



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • JUNE 22, 2026

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hellenga opened the meeting at 5:00 pm and welcomed those present.

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	Absent	
Greg Sowell	City Attorney	Present	

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. Request for Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2026 Commission Meeting

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Matheson reported he attended the reception for Julie Paysen.

He also attended a flag presentation at the Library.

Commissioner Matheson reported he attended the Juneteenth Celebration at the Greenspace and it was well attended.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Resolution: Toccoa Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Mayor Hellenga read the Proclamation of the Toccoa Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution.

RESULT: PRESENTATION

C. Consideration of Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Hellenga asked for a motion to officially vote and approve the four nominees named to the DDA by an email vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Matheson, seconded by Vice Mayor Jamieson to approve the names of Jody Rogers, Megan Fowler, Olivia Adams and Travis Kruger by email ballot.

After further discussion, Commissioner Carter stated he could not accept the appointments because the votes were not made in a public meeting. Commissioner Carter stated he did not think the City should do business like this. Commissioner Carter made a motion to amend the original motion to include Connie Tabor as a DDA appointment, seconded by Commissioner Fry. Motion was denied with 2-3 vote. Mayor Hellenga, Vice-Mayor Jamieson, Commissioner Matheson opposed.

After further discussion, Attorney Sowell stated the email votes would not be valid.

The City Commission held a public vote on each of the seven nominees for the DDA Board. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to read the names aloud and vote on each individually. Motion carried unanimously.

Shaykethia Burtch - no votes

Connie Tabor - 2 votes

Jody Rogers - 3 votes

Lisa Gettys - 1 vote

Megan Fowler - 3 votes

Olivia Adams- 5 votes

Travis Kruger - 5 votes

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

D. Consideration to Declare Surplus Fire Engine

A motion was made by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Vice Mayor Jamieson to declare fire engine as surplus and donate fire engine to Johnson County. Motion carried unanimously.

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

E. Consideration of Purchase of Commercial Dumpsters

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Fry to approve the purchase of commercial dumpster from Wastequip. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Carter, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gail Fry, Commissioner
AYES: Hellenga, Jamieson, Matheson, Carter, Fry

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Braxton McCarter - Mr. McCarter discussed the Whitman Street Building.

Mr. McCarter stated he did not appreciate the way the appointments to the Downtown Development Authority were handled.

Larry Mayfield - discussed Spring Street, Hughes Street, and the Southside of town. There are trees hanging and sidewalks that needed to be cleaned up.

Brenda Henderson Davis - She would like to use the Whitman Street Building to store memorabilia and to hold meetings.

Robbie Banks - Whitman Street

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Hellenga adjourned the regular meeting.



Evan Hellenga

Mayor
Beth Rider

City Clerk