CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA
Riverside EpiCenter
135 Riverside Pkwy, Austell, GA 30168
February 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM

The Honorable Michael Owens, Mayor
The Honorable Ron Davis, Mayor Pro Tem, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Michael McNeely, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Keisha Jeffcoat, District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Cassandra Brown, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable TJ Ferguson, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable Debora Herndon, District 6 Councilmember

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. ROLL CALL
City Clerk Hiott conducted the roll call. Councilmember Davis arrived 6:42 pm following the roll call. All of Mayor and Council were present.

3. INVOCATION
City Manager Bill Tanks led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by Councilmember McNeely.

5. AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

a. Proposed 2028 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Project List - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens announced the item and recognized Community Development Director Michael Hughes who provided background on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Mr. Hughes noted the one-percent sales tax has been in place for decades, helping local governments fund major capital projects. Mr. Hughes recognized Mr. Roy Acree of Croy Engineers who addressed the current proposed category list at the end of Phase I of the 2028 SPLOST. He stressed how community input is critical to each phase. The input from the County's community meetings has been positive. The proposed category list was shown on the monitor and is available in the agenda packet.

City Manager Tanks affirmed that the category list will be on the February 11, 2026, meeting agenda for a vote. He explained how important it was to get the Council's feedback.

Mr. Acree explained that the Mayor and Council and staff can educate the public, but can't tell people to go vote yes.

Mr. Acree continued to explain the phases and process for presenting the list and other information to the public.

Questions and discussion followed as the Mayor and Council reviewed the preliminary list.

Following the review and discussion, Mayor and Council directed Mr. Acree to remove $1 million from the facilities category and add a category of $1 million for debt service. The list will be on the February 11, 2026 agenda for consideration of approval. Council agreed to the final totals:

Tier 1 Projects
Facilities $46,000,000
Fleet $1,000,000
Sidewalks/Trails $10,000,000
Roadway Safety $31,400,000
Parks $4,740,000
Technology $2,860,000
Debt Services $1,000,000
Tier 1 Total: $97,000,000

Tier 2 Projects
Parks $7,000,000
Environmental $5,000,000
Sidewalks/Trails $2,000,000
Technology $2,500,000
Facilities $11,500,000
Tier 2 Total: $28,000,000

b. Briefing and Update - REZ-2025-006 – Tax Parcel 18020100030 (Old Alabama Rd) and Tax Parcel 18025800020 (Cardell Rd) – Request to rezone 22 acres from R-20/OSC to RA-6 for the development of 94 single-family detached homes - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens recognized Mr. Hughes who stated the cases will be on the agenda two weeks from next Wednesday.

City Manager Tanks addressed how land use cases are the most complicated. This work session is the time to ask questions, so the council will be more informed prior to the public hearing. It takes a long time to learn land use.

Councilmember Ferguson asked why the deferred case from the last meeting was not on the work session meeting agenda. Deputy Community Development Director Tina Garver reported it was on the next agenda, but staff was recommending deferral. There should be additional information to be heard for that case. The next work session is the one right before the meeting (at 5:15 pm).

Ms. Garver provided an explanation of the REZ 2025-006, located at Old Alabama Road and Cardell Road, request to rezone 21 acres from R-20/OSC to RA-6 for the development of 94 single-family detached homes. This case goes before Council in March. The Planning Commission recommended deferral. The case was heard at the Planning Commission's December 4th, 2025 meeting and tabled to January 8th, 2026. It was heard on February 5, 2026 and now going the PC will hear it again on March 5, 2026.

Ms. Garver reviewed the zoning map which shows the property as it is zoned right now. She referenced the future land use map which tells more about how the City wants to develop in the future. The future land use guides decisions. The original site plan approved by Cobb County includes 26 single-famiy detached lots on 15 acres. The applicant is requesting to rezone 22 acres from R-20/OSC to RA-6 for the development of 94 single-family detached homes. Ms. Garver showed the proposed site plan. The application is not going from 26 lots to 94 lots, but it is going from 26 lots to 78 lots in that same little area. There is a stream buffer where the trees are located. The 10 lots along Cardell road were not included in the original rezoning. Ms. Garver showed the area where the stream buffer was located and noted that people are not going to be able to expand their patios or take down trees near the stream buffer as it is a restrictive area. The developer has shown that they can fit houses on those lots, but it does have a very restricted backyard, and that was one of the concerns expressed by staff and the Planning Commission. Originally there were individually-owned driveways. They have been revised, so there aren't individual driveways along that road. There is a shared driveway, so there are only two points of entrance and exit on Cardell Road.

