that he believed he may need to recuse himself from the item, as his residence is located on a street scheduled for resurfacing as part of the project.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart presented a resolution to award a bid and contract to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of various streets. Staff solicited bids from qualified contractors for the resurfacing of twenty-eight (28) streets of varying lengths. Seven companies submitted bids, with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. submitting the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$1,679,358.61. Funding for this project will be provided through the State's LRA grant, Capital Outlay Reserve Funds, the 2016 SPLOST, and the 2022 SPLOST.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris thanked Mr. Stewart for compiling the list of streets to be resurfaced, noting that many were long overdue. He asked City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr. whether he should also recuse himself, as one of the streets included in the project is where he resides. Mr. Hensley advised that since there was no direct personal financial benefit and the project serves the general public, neither Councilmember Jones nor Mayor Pro Tem Ferris were required to recuse themselves. However, he recommended that both make a disclosure statement at the beginning of the item during the regular meeting to note their residence on streets included in the project.

Mayor Easterling confirmed that the item would remain where it was on the agenda, allowing Mayor Pro Tem Ferris and Councilmember Jones the opportunity to state their

connection to the project on the record.

15. Recreation and Culture

16. Community Development

A. Central Business District Project Application: 2785 Watts Dr

Consideration to review a Central Business District project application request to construct a residential development consisting of eight (8) detached dwelling units on 0.363 +/- acres located at 2785 Watts Drive (Parcel #20013900580). Case #CBD2025-03

Zoning Administrator and Planner Darryl Simmons presented a Central Business District (CBD) project application requesting approval to construct a residential development consisting of eight detached single-family dwelling units on approximately 0.363 acres located at 2785 Watts Drive. He provided a brief history of the site, noting that in 2014, the property was part of a larger 7-acre mixed-use development that included both commercial and multifamily residential components. The site at 2785 Watts Drive was formerly the location of a Wachovia Bank, which was later demolished. At the time of the original CBD approval, the property was designated as a required commercial pad as part of the broader development plan.

Mr. Simmons stated that the original approval for the 7-acre development included approximately 26 multifamily buildings with 131 apartment units, along with a commitment to provide 10,000 square feet of commercial space. He noted that Planning and Zoning staff communicated clearly to the applicant that they recommend adhering to the original 2014 master plan.

The current application was reviewed by the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority (KDDA) on July 11, 2025, based on the applicant's business plan, and by the Historic Preservation Commission on July 18, 2025, with a focus on compliance with historic design standards.

Councilmember Jones clarified that the proposal involved eight single-family homes, which Mr. Simmons confirmed.

Councilmember Gutierrez inquired why the applicant wished to convert the site from commercial to residential. Applicant Eric McConaghy explained that, after ten years of unsuccessful efforts to attract a commercial tenant, they decided to pursue a residential use that would complement the surrounding area.

Councilmember Gutierrez asked whether the homes would be for sale, and Mr. McConaghy confirmed that they would. In response to Councilmember Jones' question about home size, Mr. McConaghy stated the average would be approximately 2,000 square feet of living space.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris asked for the average lot size, noting that these would be fee-

simple, detached homes. Mr. McConaghy indicated that while a site plan was available, specific lot measurements had not been taken but would be provided to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris also pointed out that while the plans included two-car garages, there may be concerns for families needing space for three to four vehicles. Mr. McConaghy acknowledged that the homes likely would not suit larger families with multiple vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem Ferris further inquired about the spacing between houses, and Mr. McConaghy responded that the separation would be six feet.

17. Public Comments

6:53 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:54 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

18. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney had nothing to report tonight.

19. 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.

20. Council Reports & Discussions

A. Discussion: Energy Tax Credit

Discussion item requested by Councilmember Gutierrez regarding a \$1000.00 tax credit for individuals and businesses that install energy generating systems in their homes/buildings.

Councilmember Gutierrez noted that the federal energy tax credit is set to expire at the end of the year. As someone who installed solar panels on his own home, he shared that the tax credit played a significant role in his decision and expressed disappointment that it would be ending. He inquired whether the City could consider implementing a similar local incentive, suggesting a \$1,000 tax credit as a fair amount that could encourage more residents to install solar panels. He referenced examples from other municipalities, such as Boulder, Colorado, and Boynton Beach, Florida, that have adopted local energy tax incentives.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris questioned whether such an incentive would be permissible under Georgia's gratuities clause.

City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr. clarified that under the Georgia Constitution, the City cannot offer such incentives without enabling local legislation. He explained that the jurisdictions cited by Councilmember Gutierrez are outside the State of Georgia and are not subject to the same constitutional constraints. Therefore, implementing a local energy tax credit would require both legislative and constitutional approval and is currently outside the City's authority.

B. Discussion: Board/Commission Applications

Discussion item requested by Councilmember Gutierrez regarding the Council being allowed to see all applications submitted.

Councilmember Gutierrez expressed interest in gaining more insight into the appointment process for boards and commissions. He noted that while some boards currently have vacancies, it appears there may be a breakdown in moving applications forward, raising concerns that qualified applicants might not be reaching the next stage of consideration.

Mayor Easterling provided an overview of the application and vetting process.

Councilmember Viars added that certain boards have layered qualifications, and staff liaisons often assess not only eligibility but also the strengths and backgrounds needed to maintain a balanced and effective board. She cautioned that too much Council involvement in the process could complicate matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris reminded the Council that they may review board applications at any time through the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Orochena questioned why Councilmembers could not receive a list of applicants via email in advance, to offer context before appointments are ratified.

Councilmember Gutierrez reiterated his request to better understand the applicant pool for each vacancy.

Mayor Easterling agreed to provide additional information to the Council.

21. Executive Session

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22. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

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City Council Work Session

7/28/2025

Public Comment Sign-in

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: August 18, 2025
TITLE: **Minutes: August 4, 2025 Second Millage Rate Hearing**
Approval of the August 4, 2025, Second Millage Rate Hearing minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2025-08-04 Second Millage Rate Hearing Draft Minutes

**MINUTES OF SECOND MILLAGE RATE HEARING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
August 4, 2025
10:30 AM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Pat Ferris Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney
Absent	Councilmember Antonio Jones

1. Invocation

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Easterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

6. Public Comment

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

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. Second Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate**
Consideration to approve a Resolution adopting the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate.

Property Tax Administrator Tom Jankowski presented a resolution to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate. Mr. Jankowski stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing an M&O millage rate of 7.75 mills, which remains unchanged

from the previous year. The public hearing dates, along with the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy, were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19, 2025. Additional required advertisements were published on both July 19 and July 26, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32. The first public hearing was held on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and the third public hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

10:31 a.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

DENISE FREY [City Resident]: Ms. Frey inquired why her City tax bill had doubled over the past few years.

Dr. Drobney responded that staff would remain after the meeting to review and discuss her tax bill with her in more detail.

10:38 a.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

B. Second Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate

Consideration to approve a Resolution adopting the Bond Millage Rate.

Mr. Jankowski presented a resolution to adopt the Bond millage rate. He stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing a Bond millage rate of 1.5 mills, which remains unchanged from the previous year. This rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds approved by voters on September 21, 2004. The public hearing dates, along with the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy, were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19, 2025. Additional required advertisements were published on both July 19 and July 26, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32. The first public hearing was held on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and the third public hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Director Jennifer Gordy explained that staff evaluated a full rollback rate for the Bond millage, which would reduce the rate to 0.025. This option would cost the City approximately \$60,000 and result in an estimated \$4.00 savings per average household. Staff also reviewed a potential 0.1 rollback, which the City could accommodate. This would represent a \$218,000 reduction to the City's budget and provide about a \$15.00 savings per household.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris asked for clarification, stating his understanding is that the City has collected more than the amount required to satisfy the bond indebtedness. Dr. Drobney confirmed that even with a 0.1 rollback, the City is still on track to potentially pay off the debt early.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris expressed his support for the Council to approve a 1.4 Bond millage rate at the final public hearing.

10:42 a.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

10:43 a.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

11. Consent Agenda

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

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23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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City Council Second Millage Rate Hearing

8/4/2025

Public Comment Sign-in

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Attachments:

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1. Invocation

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kennesaw Police Captain Ricky Shumpert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

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

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

6. Public Comment

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

No comments.

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

7. Old Business

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9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Third and Final Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate.

Property Tax Administrator Tom Jankowski presented a resolution adopting the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate. Mr. Jankowski stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing an M&O millage rate of 7.75 mills, which remains unchanged from the previous year. The public hearing dates, along with the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy, were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19, 2025. Additional required advertisements were published on both July 19 and July 26, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32. The first and second public hearings were held on July 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm and August 4, 2025, at 10:30 am, respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve [Resolution No. 2025-45](#) adopting the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate of 7.75 mills as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

6:32 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:33 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

B. Third and Final Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Bond Millage Rate.

Mr. Jankowski presented a resolution adopting the proposed Bond millage rate. He stated that the City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 1.5 for the Bond, which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters on September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 19 and 26, 2025, whereas the Current 2025 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy was published once, on July 19, 2025, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The first and second public hearings were held on July 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm and August 4, 2025, at 10:30 am, respectively.

Councilmember Ferris noted that during the second millage rate hearing held this morning, staff reported an excess in the fund balance and confirmed that rolling back the millage rate to 1.4 would not negatively impact paying off the debt early.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris to approve [Resolution No. 2025-46](#) adopting the Bond millage rate of 1.4 mills. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

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

No comments.

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

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: July 14, 2025 Work Session

Approval of the July 14, 2025, City Council Work Session minutes.

B. Minutes: July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the July 21, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

C. Cemetery Deed: Section III-41-H

Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Deed for a Cemetery Lot purchased by Victoria Ramsey.

D. Resolution: Update to Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual

Consideration for approval of a Resolution revising the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual section 15.5 Training, Conference, and Meeting Attendance Travel Policy.

[Resolution No. 2025-47](#)

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve the Consent Agenda engross.
Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: Legacy Liquors LLC

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol Retail Package License for Beer, Wine, Liquor and Sunday Sales for Legacy Liquors LLC d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Pkwy NW Ste. 111 Kennesaw, Ga 30152. Applicant: Kantilal Dadhaniya

Business License Manager Mariyah Nall presented an Alcohol Retail Package license for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Legacy Liquors LLC d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite 111. The applicants have completed the required alcohol workshop in accordance with Sec. 6-69. Proper signage has been posted, and the application has been advertised in compliance with Sec. 6-36. The current application and background check results are on file. A distance survey conducted by a certified surveyor confirmed that the business is not within the prohibited distance of any property line or structure identified in Ordinance Sec. 6-42 and Sec. 6-43. This application is the result of a transfer of ownership.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve an Alcohol Retail Package license for Beer, Wine, Liquor and Sunday Sales for Legacy Liquors LLC d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite 111 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

A. Resolution: Contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., for Street Resurfacing

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding a contract to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., for the resurfacing of various streets.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart presented a resolution to award a bid and contract to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of various streets. Staff solicited bids from qualified contractors for the resurfacing of twenty-eight (28) streets of varying lengths. Seven companies submitted bids, with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. submitting the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$1,679,358.61. Funding for this project will be provided through the State's LRA grant, Capital Outlay Reserve Funds, the 2016 SPLOST, and the 2022 SPLOST.

Mayor Easterling reiterated that both Councilmember Jones and Mayor Pro Tem Ferris reside on or near streets scheduled for resurfacing. He noted that, as stated by the City Attorney during last week's work session, neither official is required to recuse themselves from the vote; however, they should publicly disclose this information.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve [Resolution No. 2025-48](#) awarding the bid and contract to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of various streets as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

Vote taken: Motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

A. Central Business District Project Application: 2785 Watts Dr

Consideration to review a Central Business District project application request to construct a residential development consisting of eight (8) detached dwelling units on 0.363 +/- acres located at 2785 Watts Drive (Parcel #20013900580). Case #CBD2025-03

Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented an application for a Central Business

District (CBD) project located at 2785 Watts Drive, proposing the construction of a residential development consisting of eight detached dwelling units on approximately 0.363 acres.

Mr. Simmons explained that this property is part of a larger mixed-use development originally approved in 2014, which included two primary components: multifamily apartments and approximately 10,000 square feet of commercial space. Two development agreements were executed in 2014 and 2021, both of which clearly outline the City's expectations for the site as a mixed-use development, combining residential and commercial uses.

He emphasized that it has been the position of the Mayor and Council to hold developers accountable to those expectations. The City has consistently communicated that when a development is approved as mixed-use, the commercial component is a required element.

The current application was reviewed by the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority (KDDA) on July 11, 2025, which recommended approval based on the revised business plan for eight detached units, projected to be priced around \$800,000. Additionally, the project was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission on July 18, 2025, which focused on ensuring compliance with historic design standards.

Staff strongly recommended denial of the application, not based on the quality or type of residential construction, but to preserve the integrity of the City's long-standing policy on mixed-use developments. Approval of this request would remove the commercial element entirely, contradicting the approved master plan and effectively nullifying the two binding development agreements. Mr. Simmons warned that granting this request could set a concerning precedent.

Applicant Eric McConaghy addressed the history of the property. He shared that the homes would be priced around \$550,000 each and argued that the CBD zoning allows for both residential and commercial use. He acknowledged the original intent for commercial development but noted that despite 10 years of effort, no commercial developers have been willing to invest. He believes the proposed residential use will enhance the area and bring more residents downtown, adding that the units will be owner-occupied.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris to deny the Central Business District project application request to construct a residential development consisting of eight detached dwelling units on 0.363 +/- acres located at 2785 Watts Drive as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: motion approved 4-1 (Councilmember Viars opposed). Motion passed.

18. Public Comment

This section is for general comment.

6:53 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared some local history on the Roberts Cemetery [See **Exhibit A**].

6:54 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney announced that National Night Out, originally scheduled for tomorrow, has been canceled due to anticipated inclement weather. However, the Kennesaw Police Department will still host the Main Street Cruise-In from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kennesaw First Baptist Church this Saturday, August 9.

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 Councilmember Viars to accept the resignation of Lacey Ragus from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris.

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Jones shared that it felt good to be home after spending two weeks in Ghana.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris expressed disappointment that National Night Out had been canceled and inquired whether it would be rescheduled. Captain Shumpert clarified that because it is a national event, it will not be rescheduled.

Councilmember Gutierrez noted there were no new updates but mentioned that he is looking forward to Pigs & Peaches.

Councilmember Orochena extended a welcome back to school to all students and staff who returned today.

Councilmember Viars announced that the City is seeking Hispanic artists for a special exhibition at the Ben Robertson Community Center in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The exhibit will run from September 1 through November 1.

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 7:00 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

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KENNESAW HISTORY

Roberts Cemetery

On Old 41, between McCollum Parkway and Cobb Parkway, is a small family cemetery. The cemetery is home to the Roberts, who were some of the first settlers of Cobb County. We know that they owned a large amount of land between modern Kennesaw and Kennesaw Mountain as early as the 1840s.

The cemetery is home to the descendants of John Stanley Roberts, whose father Wiley was the first in his family to settle in this area. The oldest burial in the Roberts Cemetery is Lucy Roberts, the infant daughter of John who died in 1849. The newest burial is John Wiley Roberts, a grandson of John who died in 1889.

Being large landowners in antebellum Georgia, we know that the Roberts owned slaves and supported secession. In fact, one of the Roberts daughters (buried elsewhere) was named Georgia Secession. The

graves of the enslaved laborers were down the hill from the modern cemetery. In 1949, when Cobb Parkway was under construction, these burials were moved to Sardis Cemetery in downtown.



The Roberts Family Cemetery

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the August 4, 2025,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

Names and Addresses will be disclosed in the Permanent Minutes of the
City of Kennesaw

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City Council Meeting
8/4/2025
Public Comment Sign-in

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jeff Drobney, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2025

TITLE: **Resolution: Kennesaw - Acworth 911 Services Renewal Agreement**
 Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth for 911 emergency call answering services.

Summary:

The City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth entered into an Interlocal Agreement on December 28, 2005, for the provision of 911 emergency call answering services by the City of Kennesaw. The original agreement was renewed for 10 years in 2015 and is set to expire December 28, 2025. Both cities have reviewed the revised Interlocal Agreement which would become effective December 28, 2025, and continue for a period of 10 years. The City of Acworth approved the agreement at their August 7, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting.

The agreement has been reviewed by Legal.

