



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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 at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2025 Commission Meeting

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Fry reported she attended the Board of Health meeting and commented on all of the services the Health Department gives to the community. Commissioner Fry reminded everyone to get their flu shots.

Commissioner Fry commented about the Halloween Parade, it was wonderful and fun with perfect weather.

Commissioner Fry stated they will be decorating downtown on Thursday.

Commissioner Matheson stated he attended the 2025 Georgia Association of Regional Commission in St. Simons last week. Commissioner Matheson stated he had interesting sessions including GDOTS Roadway Validation and Mapping, LUCA Census that is coming and AI.

Connie Tabor and Tim Mullen gave a presentation from the FOX Gives Grant Program. The City of Toccoa Historic Ritz Theatre was awarded \$65,000 for replacement of 358 seats. The seats will comply with the Historic Art Deco style, theatres design. The City has approved a match for a grant of 1/1 and will be putting in \$65,000 for the match. This funding reflects a shared vision in connecting people through the art. The Ritz was previously funded by the FOX in 2012 with a Conditions Assessment Report in 2015 they funded the Marquee. They have seen the need and investment of the Theatre. Ms. Tabor thanked Tim Mullen and Cynthia Brown for their continued efforts for the Theatre. Thanks to the City Commission for the recognition of the support of the Theatre and funding.

Tim Mullen stated people are asking how we are getting top notch entertainment to the Ritz. We are constantly cleaning, looking for other projects to accomplish and put Toccoa on the map. The seats we are removing will be taken to Savannah to another Theatre.

Mayor Carter thanked Ms. Tabor for all of her hard work on the Grant.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Operation Agreement for the Lake Toccoa Facilities

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve the agreement with Toccoa Wedding Experts for scheduling and management for Reflections Event Center. Commissioner Jamieson stated the proposal date needs to be changed to November 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Carter abstained.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES:	Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson
ABSTAIN:	Carter

C. Consideration of FY2025 Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve FY 2025 budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Becky Bohannon gave the monthly financial report.

RESULT: PRESENTATION

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ADJOURN



M. Carter

Mayor
Becky Bohannon

City Clerk