City of Cumming Council Meeting
Regular Scheduled Meeting
September 15, 2026

I. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Brumbalow, Mayor

The scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumming was held Tuesday, September 15, 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:

Mayor Brumbalow requested a motion to adopt the agenda for the September 15, 2026, meeting. A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Jason Evans to adopt the September 15 meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

V. Consider for Adoption the Following Meeting Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting of August 18, 2026.

A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Jason Evans to adopt the August 18 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. Acknowledgements, Proclamations, Resolutions, etc.

A. Forsyth County Drug Awareness Council.

> *Substance misuse and addiction continue to impact individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and communities throughout Georgia and the nation; and prevention through education, community collaboration, and early intervention is one of the most effective ways to reduce substance misuse and promote healthy, resilient communities. The City of Cumming is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and thriving community where all*

*residents – especially families and young people – have opportunities to reach their full potential. The **Forsyth County Drug Awareness Council (FCDAC)** works diligently to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, prescription drug misuse, opioids, and other substances, through community outreach, educational programs, partnerships, and advocacy. FCDAC brings together educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, parents, youth leaders, businesses, faith-based organizations, and community members to address substance misuse through a coordinated and proactive approach. FCDAC hosts impactful community initiatives, including the **Walk for Recovery at the Cumming City Center**, which promotes hope, healing, and support for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders; and the **Annual Drug Summit**, which brings together the community to provide education, share resources, and strengthen collaborative prevention efforts. The leadership and dedication of **Rachel Kayden, Executive Director**, and **Manasvi Kondamudi, Youth Leader**, have advanced substance misuse prevention throughout Forsyth County and the City of Cumming to positively impact residents' lives. Mayor Brumbalow recognized and commended the **FORSYTH COUNTY DRUG AWARENESS COUNCIL**, for its dedication, leadership, and service in promoting substance misuse prevention, public awareness, and community wellbeing, and encourage citizens to support its mission of creating a safer and healthier future for our community.*

B. Constitution Week: September 17th – 23rd. (Alison will fill in for final review)

*September 17th marks the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention in 1787. A proclamation continues to recognize the importance of the document and Public Law 915, which requests an annual presidential designation of Constitution Week. The Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside September 17th through September 23rd each year as a special period dedicated to honoring the US Constitution. In 1956 Congress adopted the resolution and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into public law on August 2, 1956. DAR established the observance to encourage the study of the Constitution, remind citizens that the document is the foundation of American life, and emphasize the personal responsibility of citizens to protect and defend it. The Georgia State Society Chestatee River DAR chapter and the Robert Forsyth SAR chapter, along with other local chapters, sponsor educational programs, art contests, and public displays to promote awareness of Constitution Week each year. DAR & SAR chapters across the nation set aside September 17th to ring bells for one to five minutes to kick off Constitution Week to symbolically echo the historic church bells that rang out in Philadelphia after the signing of the Constitution. We ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through these guardians of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained. Mayor Brumbalow proclaimed the week of **September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week**.*

C. Hispanic Heritage Month.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15th to October 15th to recognize and honor the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. Hispanic and Latino Americans represent diverse cultures, nations, languages, traditions, and experiences that have enriched the social, cultural, economic, educational, and civic fabric of our communities and our nation. The 2026 Hispanic Heritage Month theme, "Unidos, Somos Más"- "Together, We Are More," reminds us that our communities are stronger when we recognize our shared values, celebrate our differences, and work together toward a brighter future. Hispanic and Latino individuals have made significant contributions as educators, entrepreneurs, artists, healthcare professionals, first responders, military personnel, public servants, community leaders, business owners, and advocates, strengthening our communities through their dedication, talent, perseverance, and service. Hispanic heritage is reflected in the music, art, literature, food, language, traditions, faith, family values, and entrepreneurial spirit that enrich communities throughout our nation. By coming together in the spirit of "Unidos, Somos Más," we affirm that our diversity is a source of strength and that our shared commitment to family, community, opportunity, and service makes us stronger together. Mayor Brumbalow proclaimed September 15th through October 15th, 2026, as ***HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH*** *in the City of Cumming, Georgia.*

VII. Old Business:

No items were presented for old business.

VIII. New Business

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Alcohol Beverage License Application - Castleberry Mart, LLC., 2905 Castleberry Road.

   City Administrator, Phil Higgins, presented the following staff report on behalf of Code Enforcement Officer, Lenny Mancinelli.

   The Department of Planning and Zoning has received an Alcoholic Beverage License application for the sale of malt beverages and wine by the package for the business of Castleberry Mart LLC located at 2905 Castleberry Road, Cumming, GA.

   In accordance with the City's alcohol ordinance, a background check was conducted on the license applicant, and no issues were found to deny the applicant the license. Additionally, the applicant has met all the requirements of the application process and has paid all fees due to the City. It is recommended that consideration be given for the applicant to be approved for the requested license by the City of Cumming.

A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Susie Carr to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application for Castleberry Mart, LLC. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2. Alcohol Beverage License Application - Cost Plus World Market, 2265 Marketplace Boulevard.

City Administrator, Phil Higgins, presented the following staff report on behalf of Code Enforcement Officer, Lenny Mancinelli.

The Department of Planning and Zoning has received an Alcoholic Beverage License application for the sale of malt beverages and wine by the package for the business of Cost Plus World Market located at 2265 Market Place Blvd, Cumming, GA.

In accordance with the City's alcohol ordinance, a background check was conducted on the license applicant, and no issues were found to deny the applicant the license. Additionally, the applicant has met all the requirements of the application process and has paid all fees due to the City. It is recommended that consideration be given for the applicant to be approved for the requested license by the City of Cumming.

A motion was made by Susie Carr and seconded by Joey Cochran to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application for Cost Plus World Market. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Utilities

1. RFP Results – 6-Million-Gallon Clearwell and Electrical Components.

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

The Department of Utilities budgeted to construct a 6 Million-Gallon Clear Well to address finished water storage needs at the Cumming Potable Water Production Facility (PWPF) along with an Electrical Control Building to address increased power demands.

The Department recently requested proposals for the construction of this 6 MG Clearwell and Electrical Control Building and received four Proposals and they were as follows:

Proposer:	Price
Lakeshore Engineering	$26,289,000.00
Reeves Young	$27,187,196.00
Brennon Construction	$28,400,000
Heavy Constructors	$31,383,250

The Department of Utilities requests that the Council award the Proposal to Lakeshore Engineering in the amount of $26,289,000.00

A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane to approve the 6-million-gallon Clearwell and Electrical components and accept the bid from Lakeshore Engineering for $26,289,000.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2. RFP Results - Foundry Sewer Outfall Replacement.

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

The Department of Utilities budgeted to construct a gravity sewer line to replace an existing 8-inch clay sewer pipe that runs from the Foundry development along Meadow Drive down to Castleberry Road. This was a budgeted item for 2027 and is necessary due to development in the vicinity.

The Department advertised for Proposals and received 1, and they are as follows:

Proposer:	**Cost:**
UWS, Inc.	$1,863,435.00
Helix Grading & Utility LLC	$1,982,165.00
Strickland & Sons Pipeline	$1,983,062.25
RDJE, Inc	$2,298,600.25
HD Excavations & Utility LLC	$2,325,317.50
Site Engineering, Inc.	$2,343,840.50
Unity Construction Co, Inc.	$2,606,927.00
REV Construction	$2,748,640.00
Mid-South Builders, Inc.	$3,010,243.00
JDS, Inc.	$3,162,160.00
W.L. Griffin Co, LLC	$7,362,977.01

The Department would like to recommend accepting the Proposal from UWS, Inc. in the amount of $1,863,435.00.

A motion was made by Joey Cochran and seconded by Christopher Light to approve the Foundry Sewer Replacement and accept the bid from UWS, Inc. in the amount of $1,863,435.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

C. Administration

1. Right-of-Way Abandonment.

Riley Creamer from City Attorney's office, Tallant Howell, presented the details for a Quit Claim Deed and Abandonment of Right-of-Way between the City of Cumming Municipal Corporation and Northside Hospital, Inc. The right-of-way is located on Horseshoe Court, Land 280 of the 2nd District of Forsyth County. A motion was made by Jason Evans and seconded by Chad Crane to authorize the Right-of-way Abandonment. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements presented.

X. Executive Session (If needed)

City Administrator, Phil Higgins, advised that Executive Session was not required.

XI. Adjourn

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

Approved this ____ day of October, 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