

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

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
October 6, 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-Leon City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr.
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1. Invocation

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kennesaw Police Department Officer Scott Luther 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

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

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

No comments.

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

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Resolution: Third Amendment to Purchase of Former Kennesaw Public Library Building

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of property located at 2250 Lewis Street from Cobb County and for the Mayor to

execute the Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

City Manager Jeff Drobney presented a resolution authorizing the purchase of the property located at 2250 Lewis Street from Cobb County and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement. After several months of negotiations, the City and the County have reached a definitive purchase price.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve [Resolution No. 2025-62](#) authorizing the purchase of property located at 2250 Lewis Street from Cobb County and for the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: September 8, 2025 Work Session

Approval of the September 8, 2025, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the September 15, 2025, City Council regular meeting minutes.

C. Minutes: September 15, 2025 Executive Session

Approval of the September 15, 2025, City Council executive session minutes.

D. Resolution: Pipe Rehabilitation Project Bid Award

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding the Pipe Rehabilitation Project contract to Utility Asset Management, Inc.

[Resolution No. 2025-63](#)

E. Resolution: Accepting Dedication of Streets in East Park Village

Consideration for approval of a Resolution accepting dedication of streets in East Park Village.

[Resolution No. 2025-64](#)

F. Resolution: Engineering Design Services for Rutledge Road / Cathey Lane Improvements Project

Consideration for approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal from Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc. for engineering design services for the Rutledge Road / Cathey Lane Improvements SPLOST Project.

[Resolution No. 2025-65](#)

G. Resolution: Permanent Street Closures

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the permanent closure

of two streets within the Kennesaw City Cemetery.

Resolution No. 2025-66

H. Final Plat Application: 3080 Moon Station Road

Consideration for approval of the final plat application submitted by Patterson & Dewar Engineers on behalf of the City of Kennesaw for 3080 Moon Station Road (Parcel number 20012900050); this plat subdivides the existing 9.52 +/- acre lot into two parcels for the construction of the new Public Safety Building. Case# PS2025-02.

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

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

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: Dasatvam LLC

Consideration for approval of a Retail Package Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Dasatvam LLC d/b/a Kings Liquor located at 2600 Cobb Parkway NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicant: Monalibahen Patel

Business License Manager Mariyah Nall presented a Retail Package Alcohol License application for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Dasatvam LLC d/b/a Kings Liquor, located at 2600 Cobb Parkway NW. She reported that the applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop in accordance with Kennesaw Code of Ordinances Section 6-69. Required signage has been posted, and proper public notice was given as outlined in Section 6-36. The application and background check results are on file. Additionally, a certified surveyor's distance survey confirms the business is not located within the designated distances of property lines or structures identified in Sections 6-42 and 6-43.

Mayor Easterling confirmed that this license was a result of a sale of the business.

Motion by Councilmember Orochena to approve a Retail Package Alcohol License application for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Dasatvam LLC d/b/a Kings Liquor, located at 2600 Cobb Parkway NW as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Stats: August 2025

Consideration to accept the August 2025 crime statistics.

Chief Westenberger presented the August 2025 crime statistics [See **Exhibit A**]. He announced that today marks the start of Public Safety Week in Cobb County, an event primarily sponsored by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Chief Westenberger noted that the Kennesaw Police Department received several nominations this year, including

one recognizing the Criminal Investigations Division for their exceptional work on the Thanksgiving homicide case last year. The team dedicated a total of 250 hours to the investigation and identified a primary suspect within 72 hours.

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

Vote taken: motion unanimously approved, 5-0. 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.

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared the history behind the naming of Wade Green Road [See **Exhibit B**].

DONOVAN GIARDINA [City Council Post 3 Candidate]: Mr. Giardina complimented the recent concert series and thanked Councilmember Orochena for teaching attendees the Thriller dance. He also attended Coffee with a Cop, noting that the event was well attended and that it was great to see our police officers engaging with the public.

JON BOTHERS [City Council Post 3 Candidate]: Mr. Bothers thanked Councilmember Orochena for leading the Thriller dance prior to Saturday's concert and congratulated Mr. Giardina on his continued work toward earning his Ph.D.

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

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney noted that the City has hosted several events over the past few weeks and recognized the efforts of all departments involved, including Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Communications and Engagement, Public Safety, and Facilities.

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.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon noted the positive feedback from this past weekend's concert and expressed his regret at not being able to attend. He shared his excitement for next year's events.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris remarked that, for a city of our size, we host a remarkable number of events. He said he is consistently impressed by the amount of city activities and emphasized that it is truly a team effort.

Councilmember Orochena commented that she was briefly concerned the rain might impact the concert, but it held off, and the event was amazing. She recognized Mary Louise from Parks and Recreation for volunteering to learn the Thriller choreography on short notice and assisting with teaching the dance to the public.

Councilmember Jones thanked staff for consistently organizing excellent events and noted he was unable to attend this concert due to his children being ill.

