



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

**Planning Meeting**

**Reflections Event Center**

**1:00 PM**

201 Black Mountain Road, Toccoa, GA 30577

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Evan Hellenga	Mayor	Present	
Michelle Jamieson	Vice-Mayor	Present	
Ron Matheson	Commissioner	Present	
Terry Carter	Commissioner	Present	
Gail Fry	Commissioner	Present	
Fredda O. Wheeler	City Manager	Present	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

**II. WELCOME BY EVAN HELLENGA**

Mayor Hellenga welcomed everyone to the Planning Meeting. Mayor Hellenga stated we are here to talk about current needs, immediate needs and projects needed in the future.

1. Discussion of Major Projects and Forecast for Future Projects

Public Works Director discussed City owned buildings.

- City Hall: Discussion of remediation, Randy Smith stated they have discovered a chimney that has no cap, could be where the water is coming into bottom floor; a cap is being made if that does not solve the issue City Manager Wheeler stated we will work with contractors to install a French drain around the chimney; remediation is under way, stairwells have been painted, dehumidifiers will be installed downstairs and in the Finance Directors Suite, further discussion of remediation, painting stairwells, and renovation.
- Public Works Facility: discussion of a new facility, they have constant flooding and structures have major damage, houses the fleet maintenance shop and fuel station.
- Camp Aqua-Taba: Randy Smith stated we have a 50 year lease with the Army Corp for 16 acres. We have to keep it maintained to the Corp specifications, it is in good condition.
- Alewine Park: Randy Smith stated the parking lot needs to be rebuilt with estimated cost of \$250,000.00, and fence repair of \$20,000.00. Little League uses the fields for practice and they need to be cleaned up.
- Emory Johnson Park: Randy Smith stated park is good at this time.
- Henderson Falls Park: Randy Smith discussed the tennis courts, covered bridge shelters, restrooms and Amphitheatre.

- Doyle Street Pool: discussion to refinish pool liner and re-roofing the pool building
- The Links at Lake Toccoa: includes Pro Shop, Pings, Boat House and Pavilion  
Randy Smith stated everything is in good condition; need to purchase plywood for pavilion, discussion of walking trail lighting, course equipment.
- Straight Shooters: Building is being used for storage no issues at this time.
- Toys for Tots Building: is being used for City storage, needs to be re-roofed.
- Train Depot: includes Amtrak Station waiting room, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Currahee Military Museum - Randy Smith stated everything is in good condition and no issues
- Whitman Street Building: Randy Smith stated overall structure is in good condition, finish roof that was started, replace HVAC unit in lower level, refinish gym floor
- City Cemetery: Discussion of resurface all access roads
- Downtown Passage Way: restrooms need to be renovated and the discussion of cleaning upstairs storage area

Mayor discussed Police presence in downtown area

#### **Public Works Proposed Projects :**

- Culvert Replacement on Fernside and Hwy 123
- Sidewalk installment along Big A Road and Roselane and Big A Road and Rothell Road Extension for pedestrian sidewalk

#### **Water and Gas Department Projects:**

- Water Pressure: Downtown Toccoa and Black Mountain areas; discussion of booster pump and water tank tower
- Water and Gas Facilities: relocation of facilities
- Water Treatment Plant: Need for a new plant
- Davidson Creek: needs dredging, lines inspected and option to extend raw water line; not an option for in house this would have to be contracted out
- Banks County Water: Banks County is relocating their booster pump to our 12" big line; need to increase wholesale water sales
- Dredging: Davidson needs dredging due to diminished water capacity in the reservoir; Lake Toccoa needs to be considered for future
- Big A Road sewer: upgrade sewer to connect with sewage system already in place,

new lines due to growth in community; needs attention to continue to take care of infrastructure of current lines

City Manager Wheeler stated we will begin the budget process within the next week, and asked the Commissioners to prioritize the projects to help with the budget process.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

2. Other Items of Discussion

Commissioners discussed information regarding a lease for the Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**III. ADJOURN**

Mayor Hellenga adjourned the meeting.



*Evan Hellenga*  
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Mayor  
*Beth Rider*  
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City Clerk