City Council Work Session

November 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM

65 Smith Bridges St. Pendergrass, Ga 30567

I. Call to Order and determination of a quorum.

Mayor Ellis determined that a quorum was present and asked for a motion to open the meeting. Motion made by Bob Carter; seconded by Kathryn Robinson. All in favor. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Position	Present	Absent
Basak, Sylvia	Councilmember	X	
Carter, Bob	Councilmember	X	
Gomez, Gabriel	Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Joy, Dwight	Councilmember	X	
Robinson, Kathryn	Councilmember	X	
Ellis, Bill	Mayor	X	

II. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation had been conducted during the public hearing earlier that evening and were not repeated.

III. Current Business:

Proposed 2027 Budget

Mayor Ellis reviewed the proposed budget's upcoming consideration. Council would vote on the budget at the November 17, 2026 regular council meeting, which would provide another opportunity for public input.

Library Driveway

Mayor Ellis reviewed a proposal of approximately $24,000 for surveying, site planning, drawings, and coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation to obtain approval for a library driveway entrance.

The existing driveway crosses adjoining property, and the property owner has permitted temporary use of the existing parking area. Council discussed a possible loop driveway, a book drop, and access to the accessible entrance.

Council discussed potential funding sources, including SPLOST public facilities funds. Funding eligibility would be researched before further consideration. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Ellis also reported that work on the sidewalk project was underway, including drainage repairs and gutter cleaning.

Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Ellis reported that the comprehensive plan paperwork had been submitted. Two steering committee meetings would be required, with participation sought from Council, the Downtown Development Authority, and community members.

The meetings would gather input on the City's growth and priorities for the next five years. Meeting dates would be shared with Council when available.

Potential Water Supply and Well Study

Mayor Ellis discussed whether developing a municipal water source could benefit Pendergrass in the future. A preliminary study costing approximately $5,000 was proposed to evaluate potential well locations.

Council discussed long-term water needs, possible cooperation with Talmo, the potential use or sale of water, and existing wells as possible resources.

Councilmember Kathryn Robinson shared information about other communities leasing existing wells. Councilmember Bob Carter discussed the potential benefit of an additional water source during boil-water advisories.

Mayor Ellis expressed support for proceeding with the preliminary study. The matter was discussed for possible action at the November 17 meeting. No formal action was taken.

Possible Property Swaps

Scannell Property Exchange

Mayor Ellis reported that Scannell had submitted a proposed agreement to exchange a small City-owned triangular parcel along Highway 129 for two parcels at the end of Glenn Gee Road. The agreement had been forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

Mayor Ellis also discussed sewer infrastructure needs associated with the development, including a possible pump station and coordination with developers and the county.

Potential Park Property Exchange

Mayor Ellis reviewed a separate potential exchange involving approximately 24 acres of City-owned property along Highway 129 and approximately 18 acres near the end of Gary Watson Road and Walnut Creek.

Council discussed the potential use of the Walnut Creek property for a park, including ball fields and walking trails. Discussion included bridge construction, road access, floodplain concerns, visibility, public safety, traffic, and possible county participation in developing and maintaining the property.

Councilmember Dwight Joy asked about the potential use of the City's 24-acre parcel following an exchange. Councilmember Kathryn Robinson expressed concern about additional warehouse development and truck traffic.

Mayor Ellis stated that bridge costs and other feasibility considerations were still being investigated. No formal action was taken.

IV. Open Public Discussion

Mayor Ellis invited public comments. No public comments were offered.

Adjourn: Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- **MOVER:** Basak
- **SECONDER:** Carter
- **RESULT:** Adjourned
- **AYES:** All in favor
- **NAYS:** None
- **ABSTAIN:** None

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Renee Martinez
City Clerk