



**CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA • FEBRUARY 24, 2025
MINUTES**

**Regular
Meeting**

City Council Chamber
107 South Lee Street - City Hall, Kingsland, GA 31548

6:00 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING - STARTS AT 6:00PM

Mayor Day called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Public Hearing - Intent to Opt Out of HB581: Homestead Exemption

No one came forward to speak.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Day called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

III. ROLL CALL

Charles Grayson Day Jr., Mayor

Paul Chamberlin, Councilman

Farran Fullilove, Councilman

Kristy Chance, Councilwoman

Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem

PRESENT: Councilman Alex Blount
Councilman Paul Chamberlin
Councilwoman Kristy Chance
Mayor Grayson Day, Jr.
Councilman Farran Fullilove

ABSENT:

IV. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Chamberlin gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

V. CONSENT DOCKET

1. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
2. Approve the Agenda as Presented
3. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

VI. PRESENTATION

1. FLOCK Surveillance System

FLOCK operates real-time surveillance through cameras with integrated License Plate Readers (LPR), which would greatly enhance our ability to identify and apprehend individuals responsible for crimes in our community.

Mike Venable with Flock presented information on their camera systems. Flock cameras do not use facial recognition, but recognize cars and read license plates.

Lieutenant Swartz with the Kingsland Police Department stated that they had been given 90-day access to the available Flock database, and it had already helped solve eight cases that resulted in warrants being issued. Other law enforcement agencies have the option to share their databases. Councilman Chamberlin asked how many cameras were included with the current quote. Lt. Swartz stated that six cameras were needed to be able to have national access. She also stated that all equipment would be leased. Councilman Blount asked if Flock was the only vendor the police department had talked to. Police Chief Evans stated there were other vendors, but that none of them offered a national database. Councilman Blount asked about costs and was advised by City Manager Lee Spell that there is an initial cost of roughly \$44,000 with a recurring cost of \$20,000 annually. Mr. Spell also asked about funding the initial set up through the current school camera fund with recurring charges to be added to the annual budget. Chief Evans stated that the current school cameras could be incorporated with the Flock cameras for an additional fee. Mayor Day asked if the current proposal could be forwarded to all council members to review.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward to speak.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of: Resolution 2025-02 - Opt Out of Homestead Exemption

Consideration of a Resolution for the City of Kingsland to formally opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption, as authorized under O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2. Opting out of this provision allows the City to maintain its existing tax structure and revenue stability while preserving all currently enacted local exemptions for eligible homeowners.

Councilman Blount advised that Georgia House Bill 92 was currently being reviewed and voted on by Georgia state legislators. This bill would push the opt-out date to March 31, 2025. Councilman Blount stated that the city should pass the proposed resolution to opt out in order to comply with the current deadline of March 1, 2025,

but wait to see if HB 92 was passed before submitting the resolution to the state. This would allow the city to see what else may be included with HB92 in regard to the current floating homestead exemption.

Councilman Fullilove made a motion to approve the Resolution to Opt Out only if House Bill 92 was not approved by the State.
Councilman Chamberlin seconded.

2. Approval of: 2025 Section 125 POP Adoption Agreement and Resolution 2025-03

With the Section 125 Premium Only Plan, employees save an average of 30% on insurance premiums they pay through payroll deduction. Also, for every \$1000 of insurance our employees deduct (pre-tax) from their payroll checks, they saved about \$80 in FICA taxes.

3. Approval of: Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) Update Proposal

The City's Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) was approved by EPD in 2014. The WPP is a permit requirement for the Kingsland WPCP which provides the City a framework with which to monitor, protect, and restore watershed health within its service area. In August of 2024, EPD requested that the City's monitoring locations be re-evaluated for salinity and that sampling protocols be updated accordingly (appropriate protocols vary across salinity levels). In October of 2024, EPD issued a draft permit for the Kingsland WPCP with the requirement that an updated WPP be prepared and submitted which adopts Georgia's bacterial sampling protocols, which were officially recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2022. GWES' proposes to prepare and submit an updated WPP on behalf of the City for EPD permit compliance by addressing these requests and reflecting any additional updates necessary since the original 2014 WPP.

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Chamberlin reminded everyone of the Mardi Gras festival being held in downtown Kingsland February 28 - March 1, 2025.

Mayor Dad reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Carnival being held at The Lawn in March 2025.

XI. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.