



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • OCTOBER 13, 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**

The Invocation was given by Reverend Paul Garrison.

**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 at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson 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>	Ron Matheson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson 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>	Ron Matheson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2025 Work Session
- B. Request for Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2025 Commission Meeting

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Jamieson reported Friday night she attended the show at the Ritz Theatre, the Swinging Medallions were there for the Humane Shelter Fund Raiser. Commissioner Jamieson thanked Tim Mullen for coordinating everything and congratulations to the Shelter for a successful fund raiser.

Vice-Mayor Hellenga reported Saturday he attended the Faith and Blue event downtown, our local Police Department was well represented, the Stephens County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, GBI and DNR were present.

Mayor Carter stated it was one of the best planned and organized events for the first time, it was very well planned and executed.

Commissioner Fry reported she attended the event on Friday night at Ebenezer, it was very well attended. Commissioner Fry stated there was a police officer at every church, which was special and what a service they provide for our community.

Commissioner Matheson reported he attended Friday and Saturday's events, it was a great successful event.

Chief Carlisle stated he appreciated all of the Commissioners support during the event. Mack Scott coordinated and he did an amazing job getting it together. We will recap the events and what we can make better next year and have a bigger and better event next year.

Commissioner Matheson stated he attended the DDA meeting last week and two weeks ago he attended the Chamber Awards Banquet. Our Downtown Merchants received several awards:

Hospitality Award - The Venue at Star Theatre

Small Business of Excellence - Currahee Movement Collective

Retail Business of the Year - Troups Studio

Restaurant of the Year - R&R Terminal

Rising Star - The Bearded Bean Coffee & Provisions

Non-Profit - Friends of The Ritz

Community Volunteer of the Year - Darryl Bagwell

Commissioner Matheson stated he had the privilege and pleasure of presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to former Mayor and Commissioner David Austin

Mayor Carter updated the Commissioners on the efforts to get back in compliance with Land and Soil. We have drawn out the property we want to substitute and sent that to the State Department and they have sent it on to the Federal level for them to approve the section we want to have a formal survey done. They will have to approve our rough outline and then we can take the next step. Once approved we will bring it back to decide to get a survey and we will be in a position to swap other property later. Mayor Carter stated that property is at Alewine Park and the part we are carving out is the Training Center and where the Fire Department uses. Mayor Carter stated until we actually do a swap and substitute property we will not be able to apply for the grant.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

C. Consideration of Alcohol Beverage License for Tokyo Sushi & Steakhouse Located at 620 Big a Road  
A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve the alcohol license for Tokyo Sushi and Japanese Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D. Consideration of the Reflections Operation Agreement  
A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to table the Reflections Operation Agreement until November 10, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Jamieson abstained.

**RESULT:** TABLED [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Gail Fry, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Ron Matheson, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Carter, Hellenga, Fry, Matheson  
**ABSTAIN:** Jamieson

E. Consideration of Purchase of a 2025 Half Ton F-150 Truck for Utilities Department  
A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to approve the 2025 F-150 truck for the Utilities Department. Motion carried unanimously.

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

F. Monthly Financial Report  
Finance Director Becky Bohannon gave the September monthly financial report.

**RESULT:** PRESENTATION

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Tim Mullen, Director of the Ritz Theatre invited the Commissioners to the movie premier of "I Am Israel" on October 23, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Mullen stated Carlton Taylor will be present as well as the Director of the movie.

**V. ADJOURN**

Mayor Carter adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.



*M. Carter*

Mayor

*Beth Kider*

City Clerk