

CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • MARCH 9, 2026

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hellenga called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Paul Garrison.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Evan Hellenga	Mayor	Present	✓
Michelle Jamieson	Vice-Mayor	Present	
Ron Matheson	Commissioner	Remote	
Terry Carter	Commissioner	Present	
Gail Fry	Commissioner	Present	
Fredda O. Wheeler	City Manager	Present	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

Attorney Jay Doss was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michelle Jamieson, Vice-Mayor
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Commissioner
AYES:	Hellenga, Jamieson, Matheson, Carter, Fry

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michelle Jamieson, Vice-Mayor
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Commissioner
AYES:	Hellenga, Jamieson, Matheson, Carter, Fry

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2026 Commission Meeting

REPORTS

Commissioner Matheson reported he attended GMRC meeting last week; Commissioner Matheson attended the Toccoa-Stephens County Leadership graduation; he

attended the Senior Prom hosted by the Police Department, everyone had a great time and they made a lot of seniors happy. Commissioner Matheson thanked the Police Department for doing a fantastic job. Commissioner Matheson reported the TAMS Concert was successful and is a good fundraiser for Friends of the Ritz.

Commissioner Jamieson asked Mayor Hellenga to present the Black History Month Proclamation to a group and Mrs. Inger Neal received the award.

Commissioner Carter reported he attended the Historic Preservation meeting and they approved 4 COA's. In the future you will see improvements at John's Roofing, Troup's and the Bus Stop, they are all cooperating with the Historic Preservation guidelines.

Commissioner Carter reported on Saturday he attended the Black History Month Program at the Whitman Empowerment Center known as the Whitman Street Gymnasium, Deidra Scott headed it up and it was a wonderful program and very well attended. They had a Wax Museum that involved the kids and they were able to be a character not only at the national level but a local level. It was a meaningful program and Commissioner Carter thanked Deidra Scott and all of those for the excellent work.

Commissioner Fry congratulated Police Chief Bruce Carlisle for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Police Academy. We appreciate all that you have done here.

City Manager Fredda Wheeler asked Grant Administrator Connie Tabor to give an update on the seating project at the Ritz Theatre. Ms. Tabor updated the Commission on the Fox Gives Program for the Ritz Theatre and the chair replacement.

Mayor Hellenga stated it was quite an honor that our Police Chief Bruce Carlisle was recognized by the Georgia Board of Corrections for his Lifetime Dedication to Law Enforcement and Public Service. Mayor Hellenga reported his mother was one of the seniors at the Prom and his sister and they had a blast. Mayor Hellenga thanked Chief Carlisle and all the officers involved.

Mayor Hellenga reported our Water Withdrawal Permit is getting closer to final approval, there are some limitations and conditions that have to be signed off on and forms returned to EPD by March 18th. Mayor Hellenga stated one of the new conditions is the water loss has to be addressed and we know we are not getting all of the water we are pumping from Lake Yonah is not making it to our water treatment plant, we have a plan to fix it.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Consideration of Alcohol Beverage Control License for Tikka Misala Indian Restaurant Located at 1448 Big a Road

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Vice Mayor Jamieson to approve the alcohol license for beer and wine consumption from Tikka Misala Indian Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Carter, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Michelle Jamieson, Vice-Mayor
AYES:	Hellenga, Jamieson, Matheson, Carter, Fry

C. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Becky Bohannon gave the monthly financial report for February.

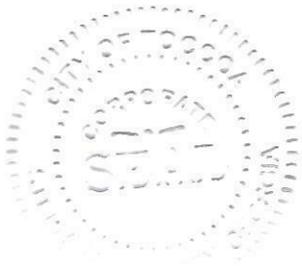
RESULT:	PRESENTATION
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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Hellenga adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.



Evan Hellenga

Mayor
Beth Rider

City Clerk