



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • OCTOBER 27, 2025

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The City of Toccoa held a Day of Prayer for Attorney John Dickerson. During the Invocation, Mr. David Austin spoke regarding Mr. Dickerson.

Reverend Paul Garrison spoke regarding Mr. Dickerson and recognized the Dickerson Family, the Law Firm of McClure, Ramsay and Dickerson.

Many Pastors were present at the meeting and several of the Pastors said a prayer for Mr. Dickerson.

Chad Smith, Pastor of The Pointe Church

Ken White, Minister of the Toccoa Methodist Church

Reverend Paul Garrison gave the Invocation.

Mrs. Paula Dickerson thanked the City of Toccoa and each person in attendance

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| 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 Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2025 Commission Meeting

REPORTS

Commissioner Jamieson congratulated Main Street on a great Harvest Festival. It was an excellent Harvest Festival and great to see all the people and the businesses that opened up downtown.

Vice-Mayor Hellenga stated last Thursday that he along with Mayor Carter, Commissioner Matheson, Commissioner Jamieson attended Government Day for Leadership classes.

Thursday Night he was able to view the "I AM ISRAEL" film.

Vice-Mayor Hellenga stated he also attended the Harvest Festival and it was the largest crowd he has ever seen and thanked Main Street for a nice event.

Commissioner Fry stated the Harvest Festival was a very nice event. Commissioner Fry reported they attended the ribbon tying for Pings, it is so wonderful that facility is now open and we are hearing positive responses.

Commissioner Matheson stated hats off for an outstanding job for Cynthia and Emrie in Main Street. Commissioner Matheson thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their help downtown on Saturday.

City Manager Wheeler stated there are not words to properly express her thanks to Cynthia and Emrie for the magnificent, over the top, off the chart job they did for the Harvest Festival. Thank you for everything. The things that happen behind the scenes day in and day out goes to those two ladies and everyone else, our Public Works Department did a great job this weekend as well.

Mayor Carter expressed his gratitude, it says a lot with you being new in this role and Emrie it takes so much time in planning and pull it together the way you did.

Mayor Carter thanked Derrick and Sarah Addison for their time and efforts in Downtown Toccoa. Mayor Carter thanked Sarah for her contributions for serving on the DDA Board.

Mayor Carter reported about the soft opening for Sage Street Aleworks and wish them the best.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Appointment to the Northeast Georgia Housing Authority

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Fry to appoint Mr. Sean Black to serve as Commissioner on the Housing Authority Board to serve the remaining term of Rose Means expiring December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Gail Fry, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson |

C. Consideration of Recommendation for Schaefer Court Storm Drainage Improvements

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to approve the Schaeffer Court Project in the amount of \$2500 for Engineering Services. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D. Consideration of Development Agreement and Parking Easement

Attorney Jay Doss stated this is a Development Agreement and Parking Easement for your review. If approved the City will waive all building setbacks, convey certain parking spaces as parking easement along East and West Railroad Streets. The City will adopt a resolution to turn West Railroad Street into a one way street, close the alleyway between Royal Cleaners and D Earls building.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement and Easement.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Carter adjourned the meeting.



M. Carter

 Mayor

Beth Ryder

 City Clerk