

A. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 1600 Old 41 Hwy & 0 Old 41 Hwy

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Walton Communities, LLC for the properties located at 1600 Old 41 Hwy and 0 Old 41 Hwy (parcel #20021200130 & 2002120156). Case #RZ2026-01

Planning and Zoning Director Chanelle Campbell presented a rezoning request from Walton Communities, LLC for properties at 1600 Old 41 Highway and 0 Old 41 Highway. The request proposes rezoning approximately 11.44 acres from General Commercial and RM-12 (Multiple-Family) to RM-16 (Multiple-Family) to allow for a multifamily residential development.

The applicant's proposal included 182 units. However, based on UDC Section 1.09.02, the maximum allowable number of units under the requested zoning would differ significantly. As a result, the applicant has requested additional discussions with staff to review and revise the proposal.

Mayor Easterling noted that no postponement date had been provided. Ms. Campbell explained that after meeting with staff and determining a revised plan, the applicant will resubmit or return to the Mayor and Council. She also noted that any significant changes to the application will require review by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to defer an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Walton Communities, LLC for the properties located at 1600 Old 41 Highway and 0 Old 41 Highway, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon.

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

No comments.

6:34 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

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

B. Zoning Variance: 1600 Old 41 Hwy & 0 Old 41 Hwy

Consideration for approval of a variance application for the properties located at 1600 Old 41 Hwy and 0 Old 41 Hwy (parcel #20021200130 & 2002120156) as submitted by Walton Communities, LLC. Case #ZV2026-01

Ms. Campbell presented a variance application for the properties located at 1600 Old 41 Highway and 0 Old 41 Highway, submitted by Walton Communities, LLC. Because this request is being considered concurrently with the rezoning application, which has been deferred, the variance application will also be deferred.

Motion by Councilmember Orochena to defer the variance application for the properties

located at 1600 Old 41 Highway and 0 Old 41 Highway as submitted by Walton Communities, LLC, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Bothers.

6:34 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

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

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

C. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 6095 Pine Mountain Road

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Cedar Creek Professional Office Association, Inc for the property located at 6095 Pine Mountain Rd (parcel #20014001470). Case #RZ2026-03

Ms. Campbell presented an ordinance for a rezoning request submitted by Cedar Creek Professional Office Association, Inc. for the property at 6095 Pine Mountain Road.

She noted that, in the previous month, the Mayor and Council approved a separate rezoning application from DRB Group Georgia for the development of a townhome subdivision on the property, with a condition requiring two access points.

At the March 4, 2026, Planning Commission meeting, the applicant for Cedar Creek Professional Office Association, Inc. requested to withdraw their application. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the withdrawal.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to accept the withdrawal of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Cedar Creek Professional Office Association, Inc. for the property located at 6095 Pine Mountain Road, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

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

No comments.

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

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

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: February 23, 2026 Work Session

Approval of the February 23, 2026, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: February 23, 2026 Executive Session

Approval of the February 23, 2026, City Council executive session minutes.

C. **Minutes: March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Approval of the March 2, 2026, City Council regular meeting minutes.

D. **Resolution: Master Fee Schedule Updates**

Approval of a Resolution updating various portions of the Master Fee Schedule.

Resolution No. 2026-18

E. **Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding with Kennesaw State University for the assignment of law enforcement officers.**

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw State University for mutual aid and law enforcement assistance.

Resolution No. 2026-19

F. **Resolution: Agreement with Semotus, Inc. dba Hiplink Software**

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the agreement with Hiplink Software for critical communication services.

Resolution No. 2026-20

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

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

12. General and Administrative

A. **Alcohol License: Hooters of Kennesaw 2025 LLC D/B/A Hooters of Kennesaw**

Consideration for approval of a Retail Pouring Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Hooters of Kennesaw 2025, LLC D/B/A Hooters of Kennesaw located at 2102 Old 41 Highway NW, Kennesaw, GA, 30144.
Applicant: Matthew Floyd

Business License Manager Kayla Willis presented a Retail Pouring Alcohol License application for beer, wine, liquor, and Sunday sales for Hooters of Kennesaw 2025, LLC, doing business as Hooters of Kennesaw, located at 2102 Old 41 Highway NW.

The applicant, Matthew Floyd, was present with legal counsel, Lizzie Mahoney of Sard & Leff, LLC. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop in accordance with Section 6-69. Required signage has been posted, and the hearing was properly advertised in compliance with Section 6-36. The application and background check are on file, and a certified distance survey confirms the business meets all requirements outlined in Sections 6-42 and 6-43.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve a Retail Pouring Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Hooters of Kennesaw 2025, LLC d/b/a Hooters of Kennesaw located at 2102 Old 41 Highway NW, as presented. Seconded by

Councilmember Orochena.

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

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Stats: February 2026

Consideration for the acceptance of the February 2026 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the February 2026 crime statistics [See **Exhibit A**].

