



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 23, 2026 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Al Edwards, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Bruce Potts, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; and Mike Schutz, Fire Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**
Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Councilmember Potts made a motion to approve the executive session of March 9, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - B. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the minutes of the council meeting of March 9, 2026. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a proclamation recognizing March as Social Work Month 2026 in the City of Calhoun.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun city offices will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from R-2 to C-2 for 1.07 acres, at a location of O Harmony Church Road/Red Bud Road, being parcel C55B-0067B, by Pragat Krupa, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held April 9th and the public hearing April 13th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request from county A-1 to C-2 for a combined acreage of 4.04 acres, at a location of 317 and 329 Richardson Road, being parcels 058-036 and 058-037, by Puma Purushottam, LLC and Shree Mehant, LLC/Terry Patel. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held April 9th and the public hearing April 13th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer and wine pouring request, at a location of 123 Columbus Circle, NE, by Melissa Bushong D/B/A Jacket Snack Shack. The public hearing will be held April 13th.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a request from Echota Baptist Church to block the road beginning at the mailbox by the front steps of the church, College Circle, to the stop sign behind the church at Short North Wall Street from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 28th for their community Easter egg hunt. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the road closure request. Councilmember Potts gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Other written items not on the agenda**

11. **Work Reports**

- A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of February 2026 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the cash reports as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. City Administrator Worley gave a review of the February 2026 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Potts made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

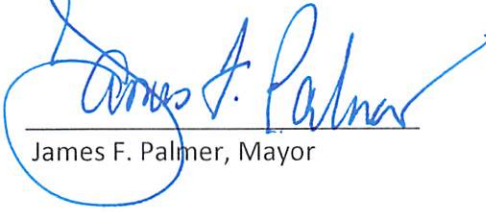
12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

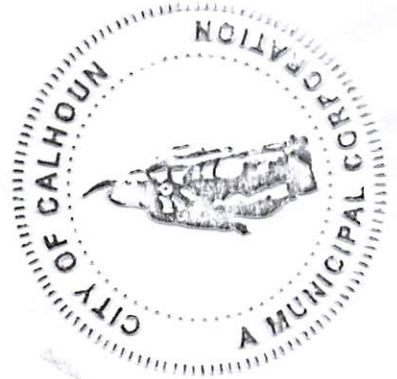
There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Potts gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

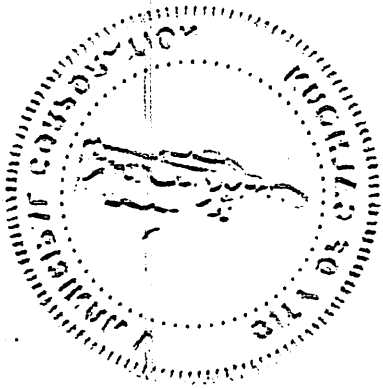
Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON
CITY OF CALHOUN

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

James F. Palmer, Chair of the City of Calhoun, City Council Meeting, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The City Council of Calhoun, Georgia, met in a duly advertised meeting on, March 23, 2026.

2.

During such meeting, the council voted to go into executive session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 1:41 pm.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the city attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the city or any officer or employee or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (*insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*) _____

Discussion or voting on

Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)

Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1) (B)

Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)

Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)

Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

____ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

____ Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): _____
_____ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic): _____

5.

____ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

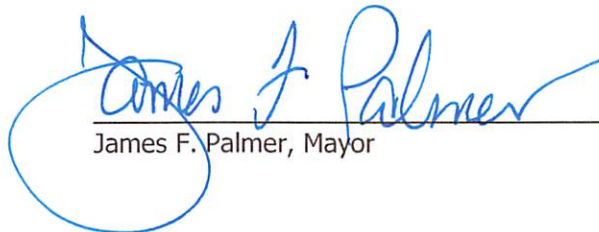
____ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss the same ceased immediately.

____ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non- exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(C) and will be filed and held for inspection by an appropriate court only.

This 23rd day of March, 2026.



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of
March, 2026.



Notary Public

My commission expires:



General Government Cash Report

General Government Operating Account

General Fund	Checking	\$ 8,989,462.45
Restricted Cash - Excise	Checking	182,506.20
Cash	Pay Pal	3,478.00
Solid Waste	Checking	578,275.83
Confiscated Assets	Checking	-
School Trust	Checking	887,586.88
Municipal Court	Checking	12,205.53
Hotel-Motel Fund	Checking	8,029.73
Recreation	Checking	(4,493.80)
Recreation - Hotel / Motel	Checking	113,877.03
SPLOST 2018	Checking	-
SPLOST 2024	Checking	-
Golf	Checking	710,180.14
Golf Renewal & Replacement Reserves	Checking	-
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Checking	1,147,365.52
OPIOD	Checking	87,697.46
Total Operating		<u>12,716,170.97</u>

Reserves - Restricted / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	-
Specified Funds / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	750,000.00
Total Reserves		<u>750,000.00</u>

2018 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	8,675,183.37
2018 SPLOST - Committed	Checking	557,628.15
2024 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	966,267.65
Total		<u>10,199,079.17</u>

Fire Department Donations	Public Checking	3,397.78
Revolving Loan	Checking	879,575.38
Police #1 - Forfeiture (Settled)	Money Market	42,805.02
Police #2 - Forfeiture (Pending)	Checking	28,253.39
Police #3 - Fed Funds	Money Market	23,778.25
Police #4 - Evidence	Checking	58,554.56
Police #5 - ICE Funds	Checking	12,219.90
Police PEPI Account	Checking	4,010.00
School Debt Service	Savings	3,810,314.28
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	4,559,527.23
Total Special Funds, Reserves and Savings		<u>9,422,435.79</u>

GRAND TOTAL - 2/28/26 **\$ 33,087,685.93**

Component Unit Cash

Downtown Development Authority	\$ 55,374.73
Downtown Development Authority - Hotel/Motel Tax	280,871.96
	<u>\$ 336,246.69</u>

General Government Investments

City of Calhoun - Various Investments	
Reserves held in investments - \$3,426,352.73	\$ 14,066,915.24
ARPA	-
Golf- \$600,000 reserves held in Investments	1,252,268.64
	<u>\$ 15,319,183.88</u>

Hotel/Motel 2/28/26 Report

Amount Received from GMA & Paid to Vendor for FY26

Vendor #	Vendor	Jul paid in Sep 2025	Aug paid in Oct 2025	Sep paid in Nov 2025	Oct paid in Dec 2025	Nov paid in Jan 2026	Dec paid in Feb 2026	Jan paid in Mar 2026	Feb paid in Apr 2026	Mar paid in May 2026	Apr paid in Jun 2026	May paid in Jul 2026	Jun paid in Aug 2026	Total
29	Chamber of Commerce	\$ 57,913.66	\$ 41,230.98	\$ 35,474.49	\$ 50,611.74	\$ 40,641.06	\$ 35,386.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261,257.93
1346	City of Calhoun-Unrestricted	49,640.29	35,340.85	30,406.71	43,381.48	34,835.18	30,330.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	223,935.36
1346	City of Calhoun-Restricted	8,273.38	5,890.14	5,067.78	7,230.25	5,805.87	5,055.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,322.56
3132	Calhoun Recreation Dept.	16,546.76	11,780.28	10,135.57	14,460.50	11,611.73	10,110.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,645.13
	Total Paid By H/M Fund	<u>\$ 132,374.09</u>	<u>\$ 94,242.25</u>	<u>\$ 81,084.55</u>	<u>\$ 115,683.97</u>	<u>\$ 92,893.84</u>	<u>\$ 80,882.28</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 597,160.98</u>
	Paid to Industrial Development by City of Calhoun	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
	Paid to Downtown Development by City of Calhoun	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>

Balance in City Held Accounts as of 2/28/2026

	Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2025	Revenue	Expenses	Balance as of 2/28/2026
City of Calhoun-Unrestricted	\$ 1,548,760.15	\$ 223,935.36	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ 1,712,695.51
City of Calhoun-Restricted	\$ 150,852.98	\$ 37,322.56	\$ -	\$ 188,175.54
Downtown Development	\$ 380,946.17	\$ 500,000.00	\$ (600,074.21)	\$ 280,871.96
Calhoun Recreation Dept.	\$ 49,499.93	\$ 74,645.13	\$ (10,268.03)	\$ 113,877.03

Utilities Cash Report

Utility Operating Account

Electric	Checking	\$ 103,887.82
Water & Sewer	Checking	3,094,687.62
Telecommunications	Checking	658,369.81
Utilities Administration	Checking	747,044.70
Total Operating		4,603,989.95

Electric Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	1,938,184.22
Telecom Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	240,195.00
Water / Sewer Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	3,651,467.22
Bond Sinking Fund	Savings	379,728.52
Utility Deposits	Checking	1,462,099.91
City of Calhoun Shuler Bond	Savings	-
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	14,410,713.20
Total Savings & Reserves		<u>22,082,388.07</u>

GRAND TOTAL - 2/28/26

\$ 26,686,378.02

Utilities Investments

Electric	\$ 19,420,300.50
Water	\$ 20,675,724.81
Sewer	\$ 6,339,432.72
Telecommunications	\$ 4,307,939.10
City of Calhoun - Various Investments	<u><u>\$ 50,743,397.13</u></u>