



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY AUDITORIUM
June 9, 2026

The Honorable Carla Coley
Mayor

The Honorable Shane Savant, Mayor Pro Tem
District Three, Post Two

The Honorable Trecia Gardner
District One, Post One

The Honorable Gary Ates
District One, Post Two

The Honorable Rufus Veal
District Two, Post One

The Honorable Lonnie Tedders
District Two, Post Two

The Honorable Dianne Lester
District Three, Post One

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – June 9, 2026**
- VI. APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES – May 7, 2026**
- VII. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 12, 2026**
- VIII. APPROVAL OF CALLED MEETING MINUTES – May 26, 2026**
- IX. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES – May 27, 2026**

X. PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth Day

XI. PRESENTATION

Chief Jeff Trawick

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1. Finance
2. Fire
3. Police
4. Public Works

XIII. OUTSIDE AGENCIES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint Bonnie Raffield as Interim City Clerk
2. Mayor Reappointment to the IDA
Reappointment - Adam Holloway, term expires July 18, 2026, 2-year appointment. This appointment does not have to go to Council for approval.
3. Mayor Appointment/Reappointments to the Library Board
Reappointment – Sonja Rivers, term expires June 30, 2026, 4-year appointment
Appointment – Amy Lee, 4-year appointment
These appointments do not require approval by the City Council.
4. Event Permit – Fourth of July Events
The Chamber of Commerce is requesting to close Second Street from Dykes to Ash for Fourth of July events. The request to close the street has been submitted to GDOT for approval.
5. Event Permit – Juneteenth Celebration
The Juneteenth Celebration Committee is requesting use of the Police Department parking lot and the City Auditorium for Juneteenth events. Outside vendors and fun activities are scheduled from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, along with a Gospel Concert from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The Gospel event will be held in the City Auditorium.
6. Consider and Approve the Congressional Directed Spending Award from Senator Jon Ossoff for the Municipal Building and the Required Match.

Background and Summary

Mayor Coley applied for Congressional Directed Spending Funds through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff for improvements to the Municipal Building. The award requires a 45% match. The award information is listed below:

City of Cochran, City of Cochran Historic Auditorium and Municipal Building Restoration

Recipient Name: City of Cochran

Member Name and State: Senator Jon Ossoff, Georgia

Project Purpose: To renovate and expand the historic Cochran Municipal Building and Auditorium.

Project Location: Cochran, GA

Amount Requested: \$179,000

7. Consider and Approve Proposed Changes to the Temporary Promotion Policy in the Personnel Handbook.

Background and Summary

The current policy states that when a vacancy occurs that requires an employee to be promoted into a vacant position to assist with the efficient operation of the department, the employee does not receive an increase in pay until after serving for longer than sixty (60) days. The proposal is to immediately compensate employees upon being assigned a temporary promotion or appointed to an interim position. Once the employee is relieved of the temporary promotion or interim position, the employee's salary will be reduced to his/her previous rate of pay.

8. Consider and Approve the Proposed Employee Travel Policy.
9. Consider and Approve Per Diem for Mayor and Council.
10. Consider and Approve Improvements at the Municipal Building and Requests from Downtown Business Owners and Patrons.

Background and Summary

A request was received to replace the subflooring and floor covering of both restrooms in the economic development office space in the municipal building and sanding and repainting the steps to the economic development offices. Additionally, there is a request from downtown merchants to sandblast and repaint the iron railing in the downtown area.

11. Consider and Approve the Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections.

XIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

XV. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

XVI. MAYOR/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT