

Hahira City Council
January 6, 2026
Work Session
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Terry Davis called the Work Session of the Hahira City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Louise White, Council Members Cindy Becton, Klay Luke, David Lindsey, and City Manager Jonathan Sumner. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation will be given at the January 8th Council Meeting.

Councilman Luke asked if the Council Meeting could be moved to the Depot for Thursday evening due to the expected crowd. City Manager Sumner explained the process of moving the meeting and it was agreed that the meeting would remain at the Hahira Courthouse.

Items 1 – 8 are held for the January 8th Council Meeting.

9. REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

- A. The December 2, 2025, Work Session Minutes were approved.
- B. The December 4, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY2026 Budget Amendment was presented by City Manager Jonathan Sumner. He discussed the FY2026 budget, including Police Department staff positions. There were no additional questions.

11. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Citizens will be heard at the January 8th Council Meeting. Mayor Davis discussed how his goal as the new Mayor will be to get citizens more engaged in the future with the involvement of City Counsel. He would like to see the seats full at future meetings and encourage citizen participation.

12. REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES

No questions were presented.

13. DISCUSSIONS

A. Low Bid Recommendation – Woodbridge Ditch Improvements Phase II – GEFA Forgivable Loan – The Scruggs Company - \$383,109.04 was presented by City Manager Sumner. It was expressed the relevance of being awarded a forgivable loan and congratulated the Mayor and Council for obtaining this loan that will be no cost to the taxpayers. Mayor Davis asked City Manager Sumner to explain the ongoing issues with the current ditches and their ongoing problems for the residents that live along this ditch. Mayor Davis stated he has talked with many residents during his tenure as Police Chief about these issues. Getting this ditch piped is going to be so much better for all the residents along the ditch. This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

14. Department Requests

A. City Engineer Contract – Woodbridge Ditch Phase II Observation - \$40,000 – SPLOST VIII. City Manager Sumner explained the contract and clarified that this was the non-forgivable loan to complete the ditch piping. There were no further questions. This item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

B. City Hall Copier – Colson Printing - \$7,250 – SPLOST VIII. City Manager Sumner presented the need for a new copier at City Hall and presented the quote from Colson Printing. He discussed that this expense is eligible as a SPLOST expenditure. There were no additional questions. This item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

C. Chief David Thompson presented an emergency request for a new heating and air unit as the current one at the Fire Department has gone out. Chief Thompson has gotten 2 quotes thus far with a 3rd expected Wednesday. At this point he has a quote from Coombs Heating & Air and from Stone's Heating & Air. Council agreed that the unit needs to be replaced but would like to bring back for discussion at the January 8th Council Meeting when the 3rd quote will also be available.

D. City Manager Sumner requested to add repair of the brick wall and steps in front of City Hall. He stated we have a quote of \$1,250 for the repair which includes repairing the wall that a vehicle struck a few years ago, as well as some of the stairs leading up to City Hall. We also need to complete the repair of decorative fencing a vehicle struck in front of the Depot as well, which will be covered by insurance. Mayor Davis expressed that in addition to any hazards, the beautification of the City is important as well and needs to be maintained. Public Works is stretched too thin to be able to make these repairs at this time. There were no additional questions. This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

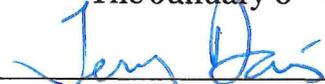
15. SET DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Davis set the Agenda for the January 8th Council Meeting as follows:

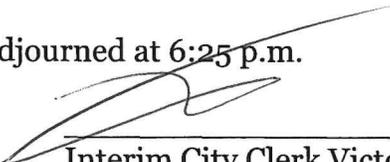
5. Oath of Office
 - A. Councilperson Louise White, District 1
 - B. Councilperson Cindy Becton, District 4
 - C. Mayor Terry Davis
6. Recognition of Service
 - A. Mr. Thomas Iler
 - B. Lt. Bobbie Dumas
 - C. Mr. Mason Barfield
 - D. Mr. Bruce Cain
7. Council Election – Mayor Pro Tem
8. Council Assignments
9. Review/Correction of Minutes – CONSENT AGENDA
10. Public Hearing
 - 10A. FY26 Budget Amendment
11. Citizens To Be Heard

12. Review of Bills/Budget Overages – CONSENT AGENDA
13. Discussions
 - A. Low Bid Recommendation – Woodbridge Ditch Improvements Phase II – CONSENT AGENDA.
14. Department Requests
 - A. City Engineer Contract – Woodbridge Ditch Phase II Observation – CONSENT AGENDA
 - B. City Hall Copier – CONSENT AGENDA
 - C. Fire Department New Heating and Air Unit – Discussion
 - D. Brick Wall and Step Repair at City Hall – CONSENT AGENDA
16. Reports
 - A. Council
 - B. City Manager
 - C. Mayor
17. Executive Session

The January 6th Work Session was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Mayor Terry Davis



Interim City Clerk Victoria Ingram