

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:00 PM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

City Council

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

*Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Mr. Roach.
Mr. Rice and Mr. Johnson were absent.*

2. Call to Order

Call to Order by Mayor Grant 6:00 p.m.

3. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mr. Peppers requested to add Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate and Personnel. He also requested to remove item 8C (Capital Improvement Element Amendment).

Mr. Waterman moved to approve the agenda removing item 8C and adding an executive session. Mr. Yawn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Guests and Visitors**5. Consideration to Approve Minutes**

- A. Council Meeting Draft Minutes - April 2, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes - Council Meeting - April 2, 2026](#)

- B. City Council Retreat Draft Minutes - March 25-27, 2026

Attachments: [City Council Retreat Draft Minutes - March 25-27, 2026](#)

Mr. Tolan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Informational Items

- A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Samuel G. Latimer with Rushton

Mr. Ryan Luckett, Finance Director welcomed Ruston, the City's auditor to present the results of the audit. Mr. Samuel Latimer presented the audit. The auditors presented an unmodified opinion or clean opinion for FY2025.

- B. Presentation by Schneider Electric Partnership Update - Jen Manning, Georgia Program Manager and Marissa Joseph, Senior Regional Client Coordinator

Attachments: [Schneider Electric Update 1](#)

Jen Manning and Marissa Joseph presented the project and partnership pdate.

- C. Presentation of the 2025 Canton Police Department Operations Report - Police Lieutenant Tiffanie Cromer

Attachments: [2025 CPD Operational Report](#)

Chief Ferrell thanked the team and also the support from the Council to keep Canton a great department. Lt. Tiffanie Cromer presented the operations report.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Laura Griffin--Canton Mill Lofts--concerned about crosswalk between Riverstone Parkway and Juniper Streets

Ethan Van Steinberg--Canton Mill Lofts--concerned about crosswalk safety at Riverstone Parkway and access to the parks and trails

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Possible Action on Authorization of First Offers for Property Acquisition for Hwy 140 Improvements Project Hwy 140 at Marietta Hwy/Riverstone Pkwy - City Engineer Bethany Watson

Attachments: [Property Acquisitions](#)

- B. Possible Action of Request for Master Signage Plan for Reservoir Drive Pod 16 - Community Development Director Kevin Turner

Attachments: [Master Signage Plan for Reservoir Drive](#)

- C. Possible Action on Resolution to Adopt Capital Improvements Element Amendment - Community Development Director Kevin Turner

Attachments: [Resolution to Adopt CIE Amendment](#)

- D. Possible Action on Proposed Concept for Heritage Park Sculpture Project - Theatre Events and Facilities Director Kristin Norton Green

Attachments: [Heritage Park Sculpture](#)

- E. Possible Action on Theatre House Lighting Replacement Project - Theatre Events and Facilities Director Kristin Norton Green

Attachments: [Theatre House Lighting](#)

Mr. Yawn moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Waterman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- A. Discussion of Burge Street Stormwater Project - Operations Manager Kelly Pendley

Attachments: [Burge Street](#)

Ms. Pendley presented the item. A 48-inch metal corrugated pipe in the area has it lifespan. Centrifugally sprayed in concrete piping solution is the best option. Staff will seek action on May 7. Ms. Pendley stated the estimates were \$57- 66K. Mayor Grant noted this type of repair was used in other parts of the City. Ms. Pendley stated the improved pipe should last many years.

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fuel Surcharge on Sanitation Rates - Waste Pro

Attachments: [Waste Pro](#)

Mr. Ingram presented the request from WastePro as they could not attend. The request was initially for a 15% surcharge for diesel fuel increase. Mr. Ingram noted that he informed WastePro about the reduction of excise taxes in the State for at least the next 60 days. WastePro agreed to only seek a 10% surcharge for fuel. Mr. Rusbridge noted that WastePro has to ask and the City should approve based upon what is extraordinary and what is reasonable. The Council discussed the possibility of making the approval time-restricted. This item will come back before the City Council on May 7 for consideration.

- C. Discussion on the Award of the Task Order 9 for the Transportation Improvement Project Marietta Hwy/Riverstone Parkway at Hwy 140 Intersection Improvement Project Design Services to Michael Baker International in the amount of \$34,271.18 - City Engineer Bethany Watson

Attachments: [Task Order 9 Marietta Hwy - Rivestone Pkwy.](#)

Ms. Watson noted this task order will handle right of way acquisition. This includes additional surveying/appraisal as well as utility locations.

- D. Discussion on the Award of the Task Order 10 for the Transportation Improvement Project Hwy 140 at Reinhardt College Parkway Intersection Improvement Project Design to Michael Baker International in the amount of \$84,789.76 - City Engineer Bethany Watson

Attachments: [Task Order 10 - Hwy 140 -Reinhardt College Pkwy.](#)

Ms. Watson noted this task order is based on appraisal types necessary for right of way acquisitions.

11. City Manager's Report

Mr. Peppers gave an overview of some legislative items from the recent session of the general assembly. He also recognized Sgt. Ben Johnson as the February Team Member of the Month. He asked Mr. Ingram to update the Council on Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal. Mr. Ingram noted that the rates were down and the change in premium was within budget. The change to premiums was based upon expanded assets and a reset of claim years for workers compensation insurance.

12. Council Introduced Items

13. Mayor's Report

14. Adjourn

Mr. Roach moved to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate and Personnel. Mr. Yawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bill Grant, Mayor

Attest:

Billy Peppers, Interim City Clerk

Dates Minutes Approved by Council