



**COUNCIL MEETING  
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD  
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096  
FULL MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2026**

**ATTENDANCE**

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Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Skip Dahlstrom, Bill Lacy, Chip McDaniel and Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator, Thomas Mithcell – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 8

Members of the Press: 0

**CALL TO ORDER**

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Salter called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

**AGENDA**

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Salter solicited a motion regarding the agenda.

**McDaniel made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Dahlstrom seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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a) O-26-261 - 2025 Budget Amendment

Salter solicited comments regarding the 2025 Budget Amendment.

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of March 19, 2026, Council Meeting
- b) Minutes of March 19, 2026, Council Work Session
- c) Financial Statements of February 2026 – Unaudited

**Lacy made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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a) 2025 Budget Amendment

Threadgill: O-26-261 is a housekeeping measure to identify the final status of expenses and revenues for 2025. I am requesting that council place the item on second read and adopt the amended budget.

**McDaniel made a motion to place O-26-261, an ordinance to amend the budget for the year 2025, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read and to adopt the amended budget. Lacy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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a) Public Comment Policy

Threadgill: The City Attorney has prepared this policy to help ensure efficient and orderly meetings and to provide guidance to citizens who wish to address city council about their concerns.

**Dahlstrom made a motion to adopt the public comment policy. McDaniel seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

b) VC3 Agreement for IT Services

Threadgill: The city's IT contractor, VC3, presented the need for various security upgrades at last month's work session. Additionally, in order to meet a federal mandate relative to ADA compliance as well as to make various other changes to the city's website, staff requested VC3 assistance to update the website. The agreement before you continues the current services provided by VC3 and adds security and website upgrades. Staff requests that you approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it subject to review and approval by the city attorney.

**Spitler made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it subject to review and approval by the city attorney. Lacy seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

c) Keck & Wood Proposal for 2026 MS4 Report Preparation

Threadgill: This year, I requested that the city engineer assist with preparation of the 2025-2026 annual MS4 report, a proposal for which is before you tonight. Staff requests that you accept the proposal.

**McDaniel made a motion to accept the Keck & Wood proposal to prepare the 2025-2026 MS4 report. Dahlstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Patricia, a representative for Jacques Laurent, candidate for state representative of District 97, stated that Jacques lives at 4920 Bankside Way in Peachtree Corners. She continued, "Thank you for the opportunity to address the council and wonderful community. I have had the honor to knock on the doors and meet many of the residents, and Jacques' children have had the opportunity to attend Berkeley Lake Elementary School. He's running as a democrat to represent Georgia House District 97. His campaign and tenure are about providing leadership to move us forward."

Patricia passed out flyers and referenced a candidate website if anyone would like further information. She noted that Jacques could not be here and asked her to step in. She is his campaign manager.

Michael Wagner, 3589 Hermitage Drive, commented as follows. "Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Michael Wagner, and I have been a Berkeley Lake resident for over 20 years. I want to begin by being very clear: I fully support our partnership with the Gwinnett County Police Department. The ability to share camera data with the GCPD is a proven force-multiplier for Berkeley Lake's safety. My goal tonight isn't to weaken that link, but to ensure that the contractual terms between our city and Flock Safety are as robust as the technology itself.

This past Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Dunwoody City Council reached a unanimous agreement to renew with Flock - not by accepting the standard 'fine print,' but by negotiating a Master Services Agreement that protects their residents' civil rights. They proved that the city can be a leader in public safety without surrendering its data sovereignty. Dunwoody successfully negotiated for a 'Federal Sharing Toggle' - a literal switch that allows the city to keep local data local, preventing it from being harvested by federal agencies like ICE without explicit local approval. They also secured language that prohibits Flock from using resident movement data to train their private AI models.

As I understand our current authorization with Flock dates back to 2023. Since then, Flock has updated their terms twice – most recently this February - to include perpetual data licenses and liability caps that shift risk onto us, the taxpayers.

To ensure Berkeley Lake matches the high standard of privacy just set by Dunwoody, I am asking for verification of three points.

**1) Ownership: Will the City Attorney verify that Berkeley Lake retains 100% ownership of our data and that it cannot be used for Flock's private AI development?**

2) Accountability: Will the Council pull a quarterly 'search justification' log to ensure the system is being used only for its intended law enforcement purposes?

3) The Toggle: Will we follow Dunwoody's lead and implement a 'Federal Sharing Toggle' to ensure our partnership with the GCPD remains focused on local public safety."

Salter noted that the comments have continued for over three minutes and asked that the comments be sent in writing. Wagner agreed and then continued with his final thoughts.

"We don't have to choose between a safe community and secure civil rights; they are two sides of the same coin. I'm asking this Council to ensure that as you modernize our policing through future contract renewals, our residents' privacy is treated as a fundamental right - not a negotiable commodity for a private vendor - and that our community is provided with full, ongoing transparency on this issue. Thank you."

Salter asked again for the comments to be sent in writing. Wagner agreed to do so.

There were no further comments.

## ADJOURNMENT

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**There being no further business to discuss, Lacy moved to adjourn. Spittler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by:

  
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Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk

