

City Council Post 3: Jonathon Bothers was elected with 2,146 votes. Donovan Giardina received 2,075 votes.

City Council Post 4: Incumbent Antonio Jones ran unopposed and received 3,702 votes.

City Council Post 5: Incumbent Anthony Gutierrez-Leon ran unopposed and received 3,776 votes.

A total of 21,842 voters were registered for this election, with 4,744 ballots cast, resulting in a 21.72% turnout.

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

B. Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Dispatch Services

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County for Fire Dispatch Services.

City Manager Jeff Drobney presented Items 7. B through 7. D concurrently, noting that the resolutions are part of the House Bill 489 process. The City of Kennesaw has five intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) requiring approval, and Items 7. B–7. D represent the first three. These agreements are already in place but have been updated to include new time extensions. Dr. Drobney provided clarification on the Cooperative Purchasing IGA, explaining that the agreement allows the City to “piggyback” onto existing county agreements or contracts for goods or services that have gone through the competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jones asked whether cooperative purchasing could be used for any item. Dr. Drobney responded that if Cobb County has an active cooperative purchasing agreement for a particular good or service, then the City may utilize it.

Dr. Drobney also referenced Agenda Item 9.A., noting that one of the remaining IGAs involves animal control services. Before that agreement can be presented, the City must adopt an updated ordinance that mirrors the County’s regulations so they can be enforced within the City of Kennesaw. The final IGA, pertaining to the maintenance of traffic signals, will be brought forward at a future meeting.

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

C. Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Marshal Services

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County for Fire Marshal services.

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

D. Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an

Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County for Cooperative Purchasing.

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. Ordinance: Chapter 10 Amendments

Consideration for approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, entitled, "Animals" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw, Georgia.

Mayor Easterling reiterated that the purpose of the public hearing is to adopt an ordinance that aligns the City's animal control regulations with those of Cobb County.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris noted that Cobb County had recently updated its ordinance and that the State had also revised its laws regarding animals, including prohibiting the sale of animals along the side of the road. He asked whether adopting this ordinance would bring the City into full compliance with both County and State requirements. Dr. Drobney confirmed that the proposed ordinance references the current County ordinance and that the City Attorney has reviewed it.

Councilmember Orochena asked about a reference in the ordinance to a County dog park. Since the provision does not apply to the City of Kennesaw, she asked whether the City could add language to address its own dog parks. Dr. Drobney explained that this is the County's ordinance and the City is adopting it essentially as written, substituting "Kennesaw" where appropriate. If a section references the County, it remains part of the ordinance as adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris requested that Legal review the ordinance once more to ensure all references appropriately reflect the City before Monday.

Councilmember Orochena further clarified her concern, pointing to an exception in the County ordinance regarding restraints within a County dog park. She asked whether a similar exception should be added for Swift-Cantrell Park. Dr. Drobney stated that he did not believe additional references to Swift-Cantrell Park were necessary. However, he said staff would review the provision and advise the Council of any recommended changes before Monday.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the November 17, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

11. General and Administrative

12. Public Safety

A. Crime Stats: October 2025

Consideration to accept the October 2025 crime statistics.

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

Councilmember Jones asked whether the reported kidnappings were civil matters, such as parental custody disputes. Chief Westenberger confirmed this and stated that the department has not encountered any stranger-to-stranger kidnappings.

13. Information Technology

14. Public Works and Building Maintenance

15. Recreation and Culture

16. Community Development

17. Public Comments

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

No comments.

6:41 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

18. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney had no further updates and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Noting the violence occurring both nationally and globally, he encouraged everyone to reflect on how they might contribute to a more peaceful world.

Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon also extended Thanksgiving wishes and hoped everyone would enjoy a warm and safe holiday weekend.

Councilmember Orochena highlighted the market at the Pottery Studio at Ben Robertson Community Center over the weekend and congratulated Councilmember-elect Jon Bothers.

Councilmember Jones wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. He shared that his family would be traveling to Griffin and expressed his hope that everyone would enjoy the season. He also congratulated Jonathon Bothers on his election to City Council Post 3.

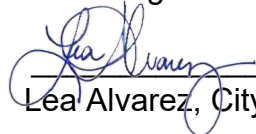
Councilmember Viars congratulated Mr. Bothers and expressed her enthusiasm for working with him starting in January. She also reminded everyone that some people may not have family or friends during the holidays and encouraged setting up an extra place at the table or volunteering at a local food bank.

21. 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.

22. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

October 2025 Crime Statistics



Group A Crimes	Oct 2025	Oct 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3 (-4)	7	42 (+3)	39
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	28 (-3)	31
DRUG/ NARCOTICS OFFENSES	27 (+1)	26	302 (-2)	304
EMBEZZLEMENT	0 (-1)	1	3 (+0)	3
EXTORTION	0 (-2)	2	9 (-9)	18
FORGERY	4 (+0)	4	17 (-2)	19
FRAUD OFFENSES	33 (+22)	11	161 (+33)	128
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (+0)	0	0 (-3)	3
INTIMIDATION	12 (+3)	9	104 (+47)	57
KIDNAPPING	0 (-4)	4	10 (-6)	16
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	17 (+6)	11	142 (+25)	117
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3 (-1)	4	28 (+3)	25
PORNOGRAPHY OBSCENE MATERIAL	1 (+1)	0	3 (-5)	8
ROBBERY	1 (+0)	1	5 (+2)	3
SEX OFFENSES	1 (-4)	5	26 (-7)	33
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14 (-17)	31	138 (-53)	191
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1 (-2)	3	12 (-7)	19
VANDALISM	4 (-5)	9	58 (-9)	67
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	6 (-3)	9	45 (+6)	39
Totals	130	140	1134	1120

	Oct 2025	Oct 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dispatched Calls for Service	857 (+3)	854	7,728 (-3)	7,731
Self-Initiated Activity	1,492 (+214)	1,278	14,485 (+2,546)	11,939
Traffic Citations	708 (+115)	593	6,422 (+867)	5,555
Traffic Warnings*	880 (+248)	632	8,073 (+2,028)	6,045
Arrests**	79 (+20)	59	812 (+27)	785

	Oct 2025	Oct 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Auto Accidents	130 (-8)	138	1,064 (-15)	1079
Accident w/ Injury	8 (+0)	8	94 (+7)	87
Hit and Run	12 (-9)	21	130 (+8)	122
Hit and Run w/ Injury	1 (+1)	0	4 (-2)	6
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	1 (+1)	0	6 (+3)	3

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

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

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City Council Work Session

11/24/2025

Public Comment Sign-in

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