



# **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

## **City Council Meeting Agenda**

**July 07, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO FOUR MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [a.](#) Regular Meeting of June 2, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- [b.](#) Work Session of June 16, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- [c.](#) Special Called Meeting of June 16, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

### **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CITY REPORTS**

- [1.](#) May 2025 - Financial Report  
Allison Martin, City Manager

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- [2.](#) Resolution Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief to the Georgia Supreme Court in the Chang v. City of Milton Matter  
Doug Parks, City Attorney

### **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**OTHER ITEMS**

3. City Manager's FY26 Proposed Budget  
Allison Martin, City Manager

**COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Clerk Comments

City Manager Comments

City Attorney Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

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### **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 02, 2025, 6:00 PM**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley; Councilmembers Ariemma and Reagin were absent.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Councilman Brown led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Councilman Bagley.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was a motion by Councilman Shirley and a second by Councilman Bagley to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin).

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement  
Doug Parks, City Attorney  
Strategic Priority - Communication

There was a motion by Councilman Shirley and a second by Councilman Bagley to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO FOUR MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

The following individuals spoke during Public Comments:

- Tom Gordineer

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was a motion by Councilman Brown and a second by Councilman Shirley to approve the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2025 Minutes; the Public Hearing of May 19, 2025 Minutes; and, the Work Session of May 19, 2025 Minutes.

- a. Regular Meeting of May 5, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- b. Public Hearing of May 19, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- c. Work Session of May 19, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin).

#### **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no Appointments, Proclamations, and/or Recognitions.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

#### **CITY REPORTS**

1. Finance Report - April 2025  
Allison Martin, City Manager

Allison Martin, City Manager, presented the Financial Report - April 2025 to the Council.

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Bagley to accept the Finance Report - April 2025.

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin).

2. Tourism Q1 2025 Review  
Sam McDuffie, Executive Director DLCCVB

Sam McDuffie, Executive Director DLCCVB, presented the Tourism Q1 2025 Review to the Council; the Council expressed gratitude to Mr. McDuffie for his attendance.

No Council action was taken.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Ordinances and/or Resolutions.

#### **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

There were no Contracts and/or Agreements.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

3. Rural Zone Designation  
Allison Martin, City Manager

Strategic Priority - Communication

Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council regarding the application process for Rural Zone Designation. Manager Martin advised that the process is detailed and will require the submission of a community survey and maps.

The Council held a discussion regarding the Designation and the application process to include topics of whether there was a plan for resources that will be used long-term; when staff will know if it is beneficial to proceed with the process; if the City has adequate staff for the project's undertaking; and, the cost of the study.

No Council action was taken.

4. TSPLOST Joint Project  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

Allison Martin, City Manager, advised the Council that the follow-up meeting scheduled to occur on June 13, 2025 was cancelled to allow for additional review of the Joint Project.

No Council action was taken.

5. 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Voting Delegate  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Brown to appoint Mayor JoAnne Taylor as the Voting Delegate for the 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin).

**COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Clerk Comments

Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk, announced that the 2025 GMA Annual Convention will occur on June 20 through June 24, 2025.

City Manager Comments

Allison Martin, City Manager, announced that she will be meeting this week to discuss Outdoor Dining Permits and will be attending a film meeting with the Visitors Center to discuss options for streamlining the website. Manager Martin also announced that she and Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Authority Director, will be attending a training at Georgia Tech to further explore economic leadership opportunities.

City Attorney Comments

Doug Parks, City Attorney, had no comments.

### City Council Comments

Councilman Bagley recognized Hunter Smith, junior at UNG, for being named the 2025 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Individual National Champion and congratulated all the recent graduates of UNG and Lumpkin County High School.

Councilman Shirley expressed thanks to those who supported the fundraiser for Rotary and announced that he enjoyed listening to the update from the Georgia Chamber and that the Chamber is looking ahead to 2050 and focusing on student education. Councilman Shirley said the pace of change is incredible and the City must ensure that it is taking full advantage of the opportunities coming its way.

### Mayor Comments

Mayor Taylor announced that during the Georgia 2050 Update the work traits of each generation and the differences in styles of leadership were discussed. The Mayor said that the loss of knowledge as Baby Boomers retire is a major concern and she is proud of the City's proactive approach by hiring the next generation and focusing on skills transfer within departments.

### ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Councilman Brown and a second by Councilman Shirley to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion carried with four members in favor (Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley) and two members absent (Ariemma and Reagin), and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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## **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

### **City Council Work Session Minutes**

**June 16, 2025, 4:00 PM**

**Gary McCullough Council Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 4:08 p.m. with all members of the Council present.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was a motion by Councilman Shirley and a second by Councilman Reagin to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Cemetery Committee - May 2025  
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer, addressed the Council.

No Council action was taken.

2. Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority/Main Street - May 2025  
Ariel Alexander, DDA Director

Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Authority Director, addressed the Council regarding the Farmer's Market and the Housing Committee (Dahlonega Feasibility Study and Housing Community Grant).

No Council action was taken.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT:** <https://dahlonega.gov/category/departments-reports/>

The Council held a discussion to include asking how much in funding is needed for a proposed new lift station and if updates to the financial policies will be forthcoming. Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council and stated that approximately \$560,000 is needed for the lift station and the City's goal is to obtain an intern during the fall to assist with updating policies.

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer, addressed and provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Department of Engineering and Public Works.

The Council held a discussion to include inquiring about the Adopt a Road Program; establishing a community service program; fleet administration; qualifications needed to perform mechanical maintenance on equipment; departmental needs; and, succession planning.

Allison Martin, City Manager, and Mr. Buchanan addressed the Council: the Adopt a Road program is no longer widely used by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) due to concerns with signage; community volunteers are accepted to informally assist with tasks, including roadside garbage collection and cemetery clean-ups; Enterprise assists the City with its fleet sized up to an F450; the City does not require mechanical certification(s) to perform maintenance on its equipment, but more complex (larger) tasks are outsourced and not performed internally; Mr. Buchanan stated the department needs additional staff; and, succession planning is currently being considered.

3. Community Development - May 2025  
Allison Martin, City Manager
4. Finance and Administration - May 2025  
Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager
5. Police Report - May 2025  
George Albert, Chief of Police
6. Public Works - May 2025  
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
7. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department - May 2025  
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

No Council action was taken.

#### **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

8. Recognition of City Employees  
City Council

The following employees were given a City of Dahlonega Challenge Coin in recognition of their outstanding work and dedication during a recent storm event. They were also recognized for the care they take to perform their assigned tasks, especially related to care of the Veterans Memorial Markers when they are on public display.

Troy Armstrong  
Michael Bailey  
John Barrett  
Fred Bryan  
Anthony Cline  
Jackie Grizzle  
Tony Hurley  
Justin Priest  
Zach Rumsey



John Sweat  
Jeremy Tanner  
Kenny Wells  
Dean White  
Nathan Wynn

*[City Clerk's Note: this Item was addressed prior to the commencement of the Work Session.]*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

9. City Clerk's Updates  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk, addressed and provided a presentation to the Council.

The Council held a discussion to include inquiring about departmental needs. Ms. Hansard said that, at this time, the City Clerk's Office is adequately staffed and thanked the Council for its support.

No Council action was taken.

10. City Manager's Proposed FY26 Budget  
Allison Martin, City Manager

Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed and provided a presentation to the Council.

The Council held a discussion to include asking if funds are set aside for dredging and requesting an update regarding new equipment for the playground at City Hall. Manager Martin responded to the Council that the City has set aside funding for dredging and has asked Lumpkin County for support; she also confirmed that funding has been set aside in the budget for playground equipment.

No Council action was taken.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Ordinances and/or Resolutions.

## **AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS**

There were no Agreements and/or Contracts.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

11. 2025 Municipal General Election Qualifying Dates and Times  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk, addressed the Council and proposed that Qualifying for the 2025 Municipal General Election begin at 8:30 a.m. on August 19, 2025, and end at 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2025.

No Council action was taken.

12. Change to Open Container Footprint - Paws in the Park Fundraiser

Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk

Doug Parks, City Attorney, addressed the Council and explained that, while this Item was presented to and approved by the Council in May 2025, the original event was cancelled due to inclement weather. Mr. Parks confirmed that this request is for the same event with a newly proposed date of June 21, 2025.

No Council action was taken.

13. Discussion of Outdoor Dining Permit  
Allison Martin, City Manager

Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council.

The Council held a discussion to include glass containers and divider requirements. Manager Martin confirmed that it is within the Council's purview to consider thick plastic or other material for tableware and that barriers are provided on private properties only when related to alcohol.

No Council action was taken.

14. Review of BS&A Work Order Functionality  
Allison Martin, City Manager

Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed and provided a presentation to the Council. Manager Martin stated that currently BS&A is capturing approximately eighty-five percent of work orders and the City's goal is for the software to host over ninety-five percent of the orders. Manager Martin confirmed this software is beneficial and hosts data needed for Master Planning, Route Planning, and Asset Management.

No Council action was taken.

**COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Clerk Comments

Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk, reminded the Mayor and Council of the upcoming 2025 GMA Annual Convention to be held June 20, 2025, through June 24, 2025, in Savannah, Georgia.

City Manager Comments

Allison Martin, City Manager, thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing City staff and for the continued support of the City. Manager Martin announced that the Community Input Session regarding Parking in Dahlonaga will occur at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 2025, and will be held in the Lumpkin County Library Meeting Room.

