

Special Council Meeting

June 24, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor J. Micheal Evans at 6:19pm.

Invocation given by Pastor Matthew Olsen, Trinity Baptist Church, 505 N. Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville, GA.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Edward Armijo.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor J. Micheal Evans. Acknowledgment of new mayoral leadership and recent peaceful transfer of power.

Present were Mayor J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Edward Armijo, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, City Administrator Krista Bedingfield.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., to adopt the set of minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

- April 1, 2025

Old Business

- There is no old business tonight.

New Business

- 911 Center IGA: City Administrator Krista Bedingfield provided an overview of the presented amendment for the E911 IGA, which governs the funding of the emergency 911 service calls for Centerville, Perry, Warner Robins, and unincorporated Houston County. She informed the governing authority that the funding was based on call volume for the past calendar year and each government pays a prorated amount. Centerville's Portion for FY 2026 will be \$131,037.35 (an increase of \$54,273.35 over prior year). Houston County's Share which is 30%. This is a budget item and the amount was already included in FY26 budget.

Motion given by: Councilman Edward Armijo. Second by: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion Carried. Unanimous

- Resolution-Extension of Moratorium on Zoning Matters: City Administrator Krista Bedingfield proposed to extend the moratorium on acceptance of new zoning applications due to the possible lack of a council quorum, between August 18th and December 31, 2025; depending on the outcome of the November 4th elections. Noting that there would be an insufficient amount of time between June 24th and August 18th to process new zoning matters as per city code. As a contingency, if a quorum remains after the qualifying period, then the resolution may be rescinded at the next council meeting proceeding the election qualifying. (Resolution No. 2025-10)

Motion given by: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by: Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion Carried. Unanimous

- FY2026 Proposed Budget Presentation: City Accountant Carol Harrison presented to the governing authority the Fy2026 proposed budget. Mrs. Harrison explained several of the following key points: fund structure, property tax and millage rate, revenues, and expenditures. She provided an overview of each fund and its function within the government. Mrs. Harrison pointed out a millage rate of 9.0 % (down from 9.5% in 2024, estimating 8% growth), with a forecasted tax revenue of \$2,858,673 million for FY2026. She then concluded the presentation with an overview of each fund revenue (General Fund Revenue: Total \$5,296,347; 55% coming from property taxes; Enterprise Fund Revenue: \$5.2 million; Other Fund Revenues: \$\$7,040.382) and the expected expenditures for the FY26 Total: \$15,047,145; down 15.21%, \$2.7 million from the prior year. Clarifying that 52% (\$3.4 million) of the General Fund Expenditures

come from Salaries & Wages and 19% (\$1.2 million) come from Employee Benefits; with a total staff of 71 full time, 26 part time, and 5 elected officials.

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Public Hearing FY2026 Proposed Budget

No Public comments were made.

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- Approval Engagement Letter-Mauldin & Jenkins FY2025 Audit Services: City Accountant Carol Harrison requested the approval of the FY2025 audit services engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins, which is the annual financial statement audit. Referencing the positive longstanding relationship we have built with the firm over the last 5 years. The Mayor noted the fact that the city has done periodic competitive bidding for audit services, and Mauldin and Jenkins has provided reduced costs while maintaining quality.

Motion given by: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by: Councilman Edward Armijo Motion Carried. Unanimous

Comments from Council:

Post 1-Councilman Bird offered congratulations to Mayor J. Micheal Evans for a well fought election and expressed optimism for the future and offered a special thanks to City Accountant Harrison for her hard work on the budget and for providing the budget committee with all the necessary documentation for review.

Post 2-No comments.

Post 3-No comments.

Post 4-Councilman Armijo encouraged everyone in the city, and in the surrounding area to attend the city's Independence Day Celebration, this Friday, June 27th at the CenterPark. He offered congratulations to Mayor J. Micheal Evans for his win and looked forward to working alongside him again. Councilman Armijo recognized City Administrator Krista Bedingfield for her continued guidance on the Recycle Center project and for continuing government business running smoothly during the period when no quorum was available. He expressed gratitude to all department heads and staff for all their contributions during periods of change and expressed optimism for the new era ahead.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans reiterated Councilman Bird and Councilman Armijo's sentiments and acknowledged that there have been lots of changes in the city, but sees a bright future ahead for the city and its citizens. He offered his gratitude to both, for their hard work and support of the city through the transitions. He assured the citizens that they represent all citizens and they are working as a team together. The mayor invited everyone to come out to the Independence Celebration this Friday June 27th, starting at 6pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned meeting at 6:45pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date