Recommendation:

City Manager recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2025 - 911 Agreement Kenn - Acworth 2025
2. 911 Agreement Kennesaw - Acworth 2025

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENNESAW AND THE CITY OF ACWORTH
FOR THE PROVISION OF 911 EMERGENCY CALL ANSWERING
SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW, COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth entered into an Interlocal Agreement on December 28, 2005 for the provision of 911 emergency call answering services by the City of Kennesaw; and

WHEREAS, the original agreement was renewed for ten (10) years in 2015 and is set to expire December 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth have reviewed the Interlocal Agreement and both cities recommend a renewal of the agreement to become effective December 28, 2025 and continue for a period of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, officials in both the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth have reviewed the renewal agreement and recommend approval of the Interlocal Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED the Kennesaw City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of 911 Emergency Call Answering Services, the terms of which are included in the attached Interlocal Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall become effective from and after its adoption and execution by the mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this ____ day of August 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW:

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

**INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF KENNESAW AND THE CITY OF
ACWORTH FOR
THE PROVISION OF 911 EMERGENCY CALL ANSWERING
SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between the City of Kennesaw, located in the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as Kennesaw, and the City of Acworth, located in the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as Acworth.

This agreement (as amended) is a renewal of the current Interlocal Agreement between Kennesaw and Acworth for 911 Emergency Call Answering Services which was effective December 28, 2005 at 6:00 pm and in effect for 20 years, following a 10-year renewal in 2015.

This agreement shall become effective on December 28, 2025 and continue for a period of 10 years.

WITNESSETH

Whereas, the Parties hereto are desirous of implementing O.C.G.A § 46-5-120 et seq relating to a statewide Emergency Telephone Number "9-1-1" System; and

Whereas, the Parties hereto are desirous to interface utilization of a "9-1-1" as a number for procuring emergency services among the Parties hereto; and

Whereas, the Parties hereto desire to enter into an agreement for Kennesaw to provide Acworth with Emergency Call Answering Services for the purpose of receiving and dispatching emergency calls.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises made and hereinafter set forth, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Kennesaw Acworth 911 shall:

1. Provide emergency call answering services for law enforcement, firefighting, medical, other emergency services, and appropriate resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year, for the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth.
2. Provide non-emergency call answering services received on phone lines 770-422-2505 and 770-974-3111, for law enforcement, firefighting, medical, other emergency services, and appropriate resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year, for the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth.

3. Provide police dispatch services and dispatching of appropriate resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.
4. Prioritize calls and dispatch in order of urgency.
5. Dispatch appropriate responders by radio or phone.
6. Answer radio calls for service and provide appropriate information to authorized personnel.
7. Enter calls for service in the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system and, in accordance with applicable law, log all information pertaining to the call.
8. Track and monitor the activities of on-duty law enforcement units of Kennesaw and Acworth Police.
9. Access GCIC/NCIC for authorized law enforcement users as allowed by law. Upon request, provide information to Kennesaw Police and Acworth Police personnel for queries made related to Driver's information, Vehicle Registration information, Warrants, Probation/Parole Information, Criminal History, or other sensitive information intended for law enforcement use only.
10. Monitor GCIC/NCIC for incoming law enforcement sensitive messages on Kennesaw Police ORI GA0330601 and Acworth Police ORI GA0330500.
11. Agree to and adhere with the terms specified in the Management Control Agreement (MCA) and Information Exchange Agreement (IEA), as signed by the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director and the Kennesaw Police Chief.
12. Agree to and adhere with the terms specified in the Management Control Agreement (MCA) and Information Exchange Agreement (IEA), as signed by the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director and the Acworth Police Chief.
13. Maintain a list of all users and personnel as needed for dispatching purposes. User agencies are responsible for providing Kennesaw Acworth 911, with updated information including, without limitation, call-out lists or schedules for their agency, to help ensure quick and accurate dispatching of calls for service.
14. Maintain and distribute records and recordings of the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Center's activities performed in compliance with applicable laws.
15. Excluding equipment funded and maintained by Kennesaw Acworth 911 as of the effective date, and notwithstanding anything contained in the Agreement to the contrary, if Kennesaw Police or Acworth Police requires the installation of equipment and/or performance of special services dedicated to the Police Department's functions, and such installation and/or performance is to the exclusion of other users, the Kennesaw Police and the Acworth Police will bear all costs and expenses of such equipment, installation, maintenance, and operation unless approved, in writing, by the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth.

City of Kennesaw shall:

1. Hold title and have care, custody, and control of equipment, furnishings, and other items required for the provision of the emergency and non-emergency call answering services. Kennesaw shall be further responsible for planning,

acquiring, and maintaining the common equipment required for the provision of the emergency and non-emergency call answering services.