Councilmember Viars said it was great to see everyone downtown over the weekend.

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.

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon to enter into Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-3 for the purpose of discussing land and legal. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

6:46 PM Recess to Executive Session

The Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney attended Executive Session.

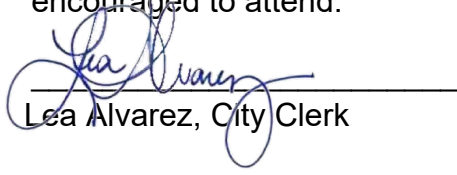
7:35 PM Reconvene to Open Session

Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon read the Board back into Open Session and directed the Mayor and City Council to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jones. See **Exhibit C**.

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

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

August 2025 Crime Statistics



Group A Crimes	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6 (+2)	4	33 (+4)	29
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ARSON	0 (+0)	0	1 (+1)	0
BRIBERY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
BURGLARY	4 (+3)	1	23 (+1)	22
DRUG/ NARCOTICS OFFENSES	42 (+15)	27	242 (-11)	253
EMBEZZLEMENT	1 (+1)	0	3 (+1)	2
EXTORTION	0 (-2)	2	9 (-3)	12
FORGERY	2 (-4)	6	11 (-4)	15
FRAUD OFFENSES	17 (+4)	13	115 (+10)	105
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (-1)	1	0 (-2)	2
INTIMIDATION	11 (+10)	1	87 (+45)	42
KIDNAPPING	0 (-1)	1	9 (-1)	10
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	16 (+7)	9	110 (+17)	93
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4 (+1)	3	23 (+4)	19
PORNOGRAPHY OBSCENE MATERIAL	0 (-1)	1	1 (-6)	7
ROBBERY	0 (+0)	0	4 (+2)	2
SEX OFFENSES	3 (+1)	2	21 (+0)	21
SIMPLE ASSAULT	12 (+1)	11	105 (-44)	149
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1 (-3)	4	11 (-3)	14
VANDALISM	11 (+7)	4	49 (-3)	52
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	4 (+2)	2	36 (+8)	28
Totals	134	92	893	877

	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dispatched Calls for Service	791 (+12)	779	6,048 (-57)	6,105
Self-Initiated Activity	1,741 (+364)	1,377	11,302 (+1,779)	9,523
Traffic Citations	806 (+233)	573	4,941 (+430)	4,511
Traffic Warnings*	901 (+210)	691	6,188 (+1,428)	4,760
Arrests**	91 (+18)	73	648 (-19)	667

	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Auto Accidents	115 (+9)	106	830 (-4)	834
Accident w/ Injury	9 (+0)	9	78 (+11)	67
Hit and Run	16 (+8)	8	101 (+11)	90
Hit and Run w/ Injury	1 (+1)	0	3 (-3)	6
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	0 (+0)	0	3 (+0)	3

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

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KENNESAW HISTORY

Wade Green Road

Located at Adams Park is a reminder of the namesake of an area road. This small wooden structure was once the general store of Wade Green.

Wade Hampton Green was born in 1877. His father was from South Carolina, and Green was likely named after Reconstruction-era politician Wade Hampton III. Wade Green would spend most of his life on the Cobb-Cherokee County line, where he had both a farm and general store. He and his wife, Odessa Kuykendall Green, would have two children.

The Greens appeared frequently in the *Marietta Daily Journal* because of their visits to friends and relatives across the county. Evidently because they were so active, the road by their home would become known as Wade Green Road by 1952. Eight years later, Wade Green passed away and was buried in Cherokee County. His family gave his general store to the city around 2001. It was first located downtown, before being moved to Adams Park in 2011.



Wade Green's Store

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the October 6, 2025,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

State of Georgia
County of Cobb

AFFIDAVIT

1.

Mayor Derek Easterling was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Kennesaw City Council held on the 6th day of Oct., 2025.

2.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows: When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code Section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the officials minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting of the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 6th day of Oct., 2025 which was closed for the purpose(s) of land & legal as allowed by O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 14 was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This the 6th day of Oct., 2025.



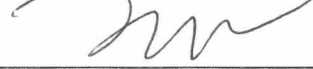
Mayor/Presiding Officer



Councilmember



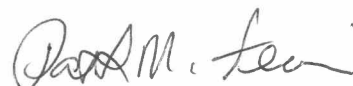
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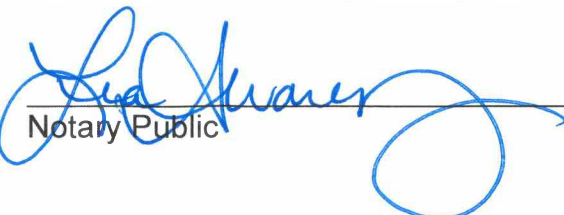
Councilmember



Councilmember

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

6th day of October, 2025.



Notary Public



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**City Council Meeting
10/6/2025
Public Comment Sign-in**

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