

CITY OF HOSCHTON
CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBURARY 12, 2026, AT 6:00PM
HOSCHTON COMMUNITY CENTER
65 CITY SQUARE, HOSCHTON



WORK SESSION
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER *By Mayor Martin at 6:01pm*

PRAYER *by Councilmember Jackson*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *by Mayor Martin*

AGENDA APPROVAL *Motion by Courtier for No Changes to be made, seconded by T. Brown and all in favor*

REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF *Mayor stated that these reports are available on our website within the agenda packet for each month.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Butterfly Garden, Oak Street Park
2. Recommendation of Mayor Pro-Tem, *Mayor Martin stated that she would like to recommend Councilmember Jackson. Councilmember Tina Brown stated that she would like Councilmember D. Brown to also be considered since he has*
3. Recommendation for Ethics Committee
Mayor Martin stated that Councilmember Jackson will have his recommendation at the March Meeting for Council to review.
4. Resolution 2026-007 for Renewal Peach State Bank LOC
City Manager Jennifer Harrison stated that this is a formality for the bank to renew our LOC.
5. Jackson County – Housing and Booking Contract
Mayor Martin stated that this is a renewal stating that the rate will go from \$40 to \$60 going forward.
6. Mulberry Park Bids – 153 Mulberry Street, *Mayor stated that she would like to pause the park project until the master downtown planner creates a recommendation to us. Mayor Martin also stated that much has changed in our city since the proposal*

was discussed a few years back and would like to regroup on the needs of our community.

Councilmember T. Brown and Councilmember D. Brown both stated that they had concerns delaying the park since we have invested much time, planning and money into this project already.

Several of the council asked clarity of the grant and how that impacted the project and understood that if we do not move forward with the current park plan, we could lose the grant.

7. Barrow County Water Supply Connection (Phase 1) – Change Order #2
Attorney Hayes states that we need more time to pull more details on this event, so we will take this off the voting session until further notice.
8. West Jackson Road (North Tank) – ~~Change Order #3~~ Change Order #2
City Engineer stated that this is continuing under the same scope as the North Tank project/water line upgrade. This will help with drainage and runoff should the tank overflow.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Steve Stock, of 233 Winterset Circle, suggested that we table the park until our stakeholders of master planning could discuss.

Mr. Jason Martin, of 466 White Street stated his concern with pulling the grant, as the city has done with another grant and how that would look towards the city with future grants.

Ms. Jessica Martin, of 466 White Street stated that waiting on the park development would be disappointing and concerns about parking as is, since the DDA is working to sale a piece of property that would be effective by the decision to stall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) *None needed*

ADJOURN *Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm by Martin, seconded by Courter and all in favor.*

Announcements:

February 19, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Community Conversations: Ask the City! See *what Hoschton has been up to this past year and ask questions of the Finance, Police, Public Works, and Administration departments.*

February 26, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Planning and Zoning – Cancelled for no agenda items

Members Present:

Mayor Debbie Martin

Scott Courtier, Councilmember

David Brown, Councilmember

Christina Brown, Councilmember

JJ Jackson, Councilmember

Mariya Bentz, Councilmember

Also Present:

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager / City Clerk

Abb Hayes, Cit Attorney

Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director

Ben Munro, Media

Absent:

Ace Acevedo, Councilmember