

Buford City Commission

May 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 12, 2025 at Buford City Hall and all Commission members were present.

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Burge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the May 12, 2025 Commission meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the April 7, 2025 regular meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to change the July meeting to July 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

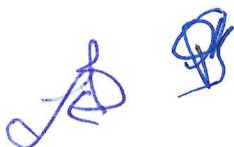
Chairman Beard stated that this portion of the meeting would be set aside for public hearings.

Special Use Permits:

#SUP-25-04: 498 Tuggle Greer Partners, LLC requested a special use permit for the property located at 498 Tuggle Greer Road. The special use permit requested is to allow an auto body repair shop. Gabrielle Schaller spoke on behalf of the applicant. She stated this was not your typical auto body repair shop. They contract with dealerships to upfit and install beds on chassis trucks. Typically, these are new trucks, and all of the work will be performed inside the building. They will have up to 400 trucks stored on the property either waiting for the installation or to be delivered to the dealership after installation. The storage of these trucks will be located behind the existing fenced, paved and screened storage areas on the property. Linda Murray, a resident on Tuggle Greer Road, spoke against the request. She had concerns about noise, air pollution from paint and increased traffic in a primarily residential area. There was also an objection sent by email from Bernice Allen. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to deny the request.

Ayes 3

Nays 0



#SUP-25-05: Naveed Masood requested a special use permit for the property located at 2657, 2647 and 2633 Gravel Springs Road. The special use permit requested is to allow a convenience store with automobile and truck fuel pumps. Guy Abernathy spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated the special use permit that was approved December 27, 2023 has expired. He stated this will be a convenient store with fuel pumps for both cars and trucks. There will be three (3) truck fueling bays. He stated that GDOT and Gwinnett County are working on the traffic plan and improvements for this area. There will be a right-in and right-out on Gravel Springs Road and access on Camp Branch Road to help with traffic flow. Sandy Donatucci, State House District 105, spoke against the request. After a brief discussion, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request.

1. The site shall be developed substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application.
2. The applicant shall submit building elevations including building and canopy materials, color and height. All design elements are to be approved by the Planning Director.
3. The approval of the special use permit does not approve variances or waivers to City of Buford Development Regulations or Zoning Ordinance.
4. The site shall be for a convenience store with automobile and truck fueling with three (3) truck bays only. Overnight parking or storage of vehicles or trucks, showers, or car washes shall be prohibited.
5. Gwinnett County contract for installation of dual left-turn lanes on Camp Branch Road southeast bound onto SR324 shall be let prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the convenience store.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

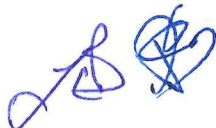
Annexations:

Plat #712/#Z-25-15: Dale Brown request annexation and rezoning for the property located at 3090 Buford Highway, parcel 7-298-097, from R-100 to C-2. The applicant was present. No one spoke against the request. Gwinnett County did not object to this annexation and rezoning request. Chairman Beard and Commissioner Weeks stated that they could not vote on this agenda item. Buyer to proceed with application to the Superior Court assigned Special Master for an opinion.

There was no motion to move the agenda item forward due to lack of a majority vote.

Zoning Modifications:

#ZM-25-01: Guy Abernathy (AEG), 2640 Camp Branch Road, requested to modify condition #17 from the Commission meeting on June 3, 2024 to reduce the undisturbed buffer adjacent to residential properties, parcel 7-138-009 and 7-138-001, from 75 feet to 0 feet. Mr. Jarrett, the property owner adjacent to the buffer, was present and did not object. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to certify estimated rollback rate of 12.009 mills for Buford City Schools to be provided to Gwinnett County Board of Assessors for use on Tax Year 2025 Notice of Assessments.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to re-appoint Jery Kilgore to the Downtown Development Authority.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for change order #2 regarding jointly funded 2017 SPLOST projects to include Thompson Mill Rd./N. Bogan Rd. roundabout project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Hall County for New Bethany Road joint paving project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

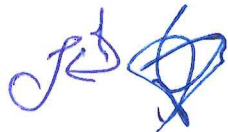
Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer HB 489 sewer service parcel from Buford to Hall County. Hall County will be the sewer service provider for 4426 Ridge Road, Parcel No. 08154 000003.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize Chairman to enter into the 2025 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) agreement with Hall County.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to sign necessary documents to transfer 2.346 acres +/- on Washington St. to the Downtown Development Authority.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve surplus property as presented and authorize City Manager to list items on Govdeals.com and other markets.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve Phillip Beard, Bryan Kerlin & Daren Perkins as 2025 Municipal Gas Authority election committee representatives.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize release of pledged funds with Peoples Bank & Trust. Chairman Beard abstained.

Ayes 2
Nays 0
Abstained 1

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve road closure of Moreno St. between Garnett St. and S. Harris St. for car show on August 2, 2025.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve special event at Buford Youth Sports Complex.

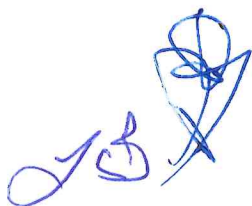
Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City manager to accept sewer line easements from Peachtree Industrial to Waterworks Road and pay for a 230' extension of an 8" sewer line, \$38,590.00, to South Waterworks Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #18137-38 in the amount of \$34,963.21 to Breaux & Associates for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #29 in the amount of \$4,635,680.00 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #25 in the amount of \$179,276.00 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for New Street relocation project and utilize SPLOST funds and general funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$127,108.13 to Back Bone Infrastructure, LLC for Moreno Street LCI project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #4 in the amount of \$38,902.50 to JDS, Inc. for New Bethany Road sewer improvements project and utilize American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) and enterprise funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize final payment in the amount of \$12,715.09 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for passive park project.

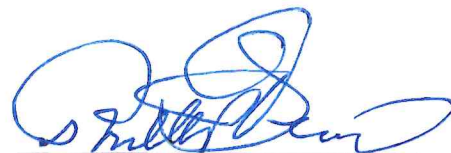
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Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

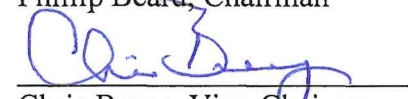
Mr. Britt gave the City Attorney's Report.

After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

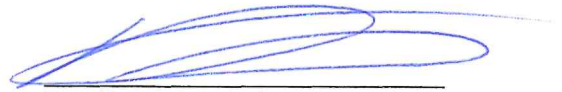
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Phillip Beard, Chairman



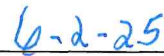
Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk



Date