

Hahira City Council
December 2, 2025
Work Session
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Bruce Cain called the Work Session of the Hahira City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Louise White, Council Members Mason Barfield, Klay Luke, David Lindsey, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, and City Attorney Amy Holbrook. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation will be given at the December 4th Council Meeting.

5. REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

5A. The November 10, 2025, Work Session Minutes were approved.

5B. The November 13, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6A. FY2025 Budget Amendment was presented by City Manager Sumner. Mr. Sumner explained the budget process over the previous years and explained the need for budget amendments beyond the fiscal year end. He stated that the Auditors have approved prolonging formal adoption. Mr. Sumner went into greater detail regarding each of the Funds. There were no additional questions.

7. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Citizens will be heard at the December 4th Council Meeting

8. REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES

No questions were presented.

9. DISCUSSIONS

9A. Request by Graylyn HOA for Street Light was presented by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield stated that the street in the area of concern is very dark and is on the Right of Way. Citizen's health and safety is a priority and lighting may be considered for health and safety. Mailboxes are in the area which signifies a need for lighting. As discussion ensued, Councilman Luke noted potential liability on City Property and agreed that it was a necessity. Councilman Lindsey also agreed that it was a necessity. Mayor Pro Tem White stated that this subdivision has a HOA that has been established for approximately 2 years and believes it may be their obligation to provide said lighting. Because a park is located in the vicinity of the requested streetlight, she stated that all City parks close at dark and there should be no need for lighting at this park. Mayor Pro Tem White wants to do further research, not only for this area, but for many other areas throughout the City that are dark and need attention before proceeding. City Attorney Holbrook mentioned that the City is covered as far as liability is concerned. City Manager Sumner recommended that we add further discussion at the upcoming Retreat. He also stated that the street North on Hwy 41 needs more lights as the City Limits have been extended. Councilman Barfield brought up the issues with the trees planted in many of the Rights of Way and how they block lighting from the streetlights throughout town and also create parking hazards due to vehicles not being able to pull completely into parking spaces downtown. These trees also damage sidewalks and our water/sewer lines and recommend removing the trees. City Manager Sumner agreed with the tree issues. Mayor Cain discussed the distance between streetlights being an issue now that LED bulbs are utilized rather than sodium which do not light up as well.

Councilman Lindsey recommended moving this issue to the Consent Agenda at the December 4th Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem White stated she will not consent. **This item is moved to further discussion at the December 4th Council Meeting.**

9B. Ordinance for City Street Renaming was presented by City Attorney Holbrook. She stated she has drafted an Ordinance which would include requirements of an entire street with no segments; verification of petitioners; and no renters, only owners. Mayor Cain asked if Applicants would be responsible for all costs. Holbrook stated that would be up to the City to establish protocol, but she recommends the Applicant be responsible for the cost associated with renaming. Councilman Barfield discussed how extensive the cost is to businesses particularly when a street is renamed. After further discussion, City Attorney Holbrook will have a final draft revised for the December 4th Council Meeting. City Manager Sumner recommended moving to Public Hearing, all were in agreement, with no advertisement needed. **This item is moved to Public Hearing for December 4, 2025.**

10. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

10A. Georgia City-County Manager's Association Winter Conference was presented by City Manager Sumner. He stated the conference has not yet been actively posted, but the estimated cost will be approximately \$650 for the registration and \$525 for expenses. All were in agreement. **This item is moved to the Consent Agenda for December 4, 2025.**

10B. Furniture for the Fire Department was presented by Fire Chief David Thompson. This expenditure would be paid out of SPLOST VIII funds if approved. Chief Thompson discussed the age and condition of the current furniture at the Fire Department and gave cost estimates of \$3220 total. All were in agreement. **This item is moved to the Consent Agenda for the December 4th Council meeting.**

10C. Public Works 1-ton truck was presented by Public Works Director Willie Jones, Jr. Director Jones has tabled the purchase of a new truck and, instead, recommends repairing the current vehicle. The approximate cost for repair would be \$3465.27. All were in agreement. **This item is moved to the Consent Agenda for the December 4th Council Meeting.**

10D. Public Works Trash Pumps was presented by Public Works Director Willie Jones, Jr. Director Jones also tabled the purchase of trash pumps in favor of repair of current pumps. He explained to Council what a trash pump does for better understanding. **This item is removed.**

10E. City Manager Sumner added this item for personnel issues. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn has requested leave without pay for 90 days with paid health insurance during this time. He also recommended naming Victoria Ingram Interim City Clerk with a salary increase of \$5,000. All were in agreement. Mayor, City Manager and Council expressed their wishes of a speedy recovery and thoughts and prayers are with Lisa during this time. **This item is moved to the Consent Agenda for the December 4th Council Meeting.**

11. SET DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Cain set the Agenda for the December 4th Council Meeting as follows:

6. Public Hearing

6A. FY25 Budget Amendment

6B. Ordinance for City Street Renaming

9. Discussions

- 9A. Request by Graylyn HOA for Street Light
- 9B. Ordinance for City Street Renaming **MOVED TO 6B**

Consent Agenda

- 10A. Georgia City-County Manager's Association Winter Conference
- 10B. Furniture for Fire Department
- 10C. Public Works 1-ton Truck repair
- 10E. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn 90-day leave with paid health insurance
Naming Victoria Ingram Interim City Clerk

REPORTS

To be held at the December 4th Council Meeting.

The December 2nd Work Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor Bruce Cain



Interim City Clerk Victoria Ingram