City Attorney Comments

Doug Parks, City Attorney, had no comments.

City Council Comments

There were no comments from the Council.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Taylor had no comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Reagin to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion carried unanimously, and the Work Session was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025, 4:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Special Called Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with all members of the Council present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion by Councilman Reagin and a second by Councilman Brown to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Change to Open Container Footprint - Paws in the Park Fundraiser  
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Reagin to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: the Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain Festival Special Event Permit Application granted by the City to the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals and Shenanigans (organizer) and for the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the Permit granted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2025 Municipal General Election Qualifying Dates and Times  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

There was a motion by Councilman Brown and a second by Councilman Reagin to adopt the dates and times of Qualifying for the 2025 Municipal Elections as presented by staff: begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and end at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Reagin to adjourn the Special Called Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously, and the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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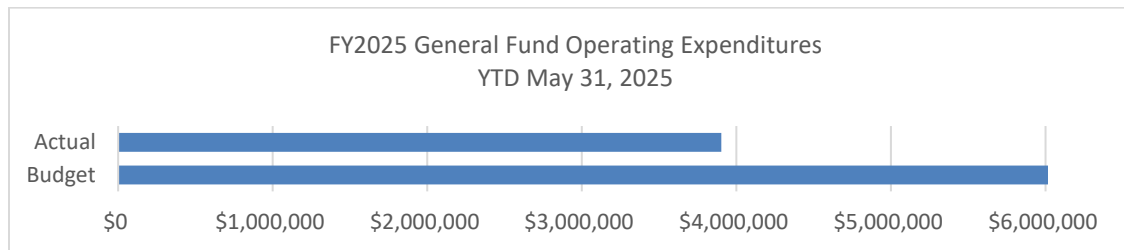
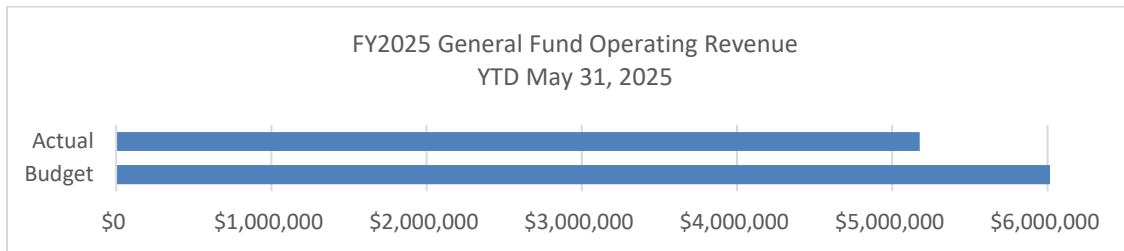
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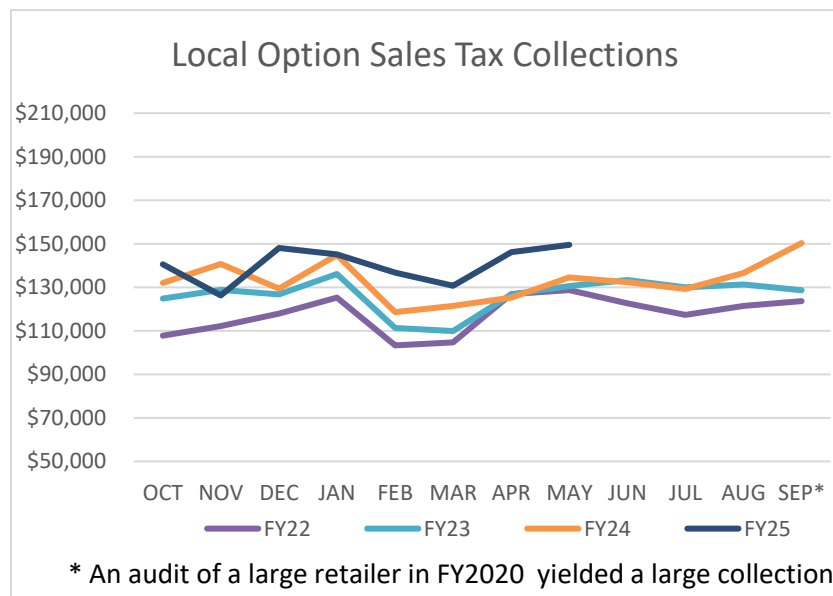
# CITY OF DAHLONEGA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2025

## GENERAL FUND



- The annual property tax bills were levied and mailed by the Tax Commissioner on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a December 1<sup>st</sup> due date. To date, 97% of the 2024 real and personal property taxes budgeted have been collected.
- Sales tax collections reflect collections 7.32% greater than FY24. The change in the State law related to internet sales taxation has continued to have a positive impact on collections.



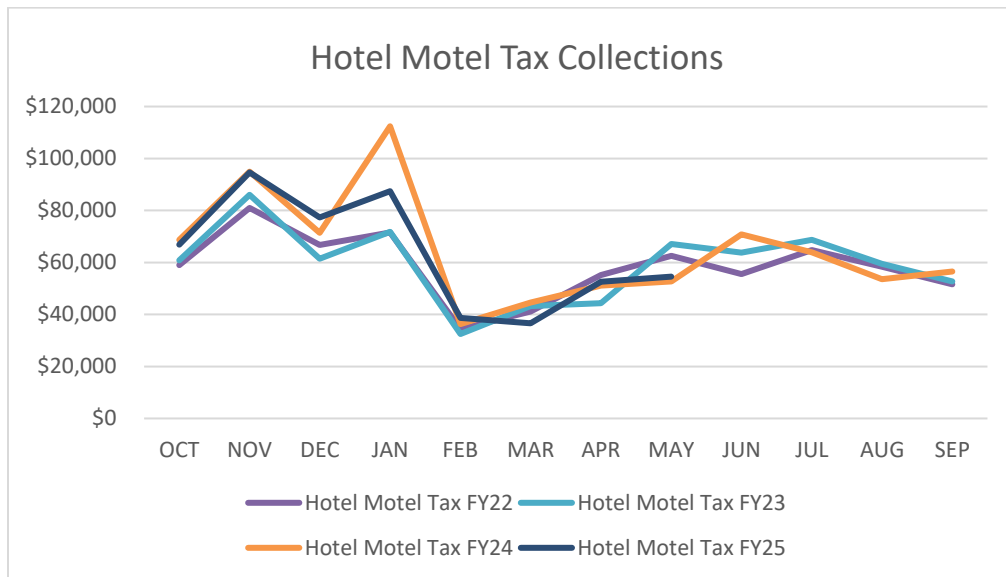
- The annual revenue for Insurance Premium Tax is \$718,039.22 this year, which is 7.62% greater than last fiscal year. This amount is based on a pro-rata population formula.
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax and License revenue collected year-to-date is consistent with the prior year.
- Permit revenue collected year-to-date is greater than last year's collections due to a change in the fee schedule.
- Departments expenditures are in line with budget expectations.

### **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

- Operational results are on track with the budget.

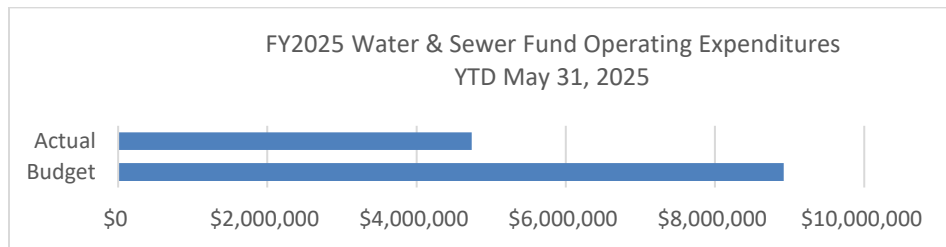
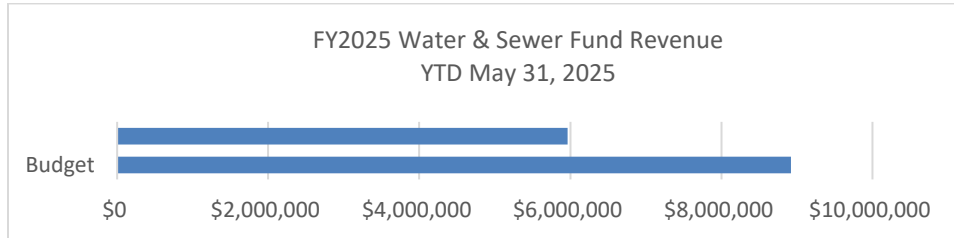
### **HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND**

- FY25 is trending -4.39% less than FY24.



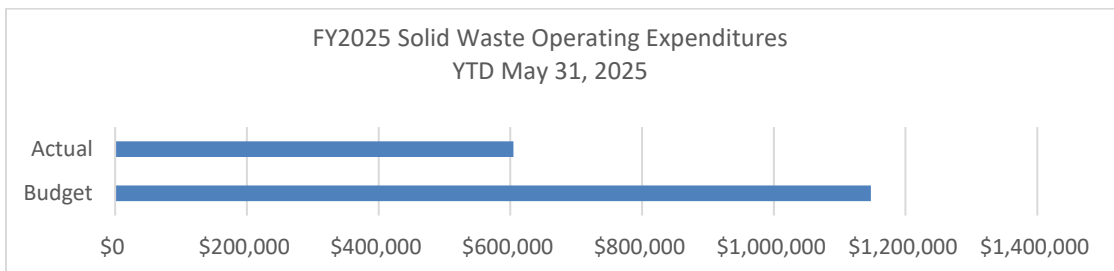
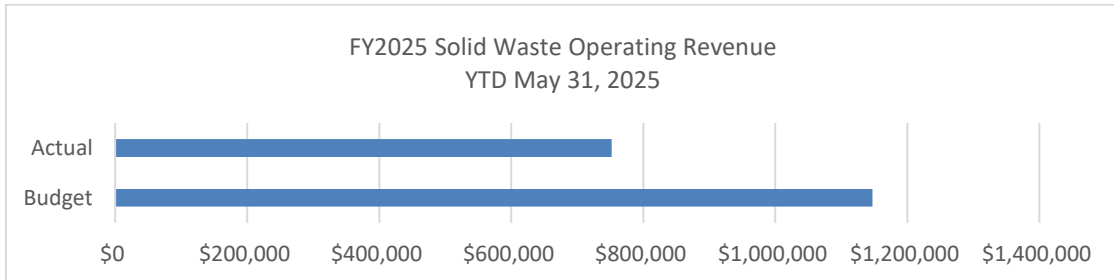
## WATER AND SEWER FUND

- Water and sewer sales are trending along with budget projections. Revenue from water sales and sewer charges is 3.33% more than the same period in FY24.
- All department expenses are in line with the budget.



## SOLID WASTE FUND

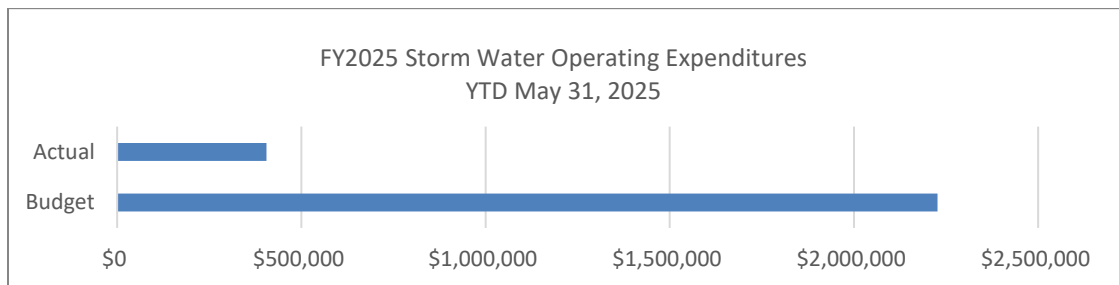
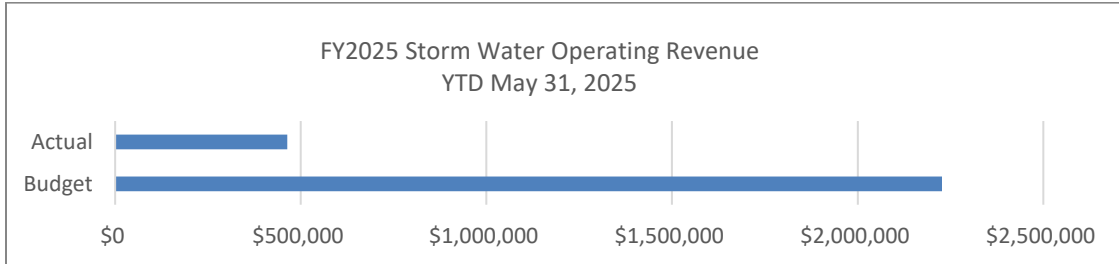
- Refuse Collection Charges are 0.53% greater than the prior year.
- Expenses meet budget expectations.



