

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

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March 2, 2026
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Jonathon Bothers 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

Eagle Scout Troop 540 (Marietta) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

Mayor Easterling recognized the achievements of Troop 540 member, Carly.

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. Ordinance: Chapter 6 Amendments

Consideration for approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 6, entitled, "Alcoholic Beverages" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw, Georgia.

Assistant Director of Administration Meredith Staton introduced two (2) changes to chapter 6 of the city code of ordinances entitled "Alcoholic Beverages". The first amendment to chapter 6 will allow licensees to obtain an additional package wine sales license authorizing them to sell unopened bottles of wine to customers as part of the same transaction in which a prepared meal is purchased. The other amendment clarifies the renewal process, providing licensees with clear expectations for annual alcohol license renewal as well as informing business owners of the penalties associated with the failure to maintain a valid license.

Councilmember Tracey Viars made a motion to approve [Ordinance 2026-06](#) as amended. Councilmember Jonathon Bothers seconded the motion.

6:42 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comment.

6:43 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken: motion approved 4-0. Motion passed. Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones was not present for the vote.

11. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Tracey Viars made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Councilmember Jonathon Bothers seconded the motion.

Vote taken: motion approved 4-0. Motion passed. Mayor Pro Tem Jones was not present for the vote.

- A. **Minutes: February 9, 2026 Work Session**
Approval of the February 9, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes
- B. **Minutes: February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the February 16, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. **Cemetery Deed: Section III, 30-F and 30-G**
Authorization for the Mayor to sign a deed for cemetery lots purchased by George and Heather Murray in the Kennesaw City Cemetery.
- D. **Resolution: Landscaping at Southern Museum**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal from Creative Landscape Group to replace landscaping at the Southern Museum.

[Resolution No. 2026-14](#)

- E. **Resolution: 2026 Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient**

Agreement

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the program year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement between Cobb County and the City of Kennesaw.

Resolution No. 2026-15

F. Resolution: All-Star Lighting and Electrical Services Proposal

Consideration for approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal from All-Star Lighting and Electrical Services, Inc. to install poles and upgrade lighting for baseball fields 5 and 6 at Adams Park.

Resolution No. 2026-16

G. Resolution: 2026 Athletic Association Facility Use Agreement

Consideration for approval of a Resolution renewing the 2026 Athletic Association Facility Use Agreement with the Kennesaw Baseball and Softball Association.

Resolution No. 2026-17

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.

6:48 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett delivered a brief presentation on the history of Kennesaw focusing on the number of hoboes traveling through the city via train during the Great Depression.

STEVEN LUITJENS [City Resident]: Mr. Luitjens is the owner of Conservation Landscaping. He highlighted the forested area located behind the Kennesaw City Cemetery and the Revival on Main Apartments. He commented that the land sine of the last remaining green spaces in downtown Kennesaw. He has observed sensitive and rare plants at the site that can be easily harmed in the event the land is graded for development. Per Luitjens, it can take decades for the soil and forest to recover. He noted that invasive plants further endanger the flora and fauna that inhabit this area. Luitjens requests that the tract of land be preserved and the invasive plants removed.

6:52 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

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.

Mayor Easterling presented three (3) Boards and Commissions appointments to the Council for consideration and approval.

- Appointment of Michael Ota to the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission with a term ending in 2027.
- Appointment of Alexandra Berisford to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending in 2027.
- Appointment of Douglas Butler to the Planning Commission with a term ending in 2028.

Councilmember Tracey Viars made a motion to accept the three (3) Boards and Commissions appointments. Councilmember Madelyn Orochena seconded the motion.

Vote taken: motion approved 4-0. Motion passed. Mayor Pro Term Jones was not present for the vote.

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.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. The next work session meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Nicholas Simpson, Deputy City Clerk

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City of Kennesaw

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City Council Regular Meeting

3/2/2026

Public Comment Sign-in

	Name	Address	Topic
1	<i>Andrew J. Brantlett</i>	<i>2940 Amnapond Ct.</i>	<i>Local history</i>
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