

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOHN RAYMOND TURNER MUNICIPAL ANNEX
OCTOBER 13, 2025 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order by Mayor Doug Roper, III, with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion / Approval of agenda.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Discussion / Approval of Consent Agenda:

* City Council Workshop Minutes dated September 8, 2025

* City Council Meeting Minutes, dated September 8, 2025

5. Financial Report: Shannon Renteria, Finance Director

6. Tourism / Chamber Update:

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| - Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) | Tonya Parker |
| - Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton |
| - Greater Vidalia Chamber | Michele Johnson |
| - Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Andy Woodruff |

7. Discussion / Approval of Special Events Application submitted by Richard Williams on behalf of Altama Museum of Art & History for “Vidalia Porchfest” to be held on November 8, 2025, in the Jackson Heights neighborhood. Full road closures requested from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. include 6th Street from Church to Jackson Street; 6th Street, Jackson Street to Durden Street. Partial closure from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. include Durden Street from 2nd Street to Pinecrest.

8. Discussion / Approval of Special Events Application submitted by Mark Ruff on behalf of Memorial Health Meadows for the MHM 2025 Trunk or Treat to be held on October 30, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This event will be held in the south parking lot of their building located at 1707 Meadows Lane. Parking will be available in front of building. There are no requested road closures.

9. Discussion / Approval of Special Events Application submitted by Michael Johnson on behalf of the Community Men In Action, Inc. for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade to be held on January 19, 2026. The parade is an annual event in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and parade line-up will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade route will follow Hwy. 280 from Church Street to Broadfoot. All DOT requests for road closures will be submitted by event organizer.

PLANNING & ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

September 22, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

- 10. The Planning & Zoning Board conducted a Public Hearing on September 22 to address a rezoning request submitted by Kayla Lovett on behalf of Thigpen Developments, LLC, requesting Parcel C27C-071 be rezoned to OR – Office Residential from its current zoning of C-2 – Commercial, for the purpose of constructing a multi-family unit. The Board heard no opposition to this request. Mr. Shaun Oliver was present to represent Thigpen Developments and expressed there is a need for housing in this area. The Committee’s recommendation to this request is to approve and present to the City Council for further discussion / approval.**

- 11. Discussion / Approval to approve *Right of First Refusal and Indemnification Agreement* between the City of Vidalia and Altamaha EMC. This agreement secures the right to use and occupy portions of the “decommissioned” air strip at the Vidalia Regional Airport for the purpose of placement of equipment, tents, and supplies necessary for repairs during storms and other emergencies.**

- 12. Discussion / Approval of the 2026 City of Vidalia Holiday schedule.**

- 13. Discussion / Approval of quote to rebuild ARFA truck located at the Vidalia Regional Airport. The quote is from Cassidy Machine Shop & Engine Parts, Inc.; however, all repairs will be completed locally by Stephens Truck Center, Inc. The quoted price of repairs is \$34,607.46 and the fund source will be SPLOST.**

- 14. Discussion / Approval of Resolution #25-014, to adopt the millage rate for the City of Vidalia in Toombs County at 3.688 mills for fiscal year 2026.**

- 15. Discussion / Approval of Resolution #25-015, to adopt the millage rate for the City of Vidalia in Montgomery County at 3.933 mills for fiscal year 2026.**

- 16. Discussion / Approval of Resolution #25-016, to impose a six-month moratorium on the acceptance of building permit applications, or other development approvals for certain uses in the R-3, High Density Residential District and the OR, Office-Residential District for the purpose of evaluating potential updates to R-3 and OR Districts to better promote sustainable housing development, historic neighborhood revitalization, and compatibility with the City’s long-term land use plan.**

- 17. FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 25-017, amending Appendix A (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vidalia to repeal the RM-3, Mobile Home Residential District; to add new definitions; regulate triplexes, quadplexes, tiny homes, and homeless shelters. This will also create a Historic Preservation District classification; update certain use regulations with the C-1, C-2, C-3, I-1, and I-2**

Districts. A Public Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, at 5:00 p.m. to comments concerning this ordinance. Consideration will be given to public comments for revisions prior to the scheduled Second Reading of this ordinance on November 10, 2025 regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

18. Department Head Reports:

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
- b. Robert Shore, Police Chief
- c. Jeff West, ESG
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. Chad Phillips, City Marshal

19. City Manager's Report

20. Executive Session, as per O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(E), for the purpose of Real Estate.

21. ADJOURN