



CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE
MARCH 6-8, 2026
HILTON PEACHTREE CITY ATLANTA HOTEL
& CONFERENCE CENTER
2443 HWY 54 W
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

PLANNING CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss FY2027 Calendar
- Review Comp Plan
- Discuss Budget Priorities for FY27
- SPLOST update
- Special Service Delivery Updates
- Staffing projections
- Directors Reports
- Mayor Report

AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 PM | WELCOME & OPENING SESSION

City Manager William Tanks

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Purpose and goals of the conference
- Department Budget Overview

2:00 – 2:20 PM | FACILITATOR OVERVIEW & CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK

Janice Allen Jackson & Associates

- Ground rules for productive dialogue
- What I learned from my conversations with Mayor and Council
- Overview of the weekend agenda

2:20 – 3:20 PM | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Presentation by Michael Hughes & Tina Garver

3:20 – 4:00 PM | MUNICIPAL COURT

Presentation by Mallory Minor

4:00 – 5:00 PM | HOTEL CHECK-IN

5:15-6:00 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Presented by Artie Jones

6:00 – 7:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 - 7:20 | DISCUSS FY2027 CALENDAR

Susan Hiott



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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 AM | RISE AND SHINE BREAKFAST

8:00 - 9:45 AM | TEAMBUILDING (MAYOR, COUNCIL, & CITY MANAGER ONLY)

Janice Allen Jackson & Associates

- Reflections on Friday's Session
- Enhancing Communication Exercise

9:45 - 10:45 AM | COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

Presentation by Mr. John Funny, Grice Consulting Group LLC

- Current Comprehensive Plan status and implementation
- Future Land Use Map updates and changes
- Growth management strategies
- Community character and development patterns
- Alignment with regional plans
- Recommended updates and amendments
- Council discussion and direction

10:45 - 11:00 AM | BREAK

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | SPLOST UPDATE

Mr. Roy Acree, Croy Engineering

- Current SPLOST program status and revenue projections
- Proposed priority projects for next SPLOST
- Infrastructure needs assessment
- Funding strategies and timeline
- Community input and priorities
- Council discussion on project priorities

12:00 - 1:30 PM | LUNCH

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM | CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Emilia Walker-Ashby

- 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/or Misc. Exemptions (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (B)(4)&(5))



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2:15 - 2:30 PM | BREAK & REFRESHMENTS

2:30 - 4:00 PM | SPECIAL SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES

Mayor Michael Owens

- Overview of current service delivery areas
- Service level analysis by district
- Cost allocation and funding mechanisms
- Proposed boundary adjustments
- Intergovernmental agreement updates
- Service equity and efficiency improvements
- Council discussion and policy direction

4:00 – 4:15 PM | BREAK

4:15 – 5:15 PM | SESSION 6: BUDGET OVERVIEW & DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Presentation by Karen Ellis

5:15 - 6:00 PM | FREE TIME / RECEPTION

6:00 - 7:30 PM | DINNER

Evening meal – plated meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 AM | RISE AND SHINE BREAKFAST

8:00 – 8:45 AM | SESSION 7: STAFFING & ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS; DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Presentation by HR Director Mrs. Jeanne Pope

8:45 - 10:15 AM | SESSION 8: DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Updates from each department (15-20 minutes each)

- Code Enforcement
- Chief Building Official
- Sustainability, Greenspace, and Beautification
- Communications
- City Clerk
- Information Technology
- Parks and Recreation
- Mayor’s Chief of Staff



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10:45 – 12:15 PM | COUNCILMEMBER REFLECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

- Are you better prepared to ensure that the FY27 Budget addresses the community's needs?
- What made this conference good?
- What do you wish we had done more of? Less of?
- Do we need to continue discussion? If so, which specific issues?
- Do you feel better or worse about what lies ahead for Mableton?

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM | CLOSING SESSION & WRAP-UP

Mayor Michael Owens

12:30 PM | CHECK-OUT

ATTENDEES

City Council:

- Mayor Michael Owens
- Councilman Ron Davis
- Councilman Michael McNeely
- Councilwoman Keisha Jeffcoat
- Councilwoman Cassandra Brown
- Councilwoman Deborah Herndon
- Councilman TJ Ferguson

City Staff:

- City Manager William Tanks
- City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby
- City Clerk Susan Hiott
- All Department Directors

Facilitator:

- Janice Allen Jackon & Associates

Consultants:

- John Funny
- Roy Acree



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