Buford City Commission

October 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting was held on October 12, 2026 at Buford City Hall. Mr. Burge and Mr. Weeks were present. Chairman Beard attended the meeting via phone.

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 October 12, 2026 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the September 8, 2026 regular meeting and the special called meeting September 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

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

Rezonings:

#Z-26-26: Southern Heritage Homes requested rezoning for the property at 4180 Gainesville Highway from RA-200 to R-100. Bill Fricks spoke on behalf of the applicant. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall provide a House Location Plan (HLP) with the Building Permit to be approved by the Planning Director.
2. All new homes shall be constructed with four (4) sides of brick or stone with accents not to exceed 20% on the front elevation and accents not to exceed 20% on the side and rear elevations. Accents shall include brick, stucco, rock, shakes, Hardiplank, and concrete siding as approved by the Planning Director.
3. The proposed homes shall have a minimum gross heated floor area of 2400 square feet for single story homes and 3200 square feet for two-story homes exclusive of garages or basements and shall have a minimum of two (2) car garages.
4. The driveway shall be a minimum width of 18 feet.
5. All front and side yards shall be sodded and shall have two (2) 3-inch ornament trees planted in the front yard.
6. The subdivision shall consist of a maximum of 23 lots. The minimum lot size shall be 8000 square feet. The minimum lot width shall be 75 feet.
7. The front setback shall be 25 feet, side setbacks shall be 10 feet and the rear setback shall be 40 feet.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#Z-26-27: Oakley Real Estate Partners requested rezoning for the property at 3932 Sudderth Road from C-2 to M-1. The applicant requested that the rezoning be tabled until the October meeting. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to table the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#Z-26-28: Oakley Real Estate Partners requested rezoning for the property at 3922 Sudderth Road from C-2 to M-1. The applicant requested that the rezoning be tabled until the October meeting. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to table the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Special Use Permits:

#SUP-26-14: 100 HP Auto Parts, LLC requested a special use permit for the property at 5083 Poplar Street, Unit B2. The special use permit is to allow indoor vehicle dismantling, storage, processing and online sale of automotive parts. Vladyslav Melnikov, the applicant, was present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to deny the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Modifications:

#ZM-26-06: W. Bryan Mathews/AEG Abernathy Eng. Group, LLC, 263 Gravel Springs Road, 2647 Gravel Springs Road and 2657 Gravel Springs Road, requested to modify condition #3 from #SUP-25-05 approved May 12, 2025 to allow for front yard site retaining walls and safety fence. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#ZM-26-07: W. Bryan Mathews/AEGbernathy Eng. Group, LLC, 2640 Camp Branch Road, requested to modify condition #2 from #Z-24-19 to allow for front yard site retaining walls and safety fence. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge 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 authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Contech Engineered Solutions for the sole source purchase of prefabricated pedestrian bridge in the amount of $2,981,250.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager to purchase properties as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to accept and sign permanent easement located on New Street with Olde Town Estates HOA, Inc. for fence project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for roadway lighting located on SR 347/Friendship Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to enter into a municipal service agreement with Create Gwinnett, Inc. in the amount of $5,000.00 and participate in the implementation of the Gwinnett County Creative Economy Master Plan.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Buford, Georgia, to establish regulations governing the operation of paid parking lots and parking facilities within the corporate limits of the City; and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve low bid with P. F. Moon & Company in the amount of $3,326,000.00 for Southside WPCP secondary clarifier.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve low bid with Southern Pipeline, LLC in the amount of $1,917,797.77 for natural gas installation on Buford Highway and utilizing PHMSA Grant proceeds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #23125-07 in the amount of $31,659.93 to Breaux & Associates for Buford High School CTE addition project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #4 in the amount of $123,171.7 to Michael Baker International for Buford High School pedestrian bridge project and utilize SPLOST/general funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2614-001 in the amount of $90,808.56 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Buford High School pedestrian bridge project and utilize SPLOST/general funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #2 in the amount of $251,595.23 to Georgia Paving, LLC for 2025 LMIG paving project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #19 in the amount of $224,579.24 to Backbone Infrastructure, LLC for Moreno Street LCI project and utilize SPLOST/general funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #2 in the amount of $370,061.00 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for City of Buford Ozone project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2529-3 in the amount of $157,158.47 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Shadburn Ferry Road improvements project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2606-008-2 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $1,744.09 for additional stormwater work on New Street and utilize SPLOST/general funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2524-008 in the amount of $663,586.79 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Buford High School softball field house project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2620-001 in the amount of $11,685.60 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Buford High School CTAE project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

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

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Phillip Beard, Chairman

Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman

Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner

City Clerk

11-2-26
Date