Ms. Garver showed the elevations. Applicant is recommending a minimum square footage of 1700 square feet. Around the center area, there are narrow products, and in other areas of the subdivision there are wider products. The Planning Commission had concerns about the spacing between the units. The applicant is going back to look at these concerns.

Staff's recommendation currently is denial. Ms. Garver noted the criteria. The recommendation for denial is based on the future land use category. The density is higher than the surrounding area and what the land use designation has. If there is an alternative to approve, staff would ask that all Cobb County storm water comments, including that all that stream buffer area is placed in a conservation easement and potentially looking at removing those lots that are on Cardell Road.

Cobb County DOT has comments and recommendations. The attorney, Keven Moore has a stipulation letter which references the minimum size and materials of the buildings as well as the private streets that are proposed and hs language about how to fund those private streets. One question that was asked and that has not been answered yet is whether there is a rental restriction on the property.

Questions followed.

- Councilmember Davis stated he had heard concerns about traffic and density and inquired about transportation requirements and studies. Ms. Garver explained why there would not be any studies at this level of development. However, Cobb DOT can do recommendations such as decal lanes. There was discussion about a pedestrian crossing to connect the north and the south sides of the development. Concerns were expressed about Cardell Road having traffic because traffic already backs up.

- Councilmember Herndon asked for further explanation of the recommendation for denial. Ms. Garver explained the primary reason was the density is higher than what the future land use allows and also higher than the surrounding properties.
- Councilmember Davis asked if the applicant could reduce the density, would it be more apt for approval. Ms. Garver stated lowering the density could help. The Planning Commission asked the developer to go back to do a revised site plan.
- Councilmember Brown asked if there was flood plain. Ms. Garver stated there were some flood plains in the backyard, but not at the houses. The site plan will show where they are disturbing the land. Discussion continued about the previous flooding historically in the area.
- Councilmember Ferguson asked if there is a conversation with the school board when large developments are coming to the area. Ms. Garver stated a development of this size may not be a concern, but she will send information to the school board. Mayor Owens referenced discussions with the School Board where questions were mostly about multi-family apartments. There was discussion about how the school district wanted to be notified. He has not received any specifics of what they wanted. The Chairwoman was supportive of the idea of giving the school district what they needed.
- Councilmember Ferguson asked about the mail kiosk. He asked if Cardwell road had its own. Ms. Garver stated she did not recall one on the Cardell side. That question will be asked. The post office does not allow individual mail boxes anymore. The homeowners will drive into the neighborhood to get their mail.

Mayor Owens asked if there were any more questions. There was none.

c. Briefing and Update - REZ2025-011 - Tax Parcel 18042100010 /18042000090 (Oak Ridge Commerce Way) - Request to rezone a 29.15-acre parcel to rezone from MHP to LI for A 300,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Deputy Community Developmer Director provided background: Request to rezone a 29.15-acre parcel to rezone from mobile home park (MHP) to Light Industrial (LI) for A 300,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center. The applicant is Alliance Industrial. The site is on Oak Rodge Commerce Way. It is 21.55 acres, and it is in District One. Staff recommended approval as well as the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission did add another stipulation to prohibit the use of a data center. Ms. Garver showed the property location on the Zoning Map, Future Land Use Map and a proposed concept site plan. The future land use was industrial compatible, and so when somebody comes before the City to ask for a rezoning to industrial light industrial, it is consistent with the industrial compatible designation. As long as the applicant meets the rest of the requirements, staff will recommend approval. Staff will look at the shared access to get to Oak Ridge Commerce Way. Staff recommends approval with stipulations: site plan compliance, buffering and screening adjacent to residential uses and the loading docks and service areas shall be oriented away from adjacent residential properties. She named other stipulations such as truck routing and operations, lighting standards, not spilling under residential properties, meeting all environmental compliance regulations, hours of construction, and other stipulations.

This application is more straightforward because it is in line with the Comprehensive Plan and meets code requirements.

Questions followed:

- Councilmember Ferguson asked about the truck routing and operations.
- It was noted that staff did not want a data center.
- Councilmember Ferguson inquired if there were any concerns about schools in the area. Ms. Garner replied it was a very industrial area.
- Councilmember Brown asked for clarification of the residential area. Ms. Garver explained there was a mobile home park north.

Council indicated they would like to ask some questions about a previous deferred case, (REZ2025-009 - Tax Parcel 18039000110 (6671 Mableton Parkway) - Request to rezone a 2.33-acre parcel to rezone from R-20 to NRC for a commercial development). Mayor Owens stated it was not on the agenda, and people may have wanted to be present. He recommended Council send their questions to staff. The case will be discussed in an upcoming work session.

d. Mableton Municipal Court Update - Court Administrator Mallory Minor

Mayor Owens recognized Court Administrator Mallory Minor who provided a presentation and update on the Mableton Court. The presentation is available in the agenda packet.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- The Municipal Court's Mission
- Municipal Court Sources and laws and rules pertaining to municipal courts
- Municipal Court Personnel and Staff
- Cycle of a Citation
- Municipal Court FAQs
- Future of the Municipal Court and User Friendly Technology
- Public Safety Liaison
- Establishment of Georgia Crime Information Center Monitoring Services
- Court Space and Security
- Contact Information was given.

Questions and discussion occurred:

- Public Safety liaisons were addressed regarding the County Police and Sheriff's Department.
- Councilmember Herndon asked about the public defender's role and handling of juvenile cases.
- Councilmembers Ferguson and McNeely addressed GCIC system and the warrants process and database. Ms. Minor addressed training requirements for GCIC.
- Councilmember Ferguson inquired about multifactor authentication. This will be

discussed later. Ms. Minor explained other security processes for the security of the software.
- Ms. Minor explained the Georgia Crime Information Center system and training requirements. There was an audit process to ensure GCIC compliance.
- Councilmember Ferguson asked about using A1 Shredding Company, noting the City had a service already. Ms. Minor commented about combining shredding operations with the other city departments. Finance Director Karen Ellis indicated that Purchasing would look at the services. Mayor Owens addressed the importance of uniformity, standardization, economies of scale throughout the entire city.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat referenced the approval of the interim build-out of the court space and asked about the long-term plans for the Municipal Court space. Mr. Tanks replied there would be a budget amendment discussion later on the agenda, and he would address that question. This could be a satellite location in the future.

Motion made by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Ferguson to have a ten-minute recess. The motion passed unanimously. The recess was from 9:23 pm to 9:33 pm.

e. Review of Resolution Updating the City of Mableton's Classification and Pay Plan - Human Resources Director Jeanne Pope

The meeting came out of recess at 9:36 pm.

Mayor Owens announced the item and described the importance of the Classification and Pay Plan. The pay ranges and employee positions are updated from time to time. He noted the Department of Communications Affairs (DCA) keeps a database of the positions and salaries. He commented that the City wanted to be attractive for employees.

Mayor Owens recognized Human Resources Director Jeanne Pope. She reported that the City was updating the Classification and Pay Plan. There are a few classifications the HR Department was reviewing. There are 8 1/2 positions to update so they can be updated for the upcoming budget. She named:

- There was a part-time administrative assistant added to the Clerk's Office.
- There are name changes - Sustainability, Greenspace & Beautification Director and Sustainability, Greenspace, and Beautification Manager. The pay raise was adjusted to be commensurate with other directors. (Page 2 of 4)
- Staff added staff for Municipal Court. She explained how Courts and Code Enforcement go hand in hand, and the City wants to ensure that there are appropriate personnel to do the processing of the tickets and claims. Not all positions will be filled immediately. It was noted that a typo was to be corrected.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat asked if all of the Court positions were needed. Mr. Tanks explained why the City was setting up a court for the future.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat asked how the request for more staff was determined, such as projected workload. Mr. Tanks explained the projection was based upon certain rules, requirements, and positions that have to be filled with certain responsiblilties and places and the requirement for separation of duties.

