



City of Marietta

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Meeting Minutes CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, January 5, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chamber

Presiding: R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Present: Cheryl Richardson, Jason Waters, Daniel Gaddis, Byron "Tee" Anderson, M. Carlyle Kent, Andre L. Sims and Joseph R. Goldstein

Also Present:

Bill Bruton, City Manager
Daniel White, City Attorney
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tumlin called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

BUSINESS:

20260037 Mayor Pro tem

Appointment of Andre Sims as Mayor Pro tem for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20260038 Presiding Officer

Appointment of Joseph R. Goldstein as Presiding Officer for a term of one year expiring January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260039 Economic/Community Development Committee

Appointment of Andre Sims as Chairman, Joseph R. Goldstein as Vice Chair and Daniel Gaddis to the Economic/Community Development Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260040 Finance/Investments Committee

Appointment of M. Carlyle Kent as Chairman, Jason Waters as Vice Chair and Byron “Tee” Anderson to the Finance/Investments Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260041 Judicial/Legislative Committee

Appointment of Joseph R. Goldstein as Chairman, Cheryl Richardson as Vice Chair and M. Carlyle Kent to the Judicial/Legislative Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260042 Parks, Recreation & Tourism Committee

Appointment of Jason Waters as Chairman, Byron “Tee” Anderson as Vice Chair and Andre Sims to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260043 Personnel/Insurance Committee

Appointment of Cheryl Richardson as Chairman, Daniel Gaddis as Vice Chair and Joseph R. Goldstein to the Personnel/Insurance Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260044 Public Safety Committee

Appointment of Byron “Tee” Anderson as Chairman, Andre Sims as Vice Chair and Jason Waters to the Public Safety Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260045 Public Works Committee

Appointment of Daniel Gaddis as Chairman, M. Carlyle Kent as Vice Chair and Cheryl Richardson to the Public Works Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 13, 2027.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260046 BLW Council Representative

Appointment of M. Carlyle Kent as the council representative on the Board of Lights and Water (BLW) for a term of one year expiring on December 31, 2026.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260047 Appointment of City Manager

Appointment of the City Manager to serve at the pleasure of City Council. The current City Manager is William F. Bruton, Jr.

Motion to appoint William F. Bruton, Jr. as City Manager to serve at the pleasure of City Council.

The motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Kent, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260048 Appointment of City Clerk

Appointment of the City Clerk to serve at the pleasure of City Council. The current City Clerk is Stephanie Guy.

Motion to appoint Stephanie Guy as City Clerk to serve the pleasure of City Council.

The motion was made by Council member Sims, seconded by Council member Kent, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260049 Appointment of City Attorney

Appointment of the City Attorney to serve at the pleasure of the Council. The current City Attorney is Douglas R. Haynie.

Motion to appoint Douglas R. Haynie as City Attorney to serve at the pleasure of the Council.

A motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Sims, that this matter be Approved and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260050 Appointment of Chief Judge

Appointment of Chief Judge of the Municipal Court. The current Chief Judge is Lawrence E. Burke.

Motion to appoint Lawrence E. Burke as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court.

The motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260051 Appointment of Associate Judges

Appointment of Associate Judges of City of Marietta Municipal Court. The current Associate Judges are: Joan Bloom, Melinda Taylor and Lance McCoy.

Motion to appoint the following Associate Judges of City of Marietta Municipal Court: Joan Bloom, Melinda Taylor and Lance McCoy.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Sims, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260052 Appointment of Prosecuting Attorney

Appointment of the Prosecuting Attorney of the Municipal Court. The current Prosecuting Attorney is Benjamin Smith.

A motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein to appoint Courtney Brubaker as Prosecuting Attorney.

Discussion was held.

Motion to hold interviews with the nominees for Prosecuting Attorney at the Agenda Work Session, Monday, January 12, 2026. The nominees are:

Benjamin Smith

Ronald Hood

Courtney Brubaker

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Kent, that this matter be Approved and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260053**Appointment of Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys**

Appointment of Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys of the City of Marietta Municipal Court.

The current Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys are:

- Latonia Hines
- Robert Donovan
- Robert Schnatmeier
- Ronald Hood
- Rachel Plevak
- Donna Merrell
- Courtney Brubaker

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Kent, to appoint the following Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys of the Municipal Court: Latonia Hines, Robert Donovan, Robert Schnatmeier, Ronald Hood, Tom Campbell, Benjamin Smith and Courtney Brubaker.

Discussion was held.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein, to remove Tom Cambell from the list of Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

Mayor Tumlin called for a vote on the original motion as amended.

The motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Kent, to appoint the following Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys of the Municipal Court: Latonia Hines, Robert Donovan, Robert Schnatmeier, Ronald Hood, Benjamin Smith and Courtney Brubaker.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260054**Appointment of Municipal Court Clerk**

Appointment of the Municipal Court Clerk to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and a majority of Council. The current Municipal Court Clerk is Kimberly Odom.

Motion to appoint Kimberly Odom as Municipal Court Administrator to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and a majority of Council.

The motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20260055**Adoption of the 2026 Rules and Procedures of Council**

Review and approval of a Resolution establishing the Rules and Procedures of City Council pursuant to Code Section 1 4 040(Y).

A motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein, that this matter be Referred to the Judicial Legislative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Referred to the Judicial Legislative Committee****20260056****Budgeted Training, Travel, and Meal Expense for Council Members**

Motion to approve a cumulative budget amount for Travel & Training for the Mayor and Council that shall not exceed a \$56,000.00 allowance for a fiscal year and for an individual Elected Official, the yearly budgeted allowance shall not exceed \$7,000 individually.

*Motion to approve a cumulative budget amount for Travel & Training for the Mayor and Council that shall not exceed a **\$80,000.00** allowance for a fiscal year and for an individual Elected Official, the yearly budgeted allowance shall not exceed **\$10,000** individually.*

The motion was made by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Sims, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 5 – 2 – 0**Approved**

Voting Against: Daniel Gaddis and Tee Anderson

20260077**Executive Session**

Executive Session to discuss legal, personnel, and/or real estate matters.

A motion was made in open session by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Sims, to enter an Executive Session to discuss potential/pending litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved**

The Executive Session was held.

A motion was made in open session by Council member Richardson, seconded by Council member Goldstein, to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved**

20260078

Notice of Intent to Object Rezoning

Motion to adopt the Notice of Intent to Object to Rezoning sent to Cobb County on December 30, 2025, regarding Application for Rezoning Z-2 of 2026, by Piedmont Residential, LLC, LLC, seeking to rezone the property on the northeasterly side of Bells Ferry Road; northerly and easterly of Dickson Rd; Land Lots 858, 859, 870, 871 of the 16th District.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Richardson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved**

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Richardson, to suspend the rules of order to add an item to the agenda related to the application filed by PRE Powder Springs Road, LLC. The motion carried the following vote:

*Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved*

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Gaddis, to agree to a 60-day continuance for arbitration with Cobb County related to the application filed by PRE Powder Springs Road, LLC, to annex and rezone 10.9 acres located in in Land Lots 260, 261, & 332, District 19, Parcel 0020 of the 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being known as property on Powder Springs Road SW., contingent upon agreement by Cobb County. The motion carried by the following vote:

*Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved**(See agenda item 20260082)*

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member Sims, to suspend the rules of order to add an item related to the Visit Marietta appointment. The motion carried by the following vote:

*Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved*

A motion was made by Council member Richardson to appoint Joseph R. Goldstein to the Visit Marietta Board.

Discussion was held.

A substitute motion was made by Council member Sims, seconded by Council member Gaddis, to appoint Jason Waters to the Visit Marietta Board for a two-year term. The motion carried by the following vote:

*Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**Approved**(See agenda item 20260083)*

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk