



City of Cumming Council Meeting

Work Session Meeting

May 5, 2026

I. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumming was held Tuesday, May 5, 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 following the adoption of the meeting minutes. 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 made by Susie Carr and seconded by Joey Cochran to adopt the May 5, 2026 meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

V. Consider for Adoption the Following Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026

A motion was requested to adopt the minutes for the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to adopt the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2. Executive Session Meeting of April 21, 2026

A motion was requested to adopt the minutes for the April 21, 2026 Executive Session Meeting. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Jason Evans to adopt the minutes from the April 21, 2026 Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. Acknowledgements, Proclamations, Resolutions, etc.

1. Screen-Free Awareness Week

Excessive screen time has become increasingly prevalent among individuals of all ages, impacting physical health, sleep quality, attention, and overall wellbeing. High levels of screen use have been associated with reduced sleep, decreased. Screen-Free Week, observed annually during the first full week of May, encourages individuals and families to take intentional breaks from entertainment screens and engage in offline activities. Individuals, schools, and community organizations across Georgia can participate by setting goals and hosting activities that promote connection, creativity, and wellbeing. Raising awareness of the importance of balanced screen use can support healthier lifestyles and stronger communities across the state. The city of Cumming recognizes the week of May 4th to 10th, 2026 as Screen-Free Awareness Week and encourages residents to take a break from screen time during this week and spend more in-person time with family and friends.

2. Falun Dafa Day

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful mind-body cultivation practice rooted in ancient Chinese tradition that consists of five gentle exercises and meditation, along with the guiding principles of Truthfulness, Compassion., and Forbearance. Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public on May 13, 1992, and has since benefited millions of people worldwide by improving physical health, reducing stress, and elevating moral character. Practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live by the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance, fostering harmony, tolerance, and kindness in their families, workplaces, and communities. The practice is open to people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities, transcends cultural and racial boundaries, and promotes a healthier and more compassionate society. The City of Cumming values diversity, personal wellbeing, and the positive contributions of all residents and coImmunity groups that enhance quality of life for our citizens. The City of Cumming recognizes May 13th, 2026, as Falun Dafa Day and encourages residents to learn more about this beneficial practice and the importance of living with truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance in daily life.

VII. Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Consider Site Plan – ForCAST Group, Lanier 400 Parkway

The following request from Scott Morgan, Director of Planning and Zoning,

According to the conditions of the City property rezoning on Lanier 400 Parkway, all development site plans must be reviewed and approved by the City Council. Attached, is a conceptual site plan for automobile use.

This site plan meets the building setback lines and off-street parking requirements of our Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the site plan. The building elevation would also need to be approved by our Design Review Committee.

Matt Boone with ForCAST Group was present and advised that this would be a collision and body shop for Tesla and would be repairs only.

A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Chad Crane to approve the site plan for ForCAST Group at Lanier 400 Parkway with the provisions of the staff report. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Utilities

1. Report of Quotes – Pickup for Utility Billing Division

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented the staff report.

The Department of Utilities advertised for and received 7 proposals for a 2026 F-150 4x4 super crew cab pickup work truck and the proposals were as follows:

- *Andean Chevrolet (Crew cab) \$45,108.00*
- *Chestatee Ford (Single Cab) \$39,940.00*
- *Prater Ford (Single Cab) \$40,692.00*

The Department of Utilities would like to request that the city accept the highest scored proposal from Andean Chevrolet in the amount of \$45,108.00. This was the only double cab model and the closest for repairs/warranty/maintenance services.

A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Christopher Light to approve the purchase of the 2026 F-150 4x4 super crew cab pickup from Andean Chevrolet in the amount of \$45,108.00.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2. Report of Quotes – Pickup for Water Production Division

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented the staff report detailing the proposal for this application.

The Department of Utilities advertised for and received 6 proposals for a 2026 F-250/C-2500 4x4 super crew cab pickup work truck and the proposals were as follows:

- *Andean Chevrolet, Cumming, GA* • *\$52,897.00*
- *John Megal, Dawsonville, GA* • *\$55,500.00*
- *Donohoo Chevrolet, Fort Payne Al* • *\$52,155.00*
- *Serra Chevrolet, Tennessee* • *\$49,540.00*

The Department of Utilities would like to request that the city accept the highest scored Proposal from Andean Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,897.00. The proposal was from the dealer which provided a competitive price but also the greatest proximity for repairs/warranty/maintenance services.

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane to approve the purchase of the 2026 F-250/C-2500 4x4 super crew cab pickup from Andean Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,897.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

3. Report of Proposals – 12” and 8” Water Line Replacement

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented the staff report detailing the proposal for this application.

The Department of Utilities budgeted to replace the water mains along Dr Bramblett Road and Franklin Goldmine Road. These mains are substandard and do not provide the necessary flow to support the water system. Ten proposals were received and they are as follows:

1. C.W. Matthews	\$1,333,157.00
2. Ardido	\$1,382,625.00
3. HD Excavating & Utility	\$1,466,090.00
4. RDJE	\$1,555,000.00
5. JDS	\$1,574,354.00
6. Strickland & Sons	\$1,784,445.00
7. Unity Construction	\$1,870,674.00
8. Complete Site	\$1,936,185.00
9. F.S. Scarborough	\$2,158,154.77
10. Site Engineering	\$2,259,030.00

The Department of Utilities recommends awarding the project to C.W. Matthews in the amount of \$1,333,157.00.

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Susie Carr to approve Dr. Bramblett Road 12-inch and Franklin Goldmine Road 8-inch Water Main Replacement and award the project to C.W. Matthews in the amount of \$1,333,157.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. Water Line Easement – SR20 and SR306 Connector

Director of Utilities, Jon Heard, presented the staff report detailing the proposal for this application.

The Department of Utilities has been working with the owner of the property located at 603 Canton Highway in Cumming to obtain an easement. While the owner is in complete agreement with the easement, CVS, the renter has requested that the City sign a separate agreement with them to ensure that their business is not interrupted by the water line construction.

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Joey Cochran to approve the agreement with CVS on Highway 20 at 306 Connector easement and allow permission for the Utilities Director to sign the easement agreement. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. Announcements

No announcements were presented.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

City Attorney, Kevin Tallant, with Tallant Howell Law Firm, advised that Executive Session would be required for the purpose of pending and/or threatened litigation. A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to dismiss to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Christopher Light left the meeting at the end of Executive Session. All remaining council members returned to chambers following Executive Session. A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene to regular session. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Chad Crane and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Approved this _____ day of May, 2026.

Troy Brumalow, Mayor

Councilmember, Chad Crane

Councilmember, Jason Evans

Councilmember, Joey Cochran

Councilmember, Christopher Light

Councilmember, Susie Carr

Attest:

City Clerk, Alison B. Smith