



**City of Cumming Council Meeting
Work Session
June 3, 2025 6:00PM**

I. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

The scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumming was held Tuesday, June 3, 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. Motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Consider for Adoption the following Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Christopher Light to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Acknowledgements, Proclamations, Resolutions, etc.

Gun Violence Awareness/Wear Orange Day - Mayor Brumbalow read aloud a proclamation proclaiming Friday, June 6, 2025 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** in the City of Cumming and to encourage all Cumming, Georgia residents to consider importance of gun violence and protecting public safety in the community. Community supporters of this initiative were present and wore orange to recognize the proclamation. A supporter spoke on behalf of the group, thanked the Mayor and Council, and shared statistics relating to the matter.

VII. Old Business

No old business was open to discuss.

VII. New Business

A. Cumming Police Department

1. Swearing-In of New Officers

Cumming Police Chief, PJ Girvan, presented Lieutenant Chris Glowcheski, Officer Chris Jacobson, and Officer Peyton Godden as new additions to the City of Cumming Police Department. Chief Girvan read the Oath of Office for Police Officers and each candidate accepted the oath in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

2. Sargent Promotion – Officer Josh Bagwell

Cumming Police Chief, PJ Girvan, announced the promotion of Josh Bagwell to Sargent with the City of Cumming Police Department. Chief Girvan shared the credentials and experience that Sargent Bagwell will bring to the department.

B. Cumming Utilities

1. Stormwater Emergency Repair

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented a request to repair the Emergency Fairgrounds Storm Sewer Line. The Department of Utilities is required by the Georgia EPD to periodically inspect all of our storm sewer lines. Recently, the Department completed a video inspection of the storm sewer line that runs underneath the Cumming Fairgrounds and that has been in the ground for approximately 25 years and obtained two proposals included below:

- North Georgia Pipeline \$55,000.00
- Townley Construction \$55,545.00

While this is not a budgeted project, due to the deteriorated pipes, Director Heard advised that repair is required to prevent catastrophic failure and sink holes. He expects the project to take approximately one week to complete and requested approval to accept the North Georgia Pipeline proposal. A motion was made by Jason Evans to accept the recommended proposal from North Georgia Pipeline of \$55,000 and seconded by Susie Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report to RFP-Tribble Gap Road Sewer Extension

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented a request for the Tribble Gap Road Sewer Extension. The Department of Utilities has designed and advertised for proposals for the Tribble Gap Road Gravity Sewer Line Extension project. This sewer line extension will bring gravity sewer to several new and existing homes in the drainage basin.

• Strickland and Sons	\$866,433.00
• Jasper Grading and Pipeline	\$921,973.00
• North Georgia Pipeline	\$1,104,313.60
• FS Scarborough	\$1,135,137.29
• Summit Construction	\$1,193,095.50
• Complete Site	\$1,205,293.65
• Gordy Construction Co.	\$1,291,150.00
• Georgia Sewer & Storm	\$1,496,267.40
• Site engineering, Inc.	\$1,628,698.00
• GS Construction	\$1,643,445.00

Director Heard provided the recommendations from Capital Project Manager, Webb Hansard, following his review of the project. Director Heard recommended approval of the Proposal from Strickland and Sons Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$866,433.00 with a proposal score of 99.0. A motion was made to accept the Strickland & Sons Pipeline, Inc bid of \$866,433 by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report to RFP – Greenwood Acres Water Line Replacement

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented the project for a water line replacement at Greenwood Acres. Director Heard advised that the water line would be installed to replace several water lines within this community that were installed in the 1960s and are now around 60 years old. Six proposals were received and are as follows:

• GS Construction	\$5,274,300.00
• JDS, Inc.	\$6,290,599.00
• Strickland and Sons	\$6,708,898.50
• Summit Construction	\$7,274,388.00
• Site Engineering	\$8,141,930.00
• Reeves Young, LLC	\$11,459,648.00

Director Heard requested approval of the Proposal from GS Construction the amount of \$5,274,300.00 with a Proposal Score of 95. The council requested that signage be provided to advise the surrounding citizens about the project. A motion was made to accept the GS Construction bid of \$5,274,300 by Christopher Light and seconded by Jason Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administration

1. Appointments to the DDA

City Administrator, Phil Higgins, presented the request to appoint new members to the Downtown Development Authority. These requested appoints will replace the vacant spots for Brad Garmon and Lisa Mason. Mr. Garmon moved out of the city and Mrs. Mason resigned her position. Administrator Higgins requested guidance for the new appointments to fill the vacant seats. Mayor Brumbalow asked for a motion to accept nominations for the vacant Downtown Development Authority seats. A motion was made by Jason Evans to accept nominations and seconded by Joey Cochran. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Appointments to the Development Authority

Mayor Brumbalow made the recommendation of Rachel Mooney and Whitney Barnhart to fill the vacant Downtown Development Authority seats. A motion was made by Jason Evans to appoint Rachel Mooney and Whitney Barnhart to replace the vacant seats of Brad Garmon and Lisa Mason. The motion was seconded by Susie Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

Mayor Brumbalow asked City Attorney, Kevin Tallant if there was a need for Executive Session. Mr. Tallant advised that session would be necessary to discuss potential real estate acquisition. A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Susie Carr to dismiss to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjourn

Council returned from Executive Session. No additional matters were on the agenda to discuss. A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 17th day of June, 2025.

Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

Chad Crane, Council Member

Jason Evans, Council Member

Joey Cochran, Council Member

Christopher Light, Council Member

Susie Carr, Council Member

Attest:

Alison B. Smith, City Clerk