

CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • APRIL 27, 2026

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hellenga called the regular meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Reverend Paul Garrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

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

Attorney Jay Doss was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2026 Budget Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of April 13, 2026 Commission Meeting

REPORTS

City Clerk Beth Rider reported a clean GBI/GCIC audit conducted April 21, 2026; last audit issue was in 2023. Ms. Rider commended Court Clerk Selena Garland for being prepared for the audit.

Commissioner Matheson reported on the community events he attended; Commissioner Matheson stated he attended the Library Reception honoring Shantelle Grant, Georgia Public Library Employee of the Year; the GMA District 2 Spring Session at Reflections; the quarterly meeting of the Friends of the Ritz, a Past Presidents Advisory Committee was established. Commissioner Matheson attended the WNEG Radio 70th Birthday and plaque presentation at the original location on Savannah Street.

Commissioner Carter reported on the Chamber updates; Commissioner Carter stated there will be a ribbon tying Thursday at 10:00 am for New Creations Event Company on Collins Road; Commissioner Carter introduced Tessa Reavis as the Chamber President-Elect, there will be a reception for Ms. Reavis on Tuesday, May 5, 4:00-6:00 PM; Commissioner Carter reported the Chamber Classic will be at the Currahee Club on Tuesday, May 12.

Commissioner Fry asked Chief Haslup about the new fire truck. Chief Haslup stated it will be arriving around lunch tomorrow.

Mayor Hellenga stated it was an honor to be at the historic plaque dedication of 70 Years for WNEG Radio.

Mayor Hellenga reported he attended the Humane Shelter meeting on April 21st.

Humane shelter stats for March: 117 intakes, 61 adoptions, 14 returns to owner, 61 transfers out, 18 euthanized; live release rate 88%; on Saturday they had a drive-through vaccine clinic at the Humane Shelter. Mayor Hellenga reported on April 23rd, we were invited to the VFW Post 4346 for an awards banquet; they had an art contest for the younger kids, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay contest for older students; the young lady that won the Voice of Democracy Essay did a fantastic job. Mayor Hellenga thanked the VFW for promoting the event and providing scholarships for these young people. Mayor Hellenga reported he was invited Saturday to Camp Toccoa; Toccoa Tours had an Easy Company Heritage Weekend at Camp Toccoa and Currahee. A family of one of the Toccoa men long since passed, his daughter wanted to find a place to locate her dad's military affects. She wanted them to go to the museum at the Camp where it all started. Camp Toccoa at Currahee is like hallowed ground for the families of these soldiers. Her father Charles Edward Reinhardt was a member of the Easy Company 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. Mayor Hellenga stated one of the friends of the family was able to get a letter from the White House thanking him for his service that was signed by President Trump. Mayor Hellenga stated it was a great service and afterwards she gifted the Mayor with a picture of her dad.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

C. Consideration of Penalties for Underage Sale of Alcohol Beverage

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Vice Mayor Jamieson to accept the Alcohol Beverage Control Boards recommendation of a fine of \$750 and impose a 10 day license suspension for Sanjh, LLC for underage sell of alcohol. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D. Public Hearing: Variance Request from Alicia Gonzales / Lucas Legacy Located on Shady Street

City Attorney Jay Doss opened the public hearing for a variance request from Alicia Gonzales/Lucas Legacy located on Shady Street to combine three lots into two lots to build a single family residence.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the request.

City Manager Fredda Wheeler stated the Toccoa Planning Commission met on April 16, 2026 to consider this request and unanimously recommend approval of this variance request. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve the variance request and waive the second reading. Commissioner Fry asked if the setbacks would be met. Ms. Wheeler stated setbacks will be met. Commissioner Carter asked if any of the neighbors sent letters or had any opposition. Ms. Wheeler stated one of the neighbors was present at the meeting and was in favor of the request. Motion carried unanimously.

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

E. Public Hearing Variance Request from Gustavo Carrillo / ACP Development Located on Washington Street

City Attorney Jay Doss opened the public hearing for a variance request from Gustavo Carrillo with ACP Development for property located on Washington Street, Parcel T20 137, variance request for a side setback. No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the request.

City Manager Fredda Wheeler stated the Toccoa Planning Commission met on April 16, 2026 to consider this request and unanimously recommend approval of this variance request. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve the variance request and waive the second reading.

Attorney Jay Doss closed the public hearing.

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

F. Consideration to Declare Surplus a Hydraulic Extrication Tool

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice Mayor Jamieson to declare hydraulic extrication tool surplus property and donate to Pierce County Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

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

G. Consideration to Change the Second Scheduled Meeting in May

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to move second meeting of May to the 18th due to Memorial Day. Motion carried unanimously.

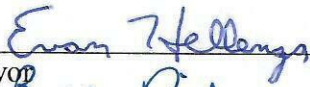
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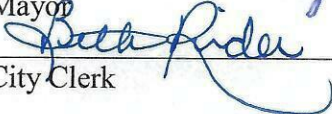
IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Hellenga adjourned the regular meeting at 5:24 p.m.



 Mayor


 City Clerk