



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
February 16, 2026
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kamali Varner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The City Clerk called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Kamali Varner	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Larry Blue	Present
Councilmember Xavier Johnson	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Keith Dickerson; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, David Williams; Interim Deputy City Administrator, Sylvia Smith; Health & Human Services Director, Barbara Coleman; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch, Senior Planner, Mark Aniadaga; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Reeves gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Blue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Varner called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to approve the Agenda, and Councilmember Johnson seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The City Clerk sounded the Consent Agenda, as follows:

6A. Public Safety – Fire Department

Chief Dave Williams

Request approval and public record of the acknowledgement, adoption, and use of the 2024 Edition of NFPA 101; Life Safety Code and all other updates or amendments to NFPA 1 – 500 to be effective and retroactive to May 27, 2025.

6B. Administration

Christy Taylor, City Clerk

Approval of the February 5, 2026, City Council Workshop Minutes

Mayor Varner called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as sounded. Councilmember Johnson motioned and Councilmember Blue seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments:

1. Angela Anderson – students are speeding through the Lakemont Subdivision
The crossing at Lakemont and Postmaster is dangerous. Pinehurst and Lakemont need speed humps.

Mayor Varner called for a motion to make the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2026 and the Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Mary E. Walcott a part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember Reeves motioned to make the Proclamations a part of the meeting minutes, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Fire Chief David Williams recognized Derrick Carlisle as the McDonough Fire Department 2025 Firefighter of the Year and Dale Matthias as the 2025 McDonough Fire Officer of the Year.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented a request for approval to purchase (2) 2025 Ford Interceptor SUVs with police package, from Brannan Motors for the Uniform Patrol Division, with the addition of emergency lighting packages from West Chatham in Griffin, GA; Emergency Radios from Loudoun Communications in Douglasville, GA, and striping from Sign Craft in McDonough, GA, at a cost of \$71,153.90 per vehicle, for a total cost of \$ \$142,307.80. He identified the funding source as Red Speed 214-5.3210.53.1795. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Blue made a motion to approve the request as presented, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Interim Deputy City Administrator Sylvia Smith introduced Mark Aniadaga new Senior Planner and welcomed him to the Community & Economic Development Department.

Director Smith then noted that the Applicant in case #250903, Eastwood Homes of GA for Anderson Landing is still conducting meetings with residents; therefore, she asked that the Public Hearing and Vote be postponed to the March 5, 2026, City Council Workshop. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to postpone case number 250903, to the March 5, 2026, City Council Workshop; and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Health and Human Services Director, Barbara Coleman presented the 2025 Annual Report for Connecting Henry and the Health and Human Services Department.

City Attorney, Emilia Walker presented Resolution 26-02-06 for adoption, Requesting the Henry County Legislative Delegation Introduce Legislation During the 2026 Session of the Georgia General Assembly Establishing a Technology Fee for the Municipal Court of McDonough and for Other Purposes. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-02-06, as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Attorney Walker presented Resolution 26-02-06.1 for adoption, to the Georgia General Assembly Requesting Creation of a McDonough Public Facilities Authority. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Thomas made the request on the record that if there is a Resolution presented for adoption that it not be added to an amended agenda, and that it be held to the next Council Meeting to allow time for sufficient review prior to consideration.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-02-06.1, to the Georgia General Assembly Requesting Creation of a McDonough Public Facilities Authority; and Mayor Pro Tem Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Payton offered the appointment of Reid Burch to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Varner called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1); and Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Blue motioned to go into Executive Session for the purposes stated, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to go back into Regular Session, and Councilmember Johnson seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

No action items were reported from Executive Session.

After closing comments, Mayor Varner adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC
City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Open Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq). Notice of the meeting schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on November 22, 2025; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.