

CITY OF HOSCHTON
CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, AT 6:00PM
HOSCHTON COMMUNITY CENTER
65 CITY SQUARE, HOSCHTON



WORK SESSION
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER at 6pm by City Manager, Jennifer Harrison

PRAYER By Councilmember Ace Acevedo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By Councilmember Ace Acevedo

ADMINISTERING OATHS FOR NEWLY ELECTIVE OFFICIALS for Councilmember Mariya Bentz and Councilmember Acevedo

AGENDA APPROVAL with no changes by Jackson, seconded by T. Brown and all in favor

REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-05 Proposed Water and Sewer User Rate Increase & Irrigation Meter Fee
City Manager stated that this .68% increase was taken into consideration to help offset the cost for on-going maintenance cost. The last increase was set three years ago.
2. Resolution 2026-06 – Meter Repair Fee
The increase in cost increase is to cover the cost of the increase, should a meter need replacement due to damage from a homeowner only.
3. Resolution 2026-01 – Events Road Closure (Spring Festival – May 30th)
No further discussion
4. Resolution 2026-02 – Events Road Closure (Fall Festival – October 2-4)
No further discussion
5. Personnel Policy Amendment
 - a. Resolution 2026-04 Holiday Schedule (Section 11.14)
City Manager requested that additional holidays be added for staff, reflected in federal holidays.
 - b. Resolution 2026-03 Paid Time Off (Section 11.1)
City Manager requested that staff needs to cash out PTO hours more than normal, that the City Manager, at their discretion, be able to approve.

6. Meeting Schedules for 2026: City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Historic Preservation Committee
Staff Recommendation for the new 2026 schedule for all boards and court.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Joe Sullivan at 163 Rabun Court expressed that his concern is the tabling process if all the meetings were on the same day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) *No Executive was needed by Council*

ADJOURN *at 6:36pm by Acevedo, Bentz and all in favor.*

Members Present:

Scott Courtier, Councilmember
David Brown, Councilmember
Christina Brown, Councilmember
JJ Jackson, Councilmember
Mariya Bentz, Councilmember
Ace Acevedo, Councilmember

Also Present:

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager / City Clerk
Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director
Ben Munro, Media

Absent:

Mayor Debbie Martin
Abb Hayes, City Planner