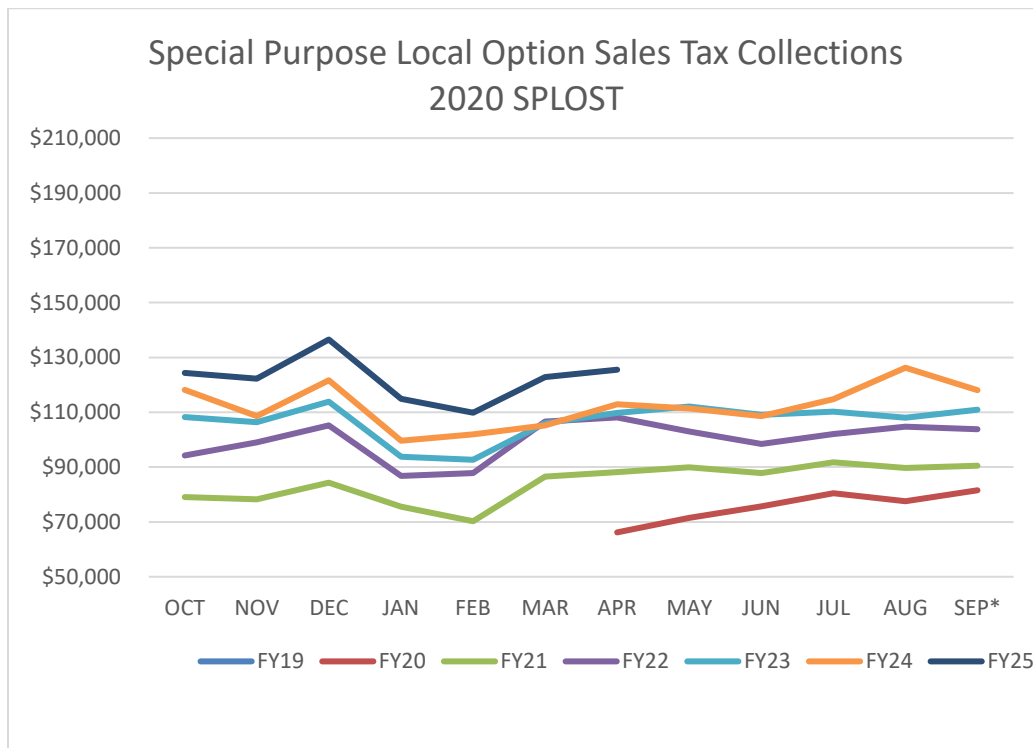


## STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

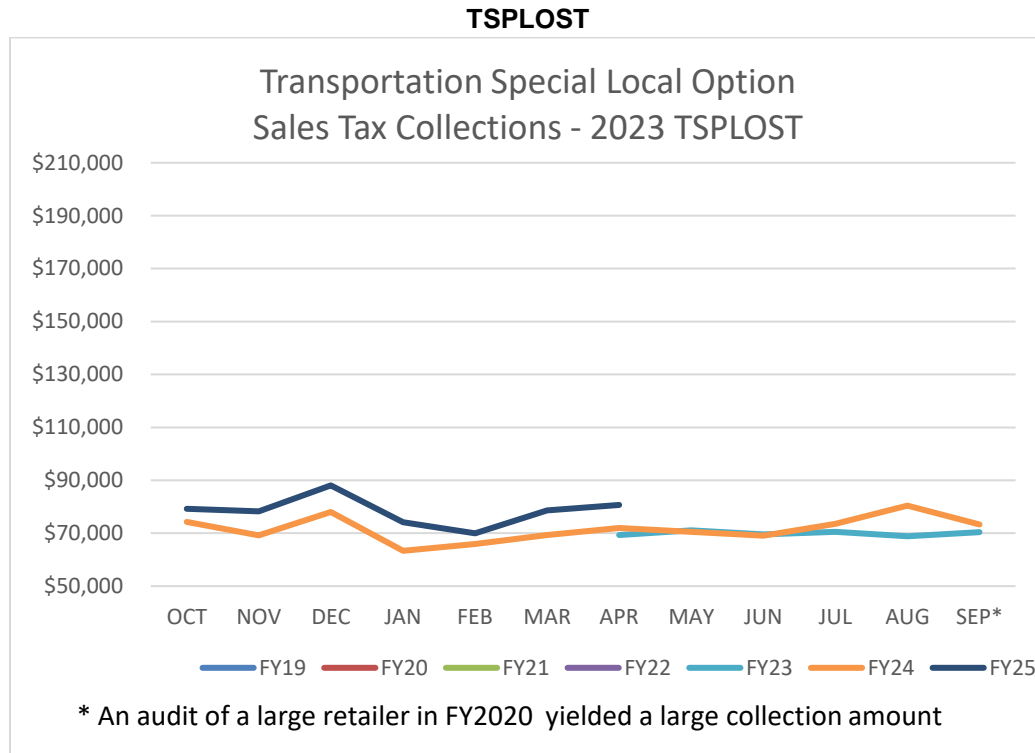
- Transfers In and Indirect Charges reflect an eight-month allocation.
- Stormwater utility charges were first billed in January 2021 and are meeting budget expectations.
- Expenses are related to the startup of the new utility, projects, and allocated staff pay and benefits.



## SPLOST FUND



- The current SPLOST continuation referendum has collections which run from April 2020 until March 2026.
- The City receives 21% of the net proceeds.
- The current SPLOST referendum project list is as follows:
  - 25% Roads and Bridges Resurfacing and Improvements
  - 25% Storm-water Infrastructure
  - 50% Water & Sewer System Improvements



- The current TSPLOST referendum was approved in 2022 by the votes for collections which run beginning April 2023 until March 2028.
- The City receives 19% of net proceeds.
- There is a joint project proposed with the county and state. A portion of our monthly distribution is held in escrow pending finalization of funding based on the project cost. Should the joint project not require a local match, the city and county could choose another joint project or use those escrowed funds in their respective jurisdiction.
- The current TSPLOST referendum project list is as follows:
  - Roads and Bridges Construction & Equipment
  - Sidewalks Construction & Improvements
  - Bicycle Path Construction & Improvements

**(Prepared for Council and Management by Finance Department July 3, 2025)**

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
 PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2025  
 % Fiscal Year Completed: 66.58

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024-25 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 05/31/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND				
	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,877,660.00	1,892,364.23	100.78
	GENERAL SALES AND USE TAXES	1,482,000.00	1,019,289.27	68.78
	SELECTIVE SALES AND USES TAXES	158,000.00	154,842.41	98.00
	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES	151,000.00	134,050.00	88.77
	BUSINESS TAXES	805,000.00	892,187.33	110.83
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	2,500.00	2,702.91	108.12
	PERMITS AND FEES	154,700.00	193,889.03	125.33
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	23,985.00	19,430.88	81.01
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	702,811.00	487,786.28	69.41
	FINES AND FORFEITURES	181,600.00	168,224.47	92.63
	INVESTMENT INCOME	7,500.00	92,338.79	1,231.18
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,000.00	1,281.14	42.70
	OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	20,000.00	49,325.00	246.63
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	10,000.00	(9,596.41)	(95.96)
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	116,300.00	77,533.36	66.67
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		6,696,056.00	5,175,648.69	77.29
	LEGISLATIVE	364,581.00	256,953.91	70.48
	EXECUTIVE	268,774.00	148,397.93	55.21
	ELECTIONS	34,600.00	57.96	0.17
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,072,262.00	669,015.33	62.24
	MUNICIPAL COURT	305,504.00	99,886.17	32.70
	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,030,040.00	553,541.69	53.48
	PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION	238,161.00	139,870.87	58.73
	STREETS	1,453,461.00	932,122.43	64.13
	MAINTENANCE AND SHOP	105,743.00	61,252.21	57.93
	CEMETERY	76,378.00	50,226.90	65.76
	PARKS	97,000.00	26,129.88	26.94
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	488,077.00	264,633.57	54.22
	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	111,475.00	0.00	0.00
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	1,050,000.00	700,000.00	66.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,696,056.00	3,902,088.85	58.21
Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	6,696,056.00	5,175,648.69	77.29
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,696,056.00	3,902,088.85	58.21
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	1,273,559.84	16,600.58

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2025  
% Fiscal Year Completed: 66.58

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024-25	YTD BALANCE	% BDGT USED
		ORIGINAL BUDGET	05/31/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	
Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,500.00	821.88	54.79
	INVESTMENT INCOME	8,000.00	5,951.13	74.39
	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	1,500.00	2,000.00	133.33
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	15,900.00	10,520.00	66.16
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	137,300.00	91,533.36	66.67
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	166,922.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		331,122.00	110,826.37	33.47
DDA ADMINISTRATION		147,734.00	95,249.27	64.47
TOURISM		30,950.00	4,484.76	14.49
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT		152,438.00	36,626.37	24.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		331,122.00	136,360.40	41.18
Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
TOTAL REVENUES		331,122.00	110,826.37	33.47
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		331,122.00	136,360.40	41.18
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	(25,534.03)	100.00

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Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND				
	HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES	720,000.00	441,549.38	61.33
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	2,400.00	1,829.85	76.24
	TOTAL REVENUES	727,400.00	443,379.23	60.95
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	305,550.00	151,668.73	49.64
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	421,850.00	281,233.36	66.67
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	727,400.00	432,902.09	59.51
Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	727,400.00	443,379.23	60.95
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	727,400.00	432,902.09	59.51
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	10,477.14	100.00

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Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	15,000.00	34,636.66	230.91
	INVESTMENT INCOME	270,000.00	226,458.09	83.87
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	15,000.00	74,055.36	493.70
	OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	0.00	8,350.00	100.00
	WATER CHARGES	3,355,954.00	2,229,718.38	66.44
	TAP FEES - WATER	175,000.00	243,780.00	139.30
	SEWER CHARGES	2,475,760.00	1,714,046.96	69.23
	TAP FEES - SEWER	175,000.00	274,850.00	157.06
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	81,000.00	77,001.53	95.06
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,622,440.00	1,081,626.64	66.67
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	737,252.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		8,922,406.00	5,964,523.62	66.85
SEWER LIFT STATIONS				
	SEWER TREATMENT PLANT	276,584.00	196,371.88	57.10
	DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION	911,403.00	594,793.14	64.31
	WATER SUPPLY	1,309,427.00	957,773.44	69.94
	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	335,296.00	136,225.89	40.63
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	2,543,744.00	1,163,700.35	45.44
	INTERFUND CHARGES	3,356,440.00	1,603,690.61	26.14
	OTHER COSTS	129,512.00	86,341.36	66.67
		60,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,922,406.00	4,738,896.67	39.96
Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
TOTAL REVENUES		8,922,406.00	5,964,523.62	66.85
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,922,406.00	4,738,896.67	39.96
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	1,225,626.95	41.73

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024-25 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 05/31/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	250.00	475.00	190.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	12,843.00	13,383.31	104.21
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	2,000.00	1,730.30	86.52
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	7,500.00	6,240.40	83.21
	REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES	1,090,740.00	730,358.16	66.96
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	33,784.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,147,117.00	752,187.17	65.57
PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	584,573.00	326,482.05	55.85
	SUPPLIES	330,484.00	197,410.90	59.73
	INTERFUND CHARGES	132,700.00	41,368.06	31.17
	OTHER COSTS	59,360.00	39,573.36	66.67
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,000.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,147,117.00	604,834.37	52.73
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,147,117.00	752,187.17	65.57
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,147,117.00	604,834.37	52.73
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	147,352.80	100.00

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Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INVESTMENT INCOME	7,000.00	15,970.67	228.15
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,000.00	1,257.48	125.75
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	311,220.00	207,480.00	66.67
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	1,554,902.00	0.00	0.00
	STORMWATER UTILITY CHARGES	353,169.00	238,730.62	67.60
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,227,291.00	463,438.77	20.81
	PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	98,062.00	52,674.98	53.72
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	17,000.00	1,050.00	6.18
	SUPPLIES	1,000.00	63.44	6.34
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	1,637,000.00	35,228.22	1.32
	INTERFUND CHARGES	474,229.00	316,152.64	66.67
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,227,291.00	405,169.28	12.40
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,227,291.00	463,438.77	20.81
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,227,291.00	405,169.28	12.40
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	58,269.49	5.59
	TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS	20,051,392.00	12,910,003.85	64.38
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	20,051,392.00	10,220,251.66	42.52
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	2,689,752.19	67.48





## Ordinances and Resolutions

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**DATE:** 6/27/2025  
**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief to the Georgia Supreme Court in the Chang v. City of Milton Matter  
**PRESENTED BY:** Doug Parks  
**PRIORITY** Strategic Priority - Communication

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

The legal counsel for the city of Milton is seeking Dahlonega's support for their Amicus Brief to the Georgia Supreme Court. The case regards liability incurred by the City for a stationary object (planter) not located in the road lanes.

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### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

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### FINANCIAL IMPACT

No cost associated with Milton's request for us to support their appeal.

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### RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

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### SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to approve.

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### ATTACHMENTS

Resolution of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia (the "CITY") Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief to the Georgia Supreme Court in the Chang v. City of Milton Appeal.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA (the “CITY”)  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE CHANG V. CITY  
OF MILTON APPEAL**

**WHEREAS**, there is presently pending before Supreme Court of Georgia an appeal of a civil lawsuit that, at the trial court level, was referred to as Chang, et. al. v. City of Milton, State Court of Fulton County, Case No. 18EV004442; and,

**WHEREAS**, the case involves a claim of liability against the City of Milton for personal injuries due to a 2016 vehicle collision with a fixed obstruction (a masonry planter) located on City-owned right of way where the obstruction was outside the motoring lanes of travel; and,

**WHEREAS**, the masonry planter had been at the same location since 1992 and had never been the subject of a complaint or prior accident; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the trial court, the City of Milton was found to be partially at fault and a jury awarded money damages against the City of Milton of \$35,000,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals affirmed the findings of the trial court, City of Milton v. Chang, et. al., 2024 WL 4195584 (Chang appellate ruling); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals ruled that the “*planter...was a hazard for vehicles leaving the travel lanes*” and that its presence “*renders the use of these thoroughfares more hazardous;*” and,

**WHEREAS**, the CITY is concerned by the Court of Appeals decision finding that a municipality may be liable for fixed obstructions located outside the motoring lanes of travel where the obstruction had never been the subject of a prior collision or complaint; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CITY believes the Court of Appeals decision is inconsistent with existing legal precedent and should be overturned; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CITY believes the financial implications of the Court of Appeals decision could be devastating for Georgia municipalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CITY previously supported a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court of Georgia for review of the decision of the Court of Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, that petition has been granted by the Supreme Court, and the CITY wishes to provide further support by participating once again in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court of Georgia in favor of Milton's position in the case which will now be taken on its merits.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CITY does hereby authorize its city attorney to include the CITY as a participant in an amicus brief before the Georgia Supreme Court asking that the Chang appellate ruling be reversed. An amicus brief so tendered may include the CITY'S name as a participating party subject to the review and approval of its city attorney.

This 7<sup>th</sup>, day of July, 2025.

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JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

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Rhonda Hansard, Clerk