



**City of Cumming Council Meeting
Work Session Meeting
January 6, 2026**

I. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

The scheduled work session of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumming was held Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 Administrator 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:

A motion was requested to adopt the agenda for the January 6, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Chad Crane to adopt the January 6 meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

V. Consider for Adoption the Following Meeting Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting of December 16, 2025. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Chad Crane to adopt the December 16 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. Acknowledgements, Proclamations, Resolutions, etc.

Mayor Brumbalow shared that the City of Cumming would be officially naming the intersection of Castleberry Road and Buford Dam Road to Sergeant Rob Muth Memorial Intersection on Monday, January 12, 2026. Sargent Muth served on the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Citizens Emergency Response Team and was tragically hit by a vehicle while serving at the City of Cumming Christmas Parade.

VII. Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. Administration

1. Utility Easements – GA Power

City Administrator Phil Higgins presented the easement request from Georgia Power. As defined in the work packet, Georgia Power is seeking to acquire easements for multiple parcels of land that will grant them permission to trim, cut, or remove all trees and obstructions located within twenty (20) feet of the transmission, distribution, and/or communication lines. No additional discussion was required.

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane to approve the easement request as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Utilities

1. Slope Stabilization – Sawnee Mountain Tanks

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard presented a request to purchase Aerator Gear Boxes. The following staff report was provided:

The Department of Utilities advertised on the Georgia State Procurement website and received 4 proposals for the above referenced work and they are as follows:

- *GSI, Inc. - \$792,390.00*
- *Rhino Design Build - \$798,285.00*
- *Reeves Young, LLC- \$1,096,305.00*
- *Vertical Earth- \$1,242,062.25*

Previously, GSI, Inc. performed the initial slope stabilization work and presented the City with the lowest proposal amount for this project. Therefore, and in light of our excellent working relationship, the

Department of Utilities recommends that the City accept the proposal from GSI, Inc. in the amount of \$792,390.00.

Jon Heard was available to answer any questions relating to the item.

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Joey Cochran to award the bid to GSI, Inc in the amount of \$792,390.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Cumming Police Department

1. Request to Purchase Two Patrol Vehicles

City of Cumming Police Chief, PJ Girvan presented a request to purchase two patrol vehicles. The following staff report was provided:

I am requesting approval for the purchase of two Dodge Durango vehicles to be used by the Cumming Police Department. Three quotes were obtained and are included in your packet for review. The lowest quote was provided by Akins Ford and Dodge at a cost of \$43,493.00 per vehicle, for a total of \$86,986.00. Once purchased, the vehicles will be fully outfitted by Monster Customs at a cost of \$45,396.33. The total cost for the purchase and outfitting of both vehicles is \$132,382.33. All funds for this purchase will be paid for by the Cumming Police Department Foundation, with no cost to the City.

A motion was made by Christopher Light and seconded by Susie Carr to approve the purchase of two patrol cars from Akins Ford and Dodge for the total amount of \$86,986.00, and including outfitting by Monster Customs for the total amount of \$45,396.33 for a total of \$132,382.33 for the entire proposal. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. Announcements

1. Non-essential City of Cumming facilities and departments will be closed for the MLK, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19, 2026.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

City Attorney, Kevin Tallant, with Tallant Howell Law Firm, advised that Executive Session was required for reasons of Pending Litigation. A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded

by Joey Cochran to dismiss to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Mayor and Council returned to Council Chambers following Executive Session. A motion to reconvene to regular session was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Approved this 20th day of January, 2026.

Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

Councilmember, Chad Crane

Councilmember, Jason Evans

Councilmember, Joey Cochran

Councilmember, Christopher Light

Councilmember, Susie Carr

Attest:

City Clerk, Alison B. Smith