



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • DECEMBER 22, 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 pm.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Reverend Paul Garrison.

**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	Absent	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

Attorney Jay Doss was present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to amend the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for Possible Litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for Possible Litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gail Fry, 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 Fry, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hellenga to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2025 Commission Meeting

**REPORTS**

Vice-Mayor Hellenga reported for the Humane Shelter for December; the shelter had 147 intakes, 71 adoptions, 24 returned to owner, 56 transferred out, 18 euthanized, 1 died in the shelter. The live release rate is 89%. Vice-Mayor Hellenga reported 794 animals were transferred out for the year.

Commissioner Matheson thanked the Police Department for a great party on Friday; Commissioner Matheson reported about Currahee Christmas on the radio and the City Employee Luncheon.

Vice-Mayor Hellenga presented the Mayor's Award to Mayor Carter for his Leadership and Service to the City for 2025.

Mayor Carter thanked the Board for their confidence and allowing him the honor of serving as Mayor.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

B. Oath of Office for Newly Re-Elected Officials Administered by Superior Court Judge Nicole Carswell  
Superior Court Judge, Nicole Carswell swore in Commissioner Jamieson and Vice Mayor Hellenga for their re-election as Commissioners for the City of Toccoa.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>
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Michelle Jamieson

Evan Hellenga

C. Elections of Mayor and Vice-Mayor for Calendar Year 2026

1. Mayor

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to nominate Vice-Mayor Hellenga as Mayor for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2. Vice-Mayor

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to nominate Commissioner Jamieson as Vice-Mayor for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D. Consideration to Schedule Meeting for January 26Th to Discuss Major Project Updates and Forecast for Future Projects

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve meeting to be held on January 26th at 4:00 p.m. for discussion of major projects and future projects. Motion carried unanimously.

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

E. Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to enter into executive session at 5:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Mayor Carter to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**V. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Fry to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



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Evan Hellings  
Mayor  
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Beth Ruder  
City Clerk