2. Be responsible for hiring, training, and disciplining the employees associated with the provision of the emergency and non-emergency call answering services.
3. Be responsible for the creation and promulgation of any necessary rules and regulations and their enforcement regarding employees by and with the assistance of the participating parties.

City of Acworth shall:

1. Remit all 911 fees collected by the Providers—both wired and wireless—for telephone service within the corporate limits of Acworth to the City of Kennesaw Finance Department.

Committees & Boards:

1. There shall be a technical committee made up of the Kennesaw Police Chief, the Acworth Police Chief, and the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director. This technical committee shall be responsible for the creation and promulgation of any necessary policies and procedures regarding dispatching procedures. Said policies and procedures shall be consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. This technical committee shall meet in January and July and at any other time as the Kennesaw Police Chief, Acworth Police Chief, and/or the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director shall call a meeting.
2. There shall be an Advisory Board. The members of this Advisory Board shall be composed of:
 - a. Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director
 - b. Kennesaw Police Chief
 - c. Acworth Police Chief
 - d. Kennesaw City Manager
 - e. Acworth City Manager
 - f. Kennesaw City Council Representative
 - g. Acworth Board of Alderman Representative
 - h. Cobb 911 Representative
 - i. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Representative
 - j. MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service Representative

It is agreed to by the parties hereto that the Kennesaw Acworth 911 Director shall serve as chair of the Advisory Board and administrator of this Agreement.

Funding & Expenses

1. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §46-5-134(d)(2), the 911 charges and the wireless enhanced 911 charges collected by the service supplier shall be deposited and

- accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund (hereinafter the "Fund") maintained by Kennesaw. Kennesaw may invest the money in the fund in the same manner that other moneys of the local government may be invested and any income earned from such investment shall be deposited into the Emergency Telephone System Fund.
2. Costs relating to providing emergency call answering services and serving as a public safety answering point shall be borne by Kennesaw and Acworth, as provided below. All purchases and contracts associated with the provision of the emergency call answering services will be in the name of Kennesaw, provided that:
- a. The costs referred to in this section shall consist of items allowed by State Law, OCGA § 46-5-134, as amended from time to time, for the operation of a 911 Center, typically said items are:
 - i. The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software, database provisioning, addressing, and nonrecurring costs of establishing a '911' system;
 - ii. The rates associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other service supplier's recurring charges;
 - iii. The actual cost of salaries, including benefits, of employees hired by the local government solely for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 911 system and the actual cost of training those employees who work as dispatchers;
 - iv. Office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing emergency 911 system services;
 - v. The cost of leasing or purchasing a building used as a public safety answering point.
 - vi. The lease, purchase, or maintenance of computer hardware and software used at a public safety answering point, including computer-assisted dispatch systems;
 - vii. Supplies directly related to providing emergency 911 system services, including the cost of printing emergency 911 public education materials;
 - viii. The lease, purchase, or maintenance of logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record telephone and radio traffic.
 - b. The costs for providing these services along with all services identified in this contract shall be funded from the revenues received by Kennesaw from wired (landlines) service suppliers and the wireless service suppliers (hereinafter the "Providers") and any other phone provider allowed by state and/or federal law that are charging the 911 fee on telephone service in the corporate limits of Kennesaw and Acworth, and other such funds that Kennesaw may allocate.
 - c. Kennesaw shall maintain financial records relating to the cost of providing these emergency call answering services and said records shall be available to the Parties hereto, upon request. Kennesaw shall provide Acworth with a copy of its annual financial audit within 30 days of its completion.

