



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY AUDITORIUM
August 6, 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

WORK SESSION
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION AGENDA – August 6, 2026**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion – Airport Design Runway 11-29, Taxiway, and North Apron Crack Seal, Rejuvenate and Remarking Project.

Background and Summary

The Georgia Department of Transportation has tentatively awarded Fiscal Year 2027 funding for the above-mentioned project at the airport. The project requires \$1,900 in matching funds from the City of Cochran.

2. Discussion – 2026 CHIP Award

Background and Summary

The City of Cochran has been conditionally awarded \$500,000 by the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) for new construction or owner-occupied housing rehabilitation.

This award is contingent upon the City of Cochran satisfying all conditions set forth in the CHIP Grant Agreement. No funds may be drawn down, committed, or obligated until all conditions have been met and the Agreement has been fully executed. The agreement must be returned to DCA by August 31, 2026.

3. Discussion – Gas Rebates

Background and Summary

Municipal natural gas rebate programs are offered by local city utilities and providers to offset the cost of purchasing and converting to energy efficient gas appliances. Incentives include cash back rebates for switching from electric or propane systems to natural gas appliances like water heaters, furnaces, and stoves. Cochran can select the number of appliances and amount for a rebate. Enclosed are examples from cities who participate in the program. Additional information can be found at www.ProvideBetter.com.

4. Discussion – Request to Use City Auditorium

Background and Summary

Mayor Coley received a request from a community group requesting Council approval to use the City Auditorium.

5. Discussion – M.E. Sack Environmental Contract

Background and Summary

In August 2024, the City of Cochran entered into an agreement with M.E. Sack Environmental for operations management services associated with the municipal treatment plant. The agreement is up for renewal.

6. Discussion – Municipal Advisory Services

Background and Summary

The City of Cochran entered into an agreement with Crews & Associates on February 9, 2021, to provide municipal advisory services. A recent reorganization within Crews & Associates requires the city to execute a new municipal advisory agreement. The scope of services and compensation have not changed.

7. Comprehensive Plan Community Work Program

Background and Summary

The City of Cochran-Bleckley County Joint Comprehensive Plan is being updated this year. Enclosed is the City of Cochran Community Work Program. Cochran's Community Work Program (CWP) will be reviewed and updated to identify projects completed during the last five years and identify projects the City would like to pursue within the next five (5) years.

8. Discussion – City of Cochran Sign Ordinance

9. Discussion - FY 2027 Budget

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT