



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**Work Session**

**City Commission/Court Room**

**4:30 PM**

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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	

**II. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion of Insurance Renewal

Human Resource Director Jan Crawford and Finance Director Becky Bohannon discussed the Insurance Renewal. City Manager Fredda Wheeler stated the initial increase was 35.08% and after further discussion with CIGNA they agreed to hold it to the 10%.

Ms. Crawford stated after looking at our claims the 10% renewal is a phenomenal renewal, our claims warrant a much higher renewal and CIGNA is willing to do that to keep our business; our claims are higher this year than last year.

A consensus was unanimous to renew the Insurance at 10 %.

**RESULT:            PRESENTATION**

2. Discussion of Public Works Equipment Request

City Manager Wheeler thanked the Commissioners for allocating additional funds in the Public Works Department for additional people.

We have hired additional employees and have done some contracting out in certain areas. Ms. Wheeler stated we have also put out feelers for contracting big mowing jobs for next year and will look at it for Henderson Falls Park and Emory Johnson Park.

Ms. Wheeler stated we rented a sweeper/mower and Randy's guys invented a piece of equipment for this year. Randy is looking at purchasing a piece of equipment that is a tractor with an edger and has other attachments that other departments could use.

Ms. Wheeler stated the Landscaper has planted new trees in the Horseshoe and has asked him to plant something in the planters at City Hall. He will be taking care of the Greenspace and

where we have all of our Welcome Signs.

Ms. Wheeler stated she has contacted the engineer for the Greenspace we had 20 plants and one tree die and they are coming to replace those.

Mayor Carter stated the contractor did work at the corner of Currahee and Big A and will continue working that area.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

3. Discussion of Henderson Falls Park

Public Works Director gave an overview of Henderson Falls Park, restrooms need to be upgraded inside, discussion of a Park Attendant, opening and closing of gates and trash pick up. Discussion of Tennis Courts, right side courts are not in playable condition. The lighted courts have been striped for Pickle Ball. Mayor Carter stated we have gotten grants before and we have contacted the ones that handle that and we can get back in their good graces by swapping out land, if we do that and document the we have the Greenspace and playground equipment at Emory Johnson as equivalent will make us eligible for grants again.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**III. ADJOURN**

*M. Carter*  
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Mayor  
*Beth Rider*  
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City Clerk

