

City of Roswell Meeting Minutes Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Kurt Wilson
Councilmember Sarah Beeson
Councilmember Christine Hall
Councilmember G. Lee Hills
Councilmember David Johnson
Councilmember William Morthland
Councilmember Allen Sells

Monday, August 25, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers

Welcome

Mayor Kurt Wilson: Present, Councilmember Sarah Beeson: Present, Councilmember Christine Hall: Present, Councilmember G. Lee Hills: Present, Councilmember David Johnson: Present, Councilmember William Morthland: Present, Councilmember Allen Sells: Present.

<u>Invocation/Moment of Silence - Lead Pastor Dustin Schadt, Northside Church</u>

Pledge of Allegiance - Georgia National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Chris Kehl

Mayor's Report

1. #10006 Reading of a Proclamation for the Esteemed Veteran of Roswell Award to Georgia National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Chris Kehl.

This Proclamation honors Georgia National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Chris Kehl for his service to our Nation, to fellow service members and to the Roswell community.

RESULT: PROCLAMATION READ

2. #10012 Approval of a Historic Preservation Commission appointment - Robert Zappulla.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Christine Hall, Councilmember

SECONDER: David Johnson, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

3. #10014 Approval of a Planning Commission (PC) re-appointment - Kitty Singleton.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: G. Lee Hills, Councilmember

SECONDER: William Morthland, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

4. #10015 Approval of a Recreation Commission (RC) re-appointment - Jose Gonzales.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: William Morthland, Councilmember SECONDER: Sarah Beeson, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

5. #10011 Approval of a Roswell Development Authority (RDA) appointment - Tim Houghton.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: David Johnson, Councilmember
SECONDER: Allen Sells, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

6. #10019 Oath of Office - Robert Zappulla (Historic Preservation Commission), Kitty Singleton (Planning Commission), Jose Gonzales (Recreation Commission) and Tim Houghton (Roswell Development Authority).

RESULT: OATH OF OFFICE READ

7. #10018 Roswell Results Update

- The City of Roswell has been working hard to keep projects moving forward...projects that strengthen our community, grow our economy, and honor those who serve. From new infrastructure to new jobs, from public safety to honoring our heroes, Roswell is delivering on its promise to build a stronger future.
- Just this month, we broke ground on the Downtown Parking Deck at 1054 Alpharetta Street. This \$20 million investment will add nearly 400 parking spaces to ease congestion, support local businesses, and make it easier for residents and visitors to enjoy everything downtown has to offer. And when it's complete, Roswell residents will be able to park there for free.
- We're also proud to welcome PBS Aerospace to Roswell. This global company is hosting its grand opening in Roswell on Sept 4. They are bringing their North American headquarters, manufacturing, and research operations right here to our city. That means up to 200 high-paying jobs in aerospace and advanced technology, and it cements Roswell as a leader in innovation and economic growth.
- Just this past weekend, we came together as a community for the Labonte 5K, honoring Roswell Police Officer Jeremy Labonte, who was tragically killed in the line of duty earlier this year. The race, organized with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, raised money to support the families of fallen first responders and veterans nationwide. It was a powerful tribute to Jeremy's life and to the sacrifices of our heroes. And just today the City held a formal ceremony dedicating the GA-400 and Holcomb Bridge Road interchange in Officer Labonte's honor. This dedication will serve as a lasting reminder of his service, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting the Roswell community. These tributes to Officer Labonte remind us why investing in public safety is so important. As we honor his service and sacrifice, we are also making sure Roswell's officers have the very best resources to protect and serve our community.
- The Roswell Police Department is settling into its brand-new Public Safety Headquarters. Patrol and Investigations are already operating out of the building, and by the end of the year, almost every division will be under one roof, with 911 moving into its new facility by the end of spring 2026. Our new Public Safety Headquarters give our officers the tools and resources they need to keep our community safe.

- Together, these milestones show Roswell's commitment to progress, innovation, and community. We're investing in infrastructure, bringing in high-quality jobs, honoring our heroes, and strengthening public safety. Roswell is thriving today, and we're building a future that's even stronger.
- We will be showcasing more of these exciting wins on our upcoming web site, roswellresults.com.

Consent Agenda

RESULT: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sarah Beeson, Councilmember SECONDER: David Johnson, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

 #10003 Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Special Called Mayor and Council meeting and August 11, 2025 Regular Mayor and Council meeting.

2. #9969 Approval of a Resolution to apply for and accept a 2026 Cultural Facilities Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) and budget authorization to apply for the grant.

Resolution No. 2025-08-30

Regular Agenda

1. #8480 Approval of an Ordinance to Adopt the Roswell Development Finance Program and Guidelines. (Second Reading)

Ordinance No. 2025-08-06

RESULT: APPROVED ON SECOND READING [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: William Morthland, Councilmember

SECONDER: Allen Sells, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

2. #9936 Approval of an Intergovernmental Assessment Agreement related to the Roswell Development Finance Program (RDFP).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: William Morthland, Councilmember

SECONDER: Allen Sells, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

3. #9977 Approval of Final Plat 20252121 for Little Lakes Estates located at 385 Pine Grove Road.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: David Johnson, Councilmember

SECONDER: G. Lee Hills, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

4. #9466 Approval of a Text and Map Amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the Hill Street Overlay (HSOD).

(Second Reading)

Ordinance No. 2025-08-07

RESULT: APPROVED ON SECOND READING [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Allen Sells, Councilmember

SECONDER: William Morthland, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

City Attorney's Report

5. #10005 Recommendation for Closure to Discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

RESULT: NO CLOSURE

<u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM