



City Council Meeting Work Session
May 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Pendergrass City Hall

I. **Call to Order - : Motion made by Laura Bigley; seconded by Katherine Robinson. All in favor.**

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sylvia Basak	Councilmember		X
Laura Bigley	Councilmember	X	
Bob Carter	Councilmember		X
Bill Ellis	Mayor	X	
Holly Geiman	Councilmember		RESIGNED
Gabriel Gomez	Councilmember	X	
Katherine Robinson	Councilmember	X	

II. **Pledge to the Flag and Invocation**

III. **Review Clerks Minutes:**

The council reviewed the meeting minutes from the April Council Meeting and May Work Session. Mayor Ellis asks for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOVER: Gomez

SECONDER: Bigley

RESULT: Approved

AYES: All in favor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. **Treasury Report:**

There was not Treasury Report for the month of April. The Finance Administrator has been out due to illness. The council will review the report for approval at the next meeting.

MOVER: -

SECONDER: -

RESULT: -

AYES: -

NAYS: -

ABSTAIN: -

V. **Library Report:**

- Renee Martinez gives the library report for the month of May

VI. Old Business:

- **Policeman Pension:** The Mayor and Council discussed correspondence received from legal counsel representing a former police officer regarding a request to credit the officer's time of employment with the City toward his retirement benefits. It was noted that the officer had been employed by the City for approximately three months when he sustained an on-duty injury. Following discussion, Council members indicated their support for pursuing the request, subject to compliance with applicable retirement plan requirements and procedures.
- **Shoppes at Town Square:** The Mayor provided an update on the construction of the new Town Square shops, noting that the concrete slab has been poured and the project is progressing as scheduled. Councilmember Laura Bigley inquired about the anticipated completion of the building. The Mayor responded that he had been advised the building is expected to be erected by the end of July.

VII. New Business:

- **Police Car Purchase:** Mayor Ellis presented the council with a quote for a new police vehicle in the amount of \$68,000. The vehicle would come fully equipped and ready for service, including the new tracking system. He stated that the purchase could be funded through SPLOST. The Police Department currently has two vehicles experiencing electrical issues, along with other mechanical problems. Those vehicles could either be repaired and retained as spare vehicles or sold. Mayor Ellis also reported that the Police Department responded to 2,300 calls during the month of April.

VIII. Public Comment:

Rick Mendoza presented the council with a proposed mixed-use development consisting of six townhomes. The proposal includes demolishing several existing homes on the property and constructing townhomes with commercial space on the ground floor and residential units on the upper floors. Councilmember Laura Bigley asked whether the architectural design would be consistent with the commercial development currently under construction in Town Square. Arturo Mendoza responded that he had not yet seen those plans but would be willing to review them. He stated that he believes the project would enhance downtown Pendergrass. Councilmember Gabriel Gomez asked whether a permit application had been submitted for the project. Arturo Mendoza replied that no application had been submitted, as they were instructed to present the concept to the council first. Councilmember Laura Bigley asked about the size of the commercial spaces, and Arturo Mendoza stated that each commercial unit would contain approximately 600 to 800 square feet. Councilmember Bigley also asked whether the townhomes would be sold or rented. Arturo Mendoza responded that the townhomes would be sold. He further stated that the development would be constructed as presented to the council and that they did not intend to make changes to the plans. Councilmember Gabriel Gomez asked what types of businesses were being considered for the commercial space and whether market studies had been conducted to determine if Pendergrass could support those businesses. Arturo Mendoza responded that the information would be forthcoming.

Councilmember Kathryn Robinson thanked Renee Martinez and Donna Ellis for planting flowers around the City Hall sign and at the Post Office.

Adjourn

Motion made by Laura Bigley; seconded by Kathryn Robinson

All in favor


Renee Martinez

City Clerk

May 27, 2026