



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • APRIL 14, 2025**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Commission/Court Room**

**5:00 PM**

**92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Paul Garrison gave the Invocation

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry Carter	Mayor	Present	
Evan Hellenga	Vice Mayor	Present	
Michelle Jamieson	Commissioner	Present	
Gail Fry	Commissioner	Present	
Ron Matheson	Commissioner	Present	
Fredda O. Wheeler	City Manager	Present	
John Dickerson	Attorney	Present	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2025 Commission Meeting

**REPORTS**

Vice-Mayor Hellenga reported Frank Sinatra was in town at the Ritz Theatre, it is getting that time of year with a lot of activities going on.

Commissioner Fry reported Easter on the Green will be Saturday from 10-12 pm. The Easter Bunny will be there, they will have a lot of treats and crafts for the children. There will be a chance to win a nice basket of great prizes.

Mayor Fry thanked the Chief and Police Department for a fun egg hunt on Saturday. It was great for our City.

Commissioner Matheson reported he participated in a Zoom Meeting with Georgia Mountain Regional Commission to establish a Nominating Committee for a new slate of officers.

Commissioner Matheson reported Perry Sings Sinatra was a great day, a lot of work and a lot of volunteers it was very rewarding.

City Manager Wheeler reported about the activities at Henderson Falls Park. Ms. Wheeler stated one of the philosophies of Chief Carlisle's Police Department is to be a Community Oriented Police Department. What they are trying to do is for the Community and children to see Police in an atmosphere other than with lights flashing and coming to take a loved one away.

City Manager Wheeler asked Chief Carlisle to give an update on things the Police Department is doing and the people we have to thank to make this possible.

Chief Carlisle gave an update on the sponsors that donated and all of the upcoming events they have coming up.

Chief Carlisle discussed HB 296 which includes Electronic Version of Driver's License and explained a little about the Bill.

City Attorney Dickerson stated we anticipate an application for encroachment on City property. A piece of property has been purchased with an eave of the barn hanging over on our property; it has been there for many years. The person who bought the property will be asking for an encroachment. The law allows you to grant the encroachment with certain conditions, we suggest it be for a limited period of time. If they repair the building or do anything with the building the encroachment will go away, we do not want it to be a permanent encroachment. Attorney Dickerson stated if the property is less than \$500.00 and what we are discussing is less than \$500.00 you do not have to have a public sale. Attorney Dickerson suggested the Board authorize City Manager Wheeler to complete the negotiation and once finalized it will come before the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to authorize City Manager to negotiate the encroachment process. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carter acknowledged the loss of employee Perry Farmer and asked all to remember Missy and their two sons. Mayor Carter acknowledged the loss of Bob Evans.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **B. Proclamation: Toccoa Rotary Club's 80Th Year**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to adopt the Rotary Club Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Leon Womack was present to accept the Proclamation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

C. Consideration of Alcohol Beverage Control Board's Recommendation for Buddy's Quick Stop and Valero for Underage Sale Violation

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to accept the recommendation of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for a \$750.00 fine and 10 day suspension of Alcohol License for Buddy's Quick Stop and Valero. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

D. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct City Elections

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement for Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gail Fry, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

E. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director, Becky Bohannon gave the monthly Financial report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>
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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items. (Limit 3 Minutes)

**V. ADJOURN**

Mayor Carter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:26 p.m.



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 Mayor

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 City Clerk