

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

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January 20, 2026
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

Andrew Bramlett 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 comment.

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

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 6095 Pine Mountain Road

Consideration for approval of an Ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by DRB Group Georgia, LLC for the property located at 6095 Pine Mountain Rd (parcel #20014001380). Case #RZ2025-03

Director of Planning and Zoning Chanelle Campbell followed up on the Request to Postpone that was presented at last week's City Council Work Session concerning 6095 Pine Mountain Road. The postponement request is until the 9th of February 2026.

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

No comments.

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

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve the Motion. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon to postpone the agenda item 10.A until February 9th.

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

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting A

Approval of the January 5, 2026, City Council regular meeting A minutes.

B. Minutes: January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting B

Approval of the January 5, 2026, City Council regular meeting B minutes.

C. Minutes: January 5, 2026 Executive Session

Approval of the January 5, 2026, City Council executive session minutes.

D. Resolution: Southern Museum Elevator Modernization

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding a contract to Otis Elevator Company for the modernization of the Southern Museum elevator.

E. Resolution: Professional Planning Services for the City of Kennesaw Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)

Consideration for approval of a Resolution accepting Pond & Company's proposal to provide professional planning services for the City of Kennesaw's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study update.

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

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

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Statistics: December 2025

Consideration to accept the December 2025 and year-end 2025 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the December 2025 and year-end 2025 crime statistics (See **Exhibit A**).

Motion by Councilmember Viars to Orochena accept the December 2025 and year-end 2025 crime statistics. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon.

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.

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

Kennesaw resident Andrew Bramlett delivered a presentation on E.T. Booth, a former Kennesaw resident buried in the city cemetery. Booth was a schoolteacher in the Kennesaw area. He educated U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Booth and his wife are both buried in the cemetery.

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

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

City Manager Dr. Jeff Drobney spoke about planning for potential bad weather this weekend. He stated that personnel will meet tomorrow to discuss operations and staff will be prepositioned to handle the weather response around the clock if necessary.

Although we are still five days out, we will continue to monitor the situation. The problem is the rain, which will require us to brine on Friday instead of Saturday. He stated that decisions will be made and updates provided.

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.

Mayor Easterling presented two new appointees to the Kennesaw Development Authority (KDA), Justin Cohen with a term expiring in 2027 and Sandra Glenn with a term expiring in 2029.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the appointment of the new Kennesaw Development Authority Board Members. Seconded by Councilmember Jonathon Bothers.

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

21. Council Reports & Discussions

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.

Mayor Easterling asked City Attorney Sam Hensley if there was need to hold an Executive Session.

Attorney Hensley indicated that there was no need to hold an Executive Session.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Nicholas Simpson, Deputy City Clerk