



VISION STATEMENT:
"The Magic City: A diverse,
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where people prosper and
business succeeds."

SPECIAL WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Council Chambers
316 N. 26th St.

May 20, 2025

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Shaw, Ward I (Via Zoom)
Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Owen, Ward II (Via Zoom)
Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Rogers, Ward III
Councilmember Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Aspenlieder, Ward IV
Councilmember Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused:

Staff: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager
David Watterson, Information Technology (IT) Director
Jeffry Sprock, IT Manager
Kelsie Rubich, Interim Library Director

Public Comment:

None

1. FY2026 Departmental Budget Presentations.

• Aviation & Transit

Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director, gave an overview of Airport accomplishments, challenges, development efforts, numbers, revenues, concessions, operating expenses, and grants. He reviewed rate increases for FY26, and FY26-31 budget requests.

General Council questions and discussion: reserve numbers, overflow parking, and challenges.

Rusty Logan, Transit Manager, gave an overview of achievements, challenges, ridership numbers, projected operating budget by division, capital grant numbers, and FY27-31 anticipated budget requests.

General Council questions and discussion: reserves, marketing, and decreases being proposed to meet budget cuts.

- **Information Technology**

David Watterson, IT Director, gave an overview of IT responsibilities, revenues and expenses, and the central telephone services budget, revenue and expenses. Jeffrey Sprock, IT Manager, reviewed the successes for IT and upcoming challenges.

General Council questions and discussion: tracking software licensing, steps taken to address issues with migrating software, and cyber security training.

- **Library**

Kelsie Rubich, Interim Library Director, introduced herself and gave an overview of the City-County Library services, technology, programs and revenue and expenditures, fund balance projection for FY26 and the 5-year growth plan.

General Council questions and discussion: reserves, travel time, and population served.

Recess at 7:36 P.M. Reconvene at 7:43 P.M.

- **Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands**

Gavin Woltjer, Interim Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Director, gave an overview of FY26 priorities, revenue, expenditures, and capital. He reviewed the Recreation Department accomplishments, Park accomplishments, Cemetery and Forestry accomplishments, Amend Recreation Center and the five-year plan. He spoke of the need to focus on maintenance and plans going forward.

General Council questions and discussion: Amend Park Recreation Center, SBURA, program fees and forestry grant money.

Gavin indicated he would be appealing the forestry grant decision to try to obtain the money.

Council continued discussion on the adopt a park program, Amend Park Recreation Center, neighborhood participation in Park Maintenance funds, Coulson Park and potential management outsourcing. They spoke of hiring concerns for seasonal employees and the ability to open wading pools.

-Public Comment

None

HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

CM Boyett – direct staff to move back to the dais for Work Sessions. CM Neese seconded.

Council discussion indicated a desire to keep floor setting with different configurations.

Motion withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required. *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

None

ADJOURN: 8:50 P.M.