- Mayor Owens noted that in the City's recent audit, separation of duties was recommended.
- Mayor Owens asked if the positions were for the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Tanks provided an additional explanation of the need for the positions.
- Mayor Owens asked if the public defenders were contractors. Mr. Tanks confirmed that they were contractors.
- Ms. Ellis explained how the revenue analysts are to be expanded to make sure there are separation of duties and the added workload due to the special service districts.
- The HR specialist was added for the significant amount of work audits and oversights that need to be accomplished, and the need to prepare for an influx in a specific area, especially when the City deals with safety services.
- Councilmember Ferguson asked where the waste services fall. Mayor Owens explained why the change in the title would reflect how the Citty looks. It helps the director when she is out with other green space professionals. She still manages the waste program. The new title is more fitting of what her role is.
- Councilmember Ferguson addressed that the Court is having a lot of talk about technology. He asked if IT would be increased to handle the Court technology? Mr. Tanks explained there was a conversation about it. Yes, the City is going in that direction, but not there now.

Mayor Owens asked if there were any other questions. There was none.

HR Director Pope asked for her item to be on consent. Mayor Owens directed the Clerk to place the item on the consent agenda for February 11th.

f. First Read - An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the City of Mableton and for Other Lawful Purposes - Finance Director Karen Ellis

Mayor Owens announced the item. He recognized Finance Director Karen Ellis who provided the presentation. (9:52 pm.)

Highlights of presentation:

- The FY 2025-2026 was adopted in June 2025.
- As the year progresses, there are variances that come about, such as the bond in October and the URA budget to accommodate the new principal and interest. Also, extra revenues have come in to offset some future payments.
- Budgeting is not an exact science. It is always a picture in time.
- This is an amendment, so there is a more accurate picture at the end of the year. When the auditors come to the City, the FY 2025-2026 budget will not be so variant.

Ms. Ellis reviewed the amendment that is located in the agenda packet. She explained how the General Fund is increased, and the expenditures are increased to the net effect that the budget is zero. The City is not dipping into reserves or fund balance. The City is fortunate that the amount of the insurance premium tax came in at double what the City budgeted for. The City did not budget at all for solid waste revenues because the City did not know what the revenues would be. So, between the two of them, the City's revenue increased by $4,300,000. To offset that amount in revenue, the Finance Department has expenditures as a placeholder for software. Staff does not feel the current software can handle the larger number of parcels of the Public Safety Special District Fund. The facilities line item is increasing from $400,000 to $1.2 million for the municipal court and other facilities. The Communications Department is increased for future branding for the city. Some funding from Parks and Recreation was temporarily decreased for other needs throughout the City. Community Development professional services were increased due to Grice Consulting finishing the Comp Plan 2045. Three million dollars, a big portion of the $4 million, will be going out to pay Cobb County for the City's first installment for Public Safety. An inner fund transfer to URA is to accommodate the new bond issue, which is a small amount for principal and interest. Ms. Ellis continued to address and explain the Grants Fund, interfund transfers, Public Safety Fund, and the Urban Redevelopment Fund.

Questions followed:

- Councilmember Jeffcoat asked what amount had been paid to Grice Consulting. Ms. Ellis estimated about $200,000 of the the total $315,000 allocated.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat asked about the professional services line item for the Grants Fund. Ms. Ellis stated she used professional services for now, but the grant will stipulate what can be spent.
- Councilmember Brown asked about the Urban Redevelopment Agency Fund and asked if they are all grouped together for all purchases. Ms. Ellis explained that is not the full chart of accounts, but this is the only account we made adjustments to.
- Mr. Tanks stated there were two bonds. One was $5,000,000 and the other was $6,000,000.
- Councilmember Ferguson asked if there is a need to document what we could be losing from alcohol service fees that are being postponed. Mr. Tanks explained this was one area where citizens' feedback was more important than the revenue. The City wants to be efficient while figuring this out, so the fee requirement was paused. Mayor Owens stated there was an initial analysis conducted, and it was determined it was worth doing. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Jeffcoat asked Mr. Tanks to speak about the Municipal Court built-out costs. Mr. Tanks Bill explained how staff try to do a budget amendment once a year and that a budget is a projection. There's normally a budgeted amount, adopted amount and then the actual amount. During the audit period, all are reconciled. Ms. Ellis added there will be one more amendment, and it will probably be the beginning of next fiscal year as everything rolls in. Staff will get everything straight from the auditors. Further explanation followed about the budgeting process. Mr. Tanks stated staff conservatively estimate revenues and overestimate expenditures. There will be a quarter report on February 25th, and Council will be pleased.

Coucilmember Jeffcoat asked about funding per district. Mr. Tanks stated this would be addressed at the retreat.

Mr. Tanks addressed facilities:

- Mr. Tanks stated he had projected $400,000 for two renovations for 6116 Mableton Parkway, Suite 136 and the other at 1245 Suite 30.
- The City has outgrown space very quickly. Community Development and Economic Development will be moving from 1245 Veterans Memorial to 6116.
- He had estimated about $50,000 for Suite136, but it is going to be about $200,000 due to bathroom requirements, etc.
- For Court, he had estimated $400,000, but it is going to run to a million dollars or more. He asked Finance Director Ellis if the City could do all of this without touching the fund balance. Ms. Ellis stated that was correct.
- There was discussion about the City's fund balance being healthy.

Mr. Tanks addressed the Municipal Court Costs:

- There was a bidding and procurement process. Internal people gave a bid, but the lowest responsive bid was CSC who did the work at 6116. He knew they were fast and the quality of their work.
- The reason for the higher build-out cost was because he did not account for items such as public bathrooms, holding cells, GCIC security, security systems, judges chamber, AV set-ups, judges' bench, and solicitor's space.
- Mr. Tanks reminded Council that the furniture and low-voltage costs for 1245 Veterans Memorial was in addition to the construction costs. These items will have to be considered for the Municipal Court facility. There will have to be security systems, metal detectors, separate access for the judges and the public.

Mr. Tanks stated he is asking Council to support the budget amendment because the City needs the facilities. Court needs to be up and running as soon as possible. He referenced the citizens' requests to clean up the city and that Code Enforcement has been in place for a year. Virtual court starts in February, but the aim is to run people through the court ASAP. It is one of his top priorities to fine those constituents that are Code Enforcement non-compliant.

This is the first read. The second read will be on Wednesday.

Councilmember Jeffcoat commented it was a huge investment and asked what the long-term plans were for the space. Mayor Owens noted there were some contractual terms that need to be discussed. A satellite office had been mentioned. Mr. Tanks addressed that the City could have a police department. If that happens, we can not go back and retrofit. It is better to be over-prepared and handle capacity than to be under-prepared. He is trying to make sure that we are ready for either way. He continued to speak about having different courts and need for satellite. He addressed appreciation of buildings, and the possibility of getting SPLOST dollars if it passes, and other projections of how long the City offices would be where they are now. He gave the Finance Department a lot of credit for doing a good job at being conservative. The City is fiscally responsible.

Councilmember Ferguson and Mayor Owens asked for numbers cost clarification of the renovation budget and build-out and the other expenditures. Mr. Tanks explained the build-out is $732,000 and with the addition outfitting the Court includes low voltage, furniture, security, laptops, and other operational costs, the total cost is $1.2 million for Suite 30 and Suite 136. Councilmember Jeffcoat asked what was the amount of cost for the Court. Mr. Tank estimated $900,000 for Court. Councilmember Ferguson estimated the court facility is $700,000 plus, $100,000 low voltage, $100,000 furniture. He asked about the operational costs. The operational costs are in IT as operational costs. They are not capital budget items.

Councilmember Ferguson asked what the City was doing about security. Court Administrator Mallory Minor is talking to the Sheriff's Office for court protection. Discussion followed about security services in the operation budget.

Councilmember Ferguson asked if Council would have a place to have a meeting. Mr. Tanks stated there will be space in the next 3 weeks. If the Council wants quarters, he could make it happen. Mayor Owens stated one conference room was tough. Discussion followed about the lack of space.

Mayor Owens stated strategic space planning and the needs of the Council should be in the discussion at the retreat.

Councilmember Jeffcoat asked about each council member getting discretionary funds. Mayor and Council deliberated about the need for discretionary funds. City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby provided an explanation of the budget providing line items in the budget. Finance Director Ellis provided an additional explanation.

Councilmember Jeffcoat asked if the scope, other than town hall expenses, could be expanded. Councilmember McNeely asked if there were any policies about discretionary and allowance funds.

The Mayor and Council continued to deliberate about the understanding, amount, and type of discretionary funds, capital vs non-capital, for their districts. Attorney Walker-Ashby stated she would give Council a policy and clarity, based on state laws, on the use of the funds.

Following a lengthy discussion and deliberation, Council directed for the budget amendment that existing discretionary funding for the Council and Mayor—totaling $145,000 for district improvements—will be reallocated. Of that amount, $120,000 will be moved into the Council budget ($20,000 per district), and $25,000 has been moved into the Mayor’s budget. This is a lateral transfer from one department to another and does not increase overall spending.

Councilmember Jeffcoat reiterated the need for a policy.

6. PRE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Owens led in review of the February 11th agenda.

REZ 2025-009 - Staff wants to defer. There is information to review that impacts original recommendation. Staff will be talking with owners.

Appointment of Parks Director - Travis Landrum was present during the entire work session. Mayor Owens invited him to the podium where he formally introduced himself. Mayor Owens stated he had sent the Council Mr. Landrum's resume. Mr. Landrum thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment. He stated he had been in the field of recreation for 25 years. He spoke about how he got into the parks and recreation field. He expressed excitement to having the opportunity. Questions by the Council followed.

Mayor Owens continued to lead in the review of the February 11th agenda. He named the items on the Consent Agenda and provided an explanation of the Concept Design and Project Management Agreement (Mablestone Municipal Buildings Concept Design).

The Pay and Classification and Pay Plan will be added to the Consent Agenda.

New Business 12 a - Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant Agreement - Sustainability, Waste and Beautification Director Emily Ryan reported the City won a $50,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City' project will be a household hazardous waste collection event. Discussion followed about also having two amnesty days a year, such as waste amnesty day.

Mayor Owens explained that once Mableton became a city, it was responsible for making sure that the City enters the National Flood Insurance Program. We are applying for it now. This requirement was found out in discussions with the County. Deputy Director Tina Garver will speak about this directly at the February 11th meeting. Mayor Owens provided additional information about the lapse of coverage during transition.

Mayor Owens and Community Development Director Michael Hughes explained the City is eligible to apply for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Mableton was grandfathered to apply for the LCI study because it was adopted by Cobb County in 2001 and last updated in 2009. Mayor Owens noted it had some of the baseline center city historic Mableton elements within the study. He is interested in seeing what can be built upon in conjunction with the Comp Plan and, ultimately, when Mableton has a Downtown Development Authority. This study will feed into grant funding to build Mableton's historic area as part of a City Center.

Mayor Owens explained this item was included among the City’s legislative priorities presented to the Cobb County Delegation. He explained that municipal courts are authorized to assess a technology fee on cases with convictions. A lot of cities have this fee. The City must go to the General Assembly to be able to do this. The State House requires an approved resolution prior to it going to the house. The Council was invited to go to the House tomorrow at 1:00 pm. The fee can range from $5 to $20. The City was going with $15. The funds will go into a segregated account with restrictions. He asked if there were any questions. There was none.

Councilmember Jeffcoat had supported the implementation of the Crown Act Ordinance. City Attorney Walker-Ashby explained why an ordinance was required. Right now there is no pending legislation, so a resolution to the General Assembly is not needed. The ordinance will make it local to the city. Discussion and explanation continued.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) FOR LITIGATION (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(B)(1)(A)REAL ESTATE(O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (B)(1)) PERSONNEL (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (B)(2)) AND MISC. EXEMPTIONS (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (B)(4)&(5))**

   Motion made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to go into Executive Session for personnel, real estate, and litigation and miscellaneous exemptions. Councilmember Herndon seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Yeas; Davis, McNeely, Jeffcoat, Brown, Owens, Ferguson, and Herndon (11:54 pm)

   Motion to close Executive Session made by Councilmember McNeely and seconded by Councilmember Herndon. The motion passed 7-0. Yeas; Davis, McNeely, Jeffcoat, Brown, Owens, Ferguson, and Herndon (1:32 a.m)

   Motion by Councilmember Ferguson to authorize the Mayor to finalize and execute, in substantial form, the agreement with the Estate of Eric E. Davis for the City's purchase of property within the City located at 966 and 948 Front Street, for a collective purchase price of $560,000. Councilmember Jeffcoat seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

   Motion to adjourn by Councilmember McNeely and seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat. The motion passed 7-0.

   The meeting adjourned at 1:34 a.m.

Dr. Michael Owens, Mayor

Susan Hiott, City Clerk