



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • MAY 12, 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 pm and welcomed those present.

**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	Absent	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

Attorney Jay Doss was present for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2025 Budget Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2025 Work Session

C. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2025 Commission Meeting

D. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2025 Budget Meeting

**REPORTS**

Vice-Mayor Hellenga congratulated the Stephens County Varsity Baseball Team and Coaching Staff for making it to the quarter-finals and representing our City and County very well.

Commissioner Matheson thanked the City Workers, Utilities, Public Works, Police and Fire for having to work in the monsoon this morning.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

E. Public Hearing: Lot Size Variance Request for Property Located at 209 Elberton Street

Attorney Jay Doss opened the Public Hearing for a Variance Request from Habitat for Humanity for property located at 209 Elberton Street. Mr. Dave Schreiber spoke in favor of the request and stated Habitat will build two homes.

City Manager Wheeler stated the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Lot Size Variance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve the Variance and waive the second hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

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

F. Public Hearing and First Reading of Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budgets

City Manager Fredda Wheeler gave an overview of the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget. Attorney Jay Doss opened the Public Hearing for the first reading of the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget for anyone that has a comment or would like to speak in favor of or opposition to the budget. Mayor Carter expressed his gratitude to City Manager, Finance Director and Department Heads for preparing this years budget and being conservative so the City can provide necessary services to the community. Mayor Carter stated he was pleased to see no Millage Rate Increase or Utility Rate Increase. Attorney Doss closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to approve the first reading of Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

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

G. Consideration of Georgia Municipal Association District 2 Officers Ballot

A motion was made by Commissioner Matheson, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to authorize City Manager Wheeler to sign ballot for District 2 GMA Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

H. Consideration of Revised Construction Line Items - Change Letter #2 for Toccoa Airport

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve revised construction line items for Toccoa Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**V. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



*W. Carter*  
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 Mayor

*Beth Rider*  
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 City Clerk