

**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • MARCH 10, 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 p.m.

**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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Vice Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	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.

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

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2025 Commission Meeting

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Matheson reported he met Downtown Merchants in the Downtown Development Authority meeting last week and discussed many upcoming events planned for downtown in the City.

Commissioner Fry reported she met with HPC last week and had a meeting about the sign ordinance for Your Pie, he will make a few changes and will have it up.

Mayor Carter acknowledged Jessica Waters, today is Jessica's last meeting she will be covering the City for a while, Jessica took a position somewhere else. Thank you for all the work you did at the Station and for the City covering our meetings we will miss you, you did an excellent job.

Mayor Carter reported the Radio Station has a new employee Chad Dorsett, he has been with the Company for 23 years. We are excited to have you with us.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- B. Second Reading: Consideration of Ordinance to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Section for Designated Areas for Consumption During Special Events and for Other Purposes

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve amending the Alcohol Ordinance for Designated Areas. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Mayor Hellenga Opposed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gail Fry, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Hellenga

- C. Consideration of Resolution to Amend and Modify the GEFA Loan Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve the Resolution for Modification of the date of the GEFA Loan. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ron Matheson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

- D. Consideration of Vac-Trailer Unit Purchase

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve the purchase two Vermeer Vac-Trailers. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gail Fry, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Hellenga, Jamieson, Fry, Matheson

- E. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Becky Bohannon gave the monthly financial report.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

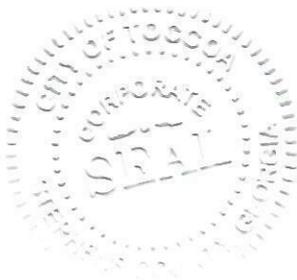
**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Chris Irvin stated someone issued a fraudulent building permit in his name in 2023 with a quarter of a million dollar worth of work done. He spoke with the Clerk and he is asking for an affidavit from the Commissioners that states the work was not done in his name. For 25 years he stated he has had an impeccable record, never been in the courts or sued. Mr. Irvin stated the work performance done like Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, Electrical fires if something happened and people woke up dead and the Fire Marshal went out they would look at the permit and who it was issued under and it come back to me. They always sue who has insurance and he stated his Insurance Company has to defend him against that individual. Mr. Irvin stated he needs to have some documentation that this body recognizes that was a mistake and safeguard ourselves. City Manager Fredda Wheeler apologized and stated she would get something to him.

**V. ADJOURN**

Mayor Carter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:17 p.m.



*M. Carter*  
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Mayor  
*Beth Rider*  
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City Clerk