3. Appropriate documentation shall be filed by Acworth with all telephone service providers, both wired and wireless, indicating to such providers that all funds collected by the providers shall be collected for and allocated to Kennesaw. Any and all increases in the 911 fee on telephone service shall similarly be collected for and allocated to Kennesaw to provide the services contemplated by this Agreement.
4. All gifts or grants in furtherance of the provision of the emergency call answering services shall be in the name of Kennesaw and shall be used for the purpose of reducing the overall costs of providing the emergency call answering services and serving as a public safety answering point.
5. All requests for Federal or State aid for providing emergency call answering services and serving as the public safety answering point shall be made by Kennesaw.
6. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of governmental immunity by Kennesaw or Acworth, nor a waiver or relinquishment of the protections afforded to local governments participating in an emergency 911 system by OCGA §46-5-131. Insurance relating to the 911 emergency call answering services agreement shall be payable from the 911 fees collected by and allocated to Kennesaw for telephone service in the corporate limits of Kennesaw and Acworth. Any deductible relating to the cost of defense for liability arising out of claims relating to the 911 emergency call answering services agreement shall similarly be payable from the 911 fees collected by and allocated to Kennesaw for telephone service in the corporate limits of Kennesaw and Acworth.
7. All funds, payments, and disbursements associated with the provision of the emergency call answering service shall be accounted for by the Finance Director of the City of Kennesaw, who shall have an audit of this function conducted annually within the annual audit of the City of Kennesaw.

Terms & Conditions

1. The term of this agreement will be for 10 years, but it may be terminated prior to that time only by mutual agreement in writing of both Kennesaw and Acworth. The agreement may be renewed following the initial 10-year terms as mutually agreed to by the parties.
2. Any dispute or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement shall first be submitted by the parties to mediation in Cobb County, Georgia. If any dispute or disagreement remains unresolved after mediation, such dispute or disagreement shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in Cobb County, Georgia, in accordance with provisions of its arbitration rules then in effect. Any award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and judgement may be entered upon it in accordance with the applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Nothing in this section shall prevent a party hereto from filing suit for injunctive relief pending the completion of

arbitration. This agreement shall be deemed to be made and performed in and shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia. If any one of more provisions in this Agreement, partially or completely, shall be declared invalid, such a finding shall not impair the validity or continuing force and effect of any other provision in this Agreement.

3. Kennesaw began emergency and non-emergency call answering services on December 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council at a regular meeting of the City of Kennesaw on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Derek Easterling, Mayor

Attest:

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting of the City of Acworth on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Thomas W. Allegood, Mayor

Attest:

Regina R. Russell, City Clerk



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Westenberger, Chief of Police
DATE: August 18, 2025
TITLE: **Crime Stats: July 2025**
Consideration to accept the July 2025 crime statistics

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. M&C Report July 2025 PPT

July 2025 Crime Statistics



Group A Crimes	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5 (+3)	2	27 (+2)	25
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ARSON	0 (+0)	0	1 (+1)	0
BRIBERY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
BURGLARY	3 (+0)	3	18 (-3)	21
DRUG/ NARCOTICS OFFENSES	38 (-2)	40	203 (-23)	226
EMBEZZLEMENT	0 (+0)	0	2 (+0)	2
EXTORTION	1 (+0)	1	9 (-1)	10
FORGERY	0 (-1)	1	9 (+0)	9
FRAUD OFFENSES	9 (-8)	17	99 (+7)	92
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (+0)	0	0 (-1)	1
INTIMIDATION	7 (+5)	2	75 (+34)	41
KIDNAPPING	3 (+3)	0	9 (+0)	9
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	7 (-6)	13	95 (+11)	84
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2 (-3)	5	20 (+4)	16
PORNOGRAPHY OBSCENE MATERIAL	0 (+0)	0	1 (-5)	6
ROBBERY	1 (+1)	0	4 (+2)	2
SEX OFFENSES	3 (+3)	0	20 (+1)	19
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14 (-2)	16	93 (-45)	138
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2 (+0)	2	9 (-1)	10
VANDALISM	6 (-6)	12	39 (-9)	48
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	9 (+4)	5	32 (+6)	26
Totals	110	119	765	785

	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dispatched Calls for Service	751 (-31)	782	5,235 (-109)	5,344
Self-Initiated Activity	1,671 (+320)	1,351	9,493 (+1,321)	8,172
Traffic Citations	746 (+125)	621	4,128 (+190)	3,938
Traffic Warnings*	978 (+284)	694	5,276 (+1,207)	4,069
Arrests**	77 (-36)	113	557 (-37)	594

	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Auto Accidents	105 (+9)	96	712 (-18)	730
Accident w/ Injury	10 (+6)	4	69 (+11)	58
Hit and Run	8 (-1)	9	84 (+2)	82
Hit and Run w/ Injury	0 (+0)	0	2 (-4)	6
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	0 (-1)	1	3 (+0)	3

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

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:
DATE: August 18, 2025
TITLE: Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

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Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None