



City of Cumming Council Meeting Regular Meeting May 20, 2025

I. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

The scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumming was held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall in Cumming, Georgia. The Mayor and all Council Members were properly notified as required by law and all were present. Mayor Troy Brumbalow presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation: Mayor Brumbalow asked Mr. Phil Higgins to deliver the invocation.

III. Pledge to the Flag. Mayor Brumbalow led everyone in the Pledge to the American Flag.

IV. Consider Agenda for Adoption Mayor Brumbalow requested to adopt the agenda with amendment of postponing VII Old Business, section A, 1 and 2 to the June 17 meeting. Motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Consider for Adoption the Following Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Christopher Light to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session Meeting of April 15, 2025. A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 25, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Special Called Joint Meeting of May 9, 2025 held at Cumming Park and Recreation Building. A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Susie Carr to approve the minutes of the Session Called Joint Meeting of May 9, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Acknowledgements, Proclamations, Resolutions, etc.

1. Foster Care Month - Bald Ridge Lodge. Mayor Brumbalow read aloud a proclamation proclaiming May 2025 as **Foster Care Month** in the City of Cumming and to encourage all Cumming, Georgia residents to consider importance and ongoing need of foster care in the community. Members of Bald Ridge Lodge staff and board of directors were present to celebrate the proclamation.

2. GMA Lifetime Service Award - City Clerk Jeff Honea. Pete Pyrzenski with Georgia Municipal Association presented City Clerk, Jeff Honea with the GMA Lifetime Service Award to celebrate 45 years of service to the association and the City of Cumming. Mayor Brumbalow and other members relating to the City of Cumming Council spoke about his dedication and commitment to serving the city. Jeff was congratulated on his retirement and thanked for the years of service he has provided to the community.

VII. Old Business: The council voted to postpone items A1 and A2 to the June 17 Council Meeting.

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Zoning Conditions Amendment - Forsyth IL-AI Investors, LLC. – As stated in Mayor Brumbalow’s amendment to the agenda, this item has been postponed to the scheduled June 17, 2025 meeting.

2. Annexation #2025 - Hoff Homes, LLC. – As stated in Mayor Brumbalow’s amendment to the agenda, this item has been postponed to the scheduled June 17, 2025 meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Parks and Recreation

Restroom and Lobby Renovation: Dobbs Creek Recreation Center

Park and Rec Director, Jeremy Howell requested release of budgeted funds for the Dobbs Creek Restroom and Lobby Renovation project. Three (3) quotes were obtained for the project...

- AHC Contracting - \$83,400.00
- Greater Georgia contracting, Inc - \$96,459.00
- Edge Roofing - \$111,965.00

Following careful review, Jeremy is recommending the project be awarded to AHC Contracting with the quote of \$83,400. The renovation is scheduled to take place July 28 – August 27, 2025. A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Christopher Light to award AHC Contracting the project. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Administration

1. Swearing-In of New City Clerk - Alison B. Smith.

Mayor Brumbalow conducted a swearing-in of the newly appointed City Clerk, Alison B. Smith. Mrs. Smith will replace Jeff Honea following his retirement on May 30, 2025. Mrs.

Smith promised to uphold the oath in serving the City of Cumming in accordance with the law.

2. Reappointment to Land Bank Authority.

City Administrator, Phil Higgins stated that the language in the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Cumming and Forsyth County stated that the reappointment of board members was necessary. Currently, Councilman Cochran and Councilman Light fill these positions. Administrator Higgins requested reappointment of these two Councilmen as the representatives on the board. A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Susie Carr to appoint Councilman Cochran and Councilman Light to serve on the board. The motion carried 3-0 with abstaining votes from Councilman Cochran and Councilman Light.

3. Report of Quotes - IT Service Truck.

City Administrator, Phil Higgins, presented the IT Department request for a cargo van to be replace the truck currently used in this department. Three 3 quotes have been obtained. Mr. Higgins stated that the 2025 Transit Cargo Van from Chestatee Ford included the shelving and cabinetry required in the price. He also added that there was an error in the meeting packet provided to the council regarding the year of the Transit Cargo Van from Hardy Family Ford. The year on this vehicle should be 2024 Transit Cargo Van, not 2025. Updated year is reflected in following quotes.

1. Chestatee Ford - 2025 Transit Cargo Van - \$58,223.26
2. Wade Ford – 2025 Transit Cargo Van - \$64,605.00
3. Hardy Family Ford – 2024 Transit Cargo Van - \$60,485.50

Administrator Higgins recommends accepting the quote from Chestatee Ford in the amount of \$58,223.26. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Jason evans to purchase the 2025 Transit Cargo Van from Chestatee Ford for \$58,223.26. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Christopher Light left the meeting at 6:28 pm due to a schedule conflict.

4. Report of RFP Results – 2025 LMIG Resurfacing Adair Park

City Administrator, Phil Higgins, presented the request for LMIG 2025 Resurfacing Adair Park. Mr. Higgins advised that the city received a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation totaling \$209,000. This grant will be applied to the cost of the project.

Quotes for this project included the following:

- Vertical Earth, Inc \$337,132.36
- Stewart Brothers \$371,239.94
- Jasper Grading \$487,500.00
- All About Asphalt \$374,324.50
- Allied Paving \$471,530.00
- Georgia Paving, LLC \$350,787.38
- East Coast Grading, Inc. \$351,886.00
- Magnum Paving \$394,947.00

Administrator Higgins recommends accepting the quote from Vertical Earth in the amount of \$337,132.36 A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Susie Carr to accept the proposal from Vertical Earth. The motion carried 4-0 with the absence of Council Light.

C. Utilities

Corrective Easement Agreement.

City Attorney, Kevin Tallant presented the Corrective Easement Agreement between M&B Forsyth Farms, LLC and the City of Cumming including acknowledgment and acceptance of corrected easement agreement. As stated in the agreement, the City of Cumming accepts the agreement of three (3) Easement Corrections and the request is made to record the aforementioned easement with the Clerk's Office in accordance with the law.

A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Susie Carr to accept the Corrective Easement. The motion carried 4-0 with the absence of Council Light.

IX. Announcements

1. The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony is this Friday, May 23, at 11 a.m. at the Cumming City Center Lou Sobh Amphitheater.

2. All non-essential City departments and facilities will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26 (with the exception of the Aquatic Center, which will be open 1-6 p.m. on Memorial Day).

- X. Executive Session (If Needed)** Mayor Brumbalow asked City Attorney, Kevin Tallant if there was a need for Executive Session. Mr. Tallant advised no session was required at this time.
- XI. Adjourn** A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0 with the absence of Council Light.

Approved this 17th day of June, 2025.

Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

Councilmember, Chad Crane

Councilmember, Jason Evans

Councilmember, Joey Cochran

Councilmember, Christopher Light

Councilmember, Susie Carr

Attest:

