



City of Marietta

205 Lawrence Street
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Meeting Summary CITY COUNCIL

R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor
Cheryl Richardson, Ward 1
Jason Waters, Ward 2
Daniel Gaddis, Ward 3
Byron "Tee" Anderson, Ward 4
M. Carlyle Kent, Ward 5
Andre L. Sims, Ward 6
Joseph R. Goldstein, Ward 7

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

20260136 Tree City USA Award

Recognition of the 42nd consecutive Tree City USA Award from the Georgia Forestry Commission and proclaiming February 20th, 2026 as Arbor Day.

Presented

20260164 Scheduled Appearance

Scheduled Appearance - Kathy Slough.

Present

20260183 Scheduled Appearance

Scheduled Appearance - Donald Barth.

Present

* **20260100 Regular Meeting - January 14, 2026**

Review and approval of the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

Approved and Finalized

* **20260165 Special Meeting - January 29, 2026**

Review and approval of the January 29, 2026 special meeting minutes.

Approved and Finalized

* **20260127 Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment (Ward 2)**

Reappointment of Walt Walker to the Board of Zoning Appeals (Ward 2), for a three-year term beginning immediately and expiring on February 11, 2029.

Approved and Finalized

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- * **20260128** **Historic Preservation Commission Appointments (Ward 2)**
- Reappointment of David Freedman to the Marietta Historic Preservation Commission (Ward 2), for a 3-year term expiring February 11, 2029.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260129** **Planning Commission Appointment (Ward 2)**
- Reappointment of Frasure Hunter to the Planning Commission (Ward 2), for a three (3) year term expiring February 11, 2029.
- Approved and Finalized**
- 20250450** **Z2025-15 [REZONING] JOHN KING CARTER, III**
- Z2025-15 [REZONING] JOHN KING CARTER, III** is requesting the rezoning of 0.543 acres located in Land Lot 648, 17th District, Parcel 0310 of the 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being known as 1663 Crestridge Drive from R-2 (Single-Family Residential, 2 units/acre) to R-2 (Single-Family Residential, 2 units/acre) with increased density to 3.7 units/acre. Ward 7A.
- Planning Commission recommends Approval as Stipulated***
- On December 2, 2025, at the close of the public hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to recommend approval of the requested rezoning with the required variances and a stipulation that the property be formally divided via the Exemption Plat process and recorded with the County. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.*
- The subject property would require two (2) variances if the requested R-2 with an increased density of 3.7 units/acre zoning is approved.*
- Required Variances:*
- 1. Variance to decrease the minimum lot size from 15,000 square feet to 11,766 square feet for "lot 22" (1663 Crestridge Drive) and to 11,880 square feet for "lot 23" (unaddressed Crestridge Drive), as shown on the site plan which accompanies the rezoning application [§708.02 (H.)]*
- 2. Variance to decrease the minimum lot widths from 100 feet to 70 feet for "lot 22" (1663 Crestridge Drive) and "lot 23" (unaddressed Crestridge Drive), as shown on the site plan which accompanies the rezoning application [§708.02 (H.)]*
- Public Hearing (all parties sworn in)***
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260133** **Denial of Claim**
- Denial of Claim for H. Blaine Ross.

Approved to Deny Claim*** 20260134****Denial of Claim**

Denial of Claim for Damel Chambers.

Approved to Deny Claim*** 20260186****Denial of Claim**

Denial of Claim for Eric Dawan McCain.

Approved to Deny Claim*** 20260123****Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Sponsorships Budget Amendment**

Motion to approve a budget amendment for the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department due to receiving \$2,600.00 in sponsorships for special events during the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

Approved and Finalized*** 20260135****Budget Amendment for Vaughan Foundation**

Amendment to Marietta History Fund's FY26 budget to receive donations from the Vaughan Foundation.

Approved and Finalized*** 20260109****Final Plat - Highvale Ph. 2**

Motion to approve the final plat for Highvale Phase 2. Phase 2 contains the remaining 13 single family house lots and a new public road with cul-de-sac named Highvale Drive. Ward 2B.

Approved and Finalized*** 20260121****Code Amendment - Section 732.03 Sanitary Sewers**

Discussion regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to sanitary sewers and on-site sewage management systems.

Approved for Advertisement*** 20260131****Detailed Plan Revision - Cottages at Keeler Woods Sidewalk**

Motion to approve the request by Dove Field Developers to omit the sidewalk along the northern side of Wemberley Lane on Lots 1 and 11 of Phase 2 of the Cottages at Keeler Woods. Ward 3A.

Approved and Finalized*** 20260126****2026 Street Closure and Associated Alcohol Sales and Consumption Requests**

Motion to authorize street closures and alcohol sales and consumption requests for

the 2026 calendar year as presented.

Street Closures:

Glover Park Concert Series
Taste of Marietta
May-retta Daze Spring Arts and Crafts Festival
Juneteenth
Fourth in the Park
Art in the Park
Chalktoberfest
HarvestFest
MUST Ministries Gobble Jog

Events Requesting Alcohol Sales:

Glover Park Concert Series
Taste of Marietta
Art in the Park
Chalktoberfest

Council Member Goldstein discloses that members of his family and/or entities owned by himself and/or family members own properties in the downtown area.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that he is a member of the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art.

Council Member Goldstien discloses that he is a lifetime member of the Cobb NAACP.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that his Aunt Paula Shea, serves on the Downtown Marietta Development Authority.

Approved and Finalized

* **20260132 Old Zion Heritage Museum Production Funding**

Discussion regarding a request from the Old Zion Heritage Museum Board for funds to commission a theatrical production to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Requested by Council Member Kent

Approved and Finalized

* **20260176 FY2026 Welcome Center Tourism Funding Agreement**

Motion to amend the FY2026 Welcome Center Tourism Funding Agreement to add Part Z for Old Zion Heritage Museum in the amount of \$25,000.

Council Member Kent disclosed that he is a member of the NAACP and member of Zion Baptist Church which owns the Zion Museum.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that The Earl and Rachel_Smith Strand Theatre is located in space rented by THE FRIENDS OF THE STRAND, INC and rents such space is owned by the Herbert S. Goldstein Family Limited Partnership. The Herbert S. Goldstein Family Limited Partnership is owned and managed by members of Council Member Goldstein's family. Council Member Goldstein will not participate in any discussion or vote on the portion of this item related to this disclosure in his official capacity as a City Council Member.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that TheatreSquare Art Alliance is located in space rented by Raul Emiliano Thomas, Jr. and such space is owned by Philip M. Goldstein. Philip M. Goldstein is the father of Council Member Goldstein. Council Member Goldstein will not participate in any discussion or vote on the portion of this item related to this disclosure in his official capacity as a City Council Member.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that GA Metro Dance Theatre is located in space rented by Stone Worthy, LLC and such space is owned by the PMG Whitlock Ave, LLC. PMG Whitlock Ave, LLC is owned and managed by Philip M. Goldstein. Philip M. Goldstein is the father of Council Member Goldstein. Council Member Goldstein will not participate in any discussion or vote on the portion of this item related to this disclosure in his official capacity as a City Council Member.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that he is a member of the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that the Marietta Square Branding Project leases a space owned by PMG 358 ROSWELL STREET, LLC. Philip M. Goldstein is the owner and manager of PMG 358 ROSWELL STREET, LLC. Philip M. Goldstein is a member of the Marietta Square Branding Project. Philip M. Goldstein is the father of Council Member Goldstein. Council Member Goldstein will not participate in any discussion or vote on the portion of this item related to this disclosure in his official capacity as a City Council Member.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that he is a lifetime member of the Cobb County NAACP.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that Marietta Theatre Company is believed to be a subtenant of Raul Emiliano Thomas, Jr. A space leased by Raul Emiliano Thomas, Jr. is owned by a member of Council Member Goldstein's family.

Council Member Goldstein discloses that the Alley Stage Foundation is located in space leased by Colt Chambers and such space is owned by Philip M. Goldstein. Philip M. Goldstein is the father of Council Member Goldstein. Council Member Goldstein will not participate in any discussion or vote on the portion of this item related to this disclosure in his official capacity as a City Council Member.

Council Member Goldstein Abstaining

Approved and Finalized

* 20260166

Municipal Court Judge Compensation and Contract

Motion to approve an ordinance fixing compensation for Chief Judge Lawrence E. Burke retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Approved and Finalized

- * **20260167** **Municipal Court Associate Judges Compensation**
- Motion to approve an ordinance fixing compensation for the Associate Judges of City of Marietta Municipal Court.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260168** **Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Compensation and Contract**
- Motion to approve an ordinance fixing compensation for Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin F Smith retroactive to January 1, 2026.
- Approved and Finalized**
- 20260169** **Municipal Court Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Compensation**
- Motion to approve an ordinance fixing compensation for Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Courtney Brubaker.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260170** **Municipal Court Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Compensation**
- Motion to approve an ordinance fixing compensation for the Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys of City of Marietta Municipal Court.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260171** **City Manager Compensation and Contract**
- Motion to approve compensation and employment contract for William F. Bruton Jr., retroactive to January 1, 2026.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260172** **Board of Lights & Water General Manager Compensation**
- Motion approving compensation for Ronald J. Mull as per the attached document retroactive to January 1, 2026.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260173** **Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Compensation and Contract**
- Motion to approve compensation and employment contract for Elizabeth S. Kelley retroactive to January 1, 2026.
- Approved and Finalized**
- * **20260174** **City Clerk Compensation and Contract**
- Motion to approve compensation and employment contract for Stephanie E. Guy retroactive to January 1, 2026.
- Approved and Finalized**

* **20260114** **Chicopee Drive Utilities**

Request by Comcast Communications for consideration of a motion authorizing variance from the underground utility ordinance allowing the installation of fiber to be over-lashed on existing fiber and requiring the removal of all duplicate utility poles where Comcast Communications is “next to transfer” along Chicopee Drive from the utility pole at 620 Cherokee Street to the utility pole at 620 Etowah Drive. This motion does not grant a perpetual variance. Comcast Communications must relocate underground at its expense if other utilities at the location are moved underground. Ward 4B

Approved and Finalized

* **20260115** **South Marietta Parkway Utilities**

Request by Comcast Communications for consideration of a motion authorizing variance from the underground utility ordinance allowing the installation of fiber to be over-lashed on existing fiber and requiring the removal of all duplicate utility poles where Comcast Communications is “next to transfer” along South Marietta Parkway from the utility pole at 191 South Marietta Parkway to the utility pole at 277 South Marietta Parkway. This motion does not grant a perpetual variance. Comcast Communications must relocate underground at its expense if other utilities at the location are moved underground. Ward 5A

Approved and Finalized

* **20260116** **199 South Marietta Parkway Utilities**

Request by Comcast Communications for consideration of a motion authorizing variance from the underground utility ordinance allowing the installation of new fiber to be over-lashed on existing fiber and requiring the removal of all duplicate utility poles where Comcast Communications is “next to transfer” along South Marietta Parkway at the utility pole located at 199 South Marietta Parkway to the utility service at 199 South Marietta Parkway. This motion does not grant a perpetual variance. Comcast Communications must relocate underground at its expense if other utilities at the location are moved underground. Ward 5A

Approved and Finalized

- * **20260117** **Durham Street Speed Study**
- Request for Speed Study on Durham Street. Ward 3A
- Approved and Finalized**
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- 20260118** **Banberry Road Traffic Calming**
- Banberry Road Traffic Calming Proposal. Ward 7A
- Public Hearing Required**
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- 20260036** **V2026-04 [VARIANCE] LAMAR ADVERTISING OF ATLANTA (TLC PROPERTIES, INC)**
- V2026-04 [VARIANCE] LAMAR ADVERTISING OF ATLANTA (TLC PROPERTIES, INC)** are requesting variances for property zoned CRC (Community Retail Commercial) and located in Land Lot 787, 17th District, Parcel 110 of the 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being known as 1155 Powers Ferry Place. Ward 7A. Variance for a digital billboard to be placed within 500 feet of a residential zoning district. [§714.04 (G.13.b.4.ii.)]
- Tabled**
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- 20260110** **V2026-05 [VARIANCE] VIRGINIA HEMMER CUNNINGHAM**
- V2026-05 [VARIANCE] VIRGINIA HEMMER CUNNINGHAM** is requesting variances for property zoned CRC (Community Retail Commercial) and located in Land Lot 214, 17th District, Parcel 0040 of the 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being known as 675 Powder Springs Street. Ward 3B.
- Variance to allow a commercial landscaper operate within 200' of residentially zoned property. [§708.16 (B.22.b.)]
- Variance to waive compliance with the Commercial Corridor Design Overlay - Tier B requirements. [§712.09 (G.1.b.xiii.)]
- Variance to reduce building setbacks for an existing building. [§708.16 (H.)]
- Variance to eliminate the required 40' buffer adjacent to residentially zoned property. [§708.16 (I.)]
- Variance to allow outdoor storage within 50' of residential property and across more than 25% of the parcel. [§708.16 (G.1.c.)]; [§708.16 (G.1.d.)]
- Variance to allow parking on an unpaved surface. [§716.08 (A.)]; [§716.08 (B.)]
- Tabled**

20260175**245 Forest Avenue - Stop Work Order-Demolition**

Discussion by the Historic Preservation Commission of the demolition of a historic structure previously approved for a material change in appearance.

Approved as Amended

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20260102**BLW Actions of February 9, 2026**

Review and approval of the February 9, 2026 actions and minutes of Marietta Board of Lights and Water.

Approved and Finalized