



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • JUNE 16, 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 at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Carter welcomed Ms. Cynthia Brown as the new Main Street Director.

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	Present	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2025 Commission Meeting

REPORTS

Commissioner Matheson attended the June meeting of the DDA last week. It was Phoenix Carroll's last meeting and we introduced Tim Mullen as the new Ritz Manager and Ms. Cynthia Brown as the new Main Street Director. Commissioner Matheson thanked Phoenix for her outstanding work.

City Manager Wheeler welcomed Ms. Brown to the City of Toccoa Family and know great things will come from Ms. Cynthia Brown.

City Manager Wheeler asked Police Chief Carlisle to introduce the newest Police Officer.

Chief Carlisle thanked the Commission and stated this would not be possible without each of you. Chief Carlisle introduced Officer Brew a two year old Chocolate Lab. He is a drug identification dog and a tracking dog. Officer Rhinehart is the handler and just finished his training, he had 80 hours with Brew. He lives with Officer Rhinehart and they will be hitting the streets soon.

Brew was bought locally and trained locally.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement for 2025 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects

City Manager Wheeler discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement stating the County and Municipalities met to discuss possible projects for the SPLOST Referendum. The County will call an election to be held on November 4th, to submit to the voters for their approval the question of whether SPLOST will be imposed on all sales for six years beginning July 1, 2026 to raise an estimated amount of \$39,007,604.00. The distribution of the proceeds will be \$300,000 to be paid to the City of Martin, \$200,000 to be paid to the City of Avalon, and the remaining will be split between Stephens County receiving 73.5% and the City receiving 26.5% to be expended on Capital Projects.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jamieson abstained.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Gail Fry, Commissioner
AYES:	Carter, Hellenga, Fry, Matheson
ABSTAIN:	Jamieson

- C. Consideration of Lease Agreement with Milestone Tower Limited Partnership

A motion was made by Commissioner Matheson, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve the Lease Amendment from three additional five year terms to five, five year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Business Owners from Downtown spoke regarding the Main Street Department

Dillon Long, Business Owner Downtown Flowers and Foothills Contracting

Travis Kruger, 118 S. Park Lane, Toccoa, Owner of Sage Street Aleworks

Janean Lancaster, owner of Madisons on Main

Kaitlin Long, owner of Downtown Flowers

Patti Joiner, owner of Troup's

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Carter adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Mayor


City Clerk