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez-Leon to accept the February 2026 crime statistics, as submitted. Seconded by Councilmember Bothers.

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.

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared an interesting connection between Kennesaw and *Star Trek: Voyager* [See **Exhibit B**].

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

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Assistant City Manager Marty Hughes reported on severe weather that occurred overnight and thanked Public Works for their prompt efforts in clearing downed trees in the Tara area early that morning. He also noted that the city held a joint SPLOST meeting with the county last week, which was well attended, and announced an upcoming SPLOST meeting scheduled for this Thursday at the Ben Robertson Community Center.

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

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

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

6:43 p.m. Recess to Executive Session

Mayor, City Council, Assistant City Manager, Economic Development Director, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk and City Attorney attended Executive Session.

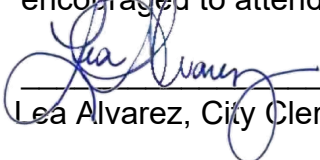
6:52 p.m. Reconvene to Open Session

Councilmember Bothers 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 Orochena. [See **Exhibit C**].

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

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk



February 2026 Crime Statistics

Group A Crimes	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5 (+2)	3	11 (+3)	8
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ARSON	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
BRIBERY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
BURGLARY	2 (+0)	2	6 (-2)	8
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	42 (+15)	27	77 (+19)	58
EMBEZZLEMENT	0 (-1)	1	0 (-1)	1
EXTORTION	0 (-3)	3	0 (-3)	3
FORGERY	1 (+1)	0	1 (-2)	3
FRAUD OFFENSES	20 (+6)	14	37 (+7)	30
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
INTIMIDATION	9 (-2)	11	16 (-9)	25
KIDNAPPING	1 (+0)	1	2 (+0)	2
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	9 (-6)	15	18 (-12)	30
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1 (-1)	2	2 (-4)	6
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ROBBERY	0 (-2)	2	1 (-1)	2
SEX OFFENSES	3 (+2)	1	6 (+2)	4
SIMPLE ASSAULT	6 (-6)	12	23 (-2)	25
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2 (+0)	2	5 (+0)	5
VANDALISM	3 (+1)	2	6 (-3)	9
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	6 (+0)	6	10 (+0)	10
Totals	110	104	221	229

	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dispatched Calls for Service	601 (-89)	690	1,294 (-91)	1,385
Self-Initiated Activity	1,574 (+366)	1,208	3,161 (+605)	2,556
Traffic Citations	741 (+159)	582	1,553 (+411)	1,142
Traffic Warnings*	656 (-16)	672	1,444 (-10)	1,454
Arrests**	76 (-9)	85	162 (-9)	171

	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Auto Accidents	78 (-17)	95	176 (-6)	182
Accident w/ Injury	5 (-8)	13	12 (-18)	30
Hit and Run	18 (+3)	15	29 (+5)	24
Hit and Run w/ Injury	1 (+0)	1	1 (-1)	2
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	1 (+0)	1	1 (+0)	1

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

KENNESAW HISTORY

Pine Mountain

The Battle of Pine Mountain took place on June 14 and 15, 1864, just two weeks before the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Pine Mountain (sometimes called Pine Knob in contemporary accounts) is at the end of Pine Mountain Road, just south of Kennesaw. The battle is best remembered as the site where Confederate General Leonidas Polk was killed by artillery fire.

One of the soldiers at Pine Mountain was a New York officer named Lewis Stegman. He was serving as a colonel, and led his troops as they skirmished the Confederate earthworks near the mountain. Stegman was shot in the thigh, and was forced to resign from the army. Once he healed, he reenlisted, served until the end of the war, and became the sheriff of Kings County, New York. He died in 1923.

So why is he famous? While he was recuperating, Stegman was photographed on crutches. This image was later used in a 1996 episode of *Star Trek: Voyager* to depict Thaddeus Riker, an ancestor of USS *Enterprise* first officer William T. Riker. The fictional Thaddeus Riker was a colonel in the same regiment as Stegman, and was also wounded at Pine Mountain. While many in our area know of Kennesaw's Hollywood part in the *Great Locomotive Chase*, fewer know that we play a small but interesting role in the Star Trek universe.



Lewis R. Stegman

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the March 5, 2026,
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 16th day of March, 2026.

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 16th day of March, 2026 which was closed for the purpose(s) of land 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 16th day of March 2026.

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Mayor/Presiding Officer

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

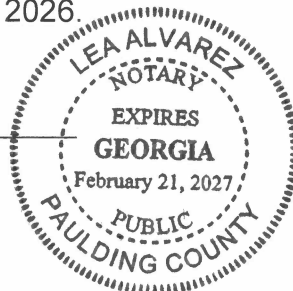
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th day of March, 2026.

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Notary Public



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

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS LEGIBLE AND CLEAR

**City Council Regular Meeting
3/16/2026
Public Comment Sign-in**

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