SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter
Council Members: Skip Dahlstrom, Bill Lacy, Bill Lyons, Chip McDaniel and Rebecca Spitler
City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator, and Dick Carothers – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 3 Members of the Press: 0

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

AGENDA

McDaniel made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Lacy seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Salter noted that there were no public hearings.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Minutes of October 15, 2026, Council Meeting
b) Minutes of October 15, 2026, Council Work Session

Lyons 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

Salter noted that there was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

a) O-26-264 2027 Proposed Budget

Threadgill: O-26-264 is the proposed budget for 2027. This measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2027 over the rollback rate for 2026 and is presented for first read consideration after having been reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. Staff requests that you schedule a public hearing to receive citizen comments to be held on November 19th.

Lacy made a motion to place O-26-264, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2027, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on first read and to schedule a public hearing on the matter for Thursday, November 19th at 8:00 PM. Dahlstrom seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

b) O-26-263 An Ordinance to
   a. Adopt a Unified Development Ordinance
   b. Adopt a Zoning Map
   c. Adopt Standard Drawings
   d. Carry forward prior zoning conditions
   e. Amend Chapters 26, 32, 34, 42, 70, 77
   f. Delete Chapters 58, 62 and 78 and Section 2-153

Threadgill: This is the culmination of a project that has been going on for a couple of years to rewrite the City of Berkeley Lake's zoning and development regulations. The deliverable before you has been vetted through a public process, including stakeholder interviews, public meetings and public hearings, steering committee review and feedback, and Planning & Zoning commission review and recommendation. It is presented for first read consideration with a recommendation for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Staff requests that you schedule a public hearing to receive comments to be held on November 19th.

Spitler made a motion to place O-26-263, an ordinance to adopt a Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Map and Standard Drawings as well as the other changes outlined in the agenda, on first read and to schedule a public hearing on the matter for Thursday, November 19th at 8:00 PM. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Anderson, 334 Lakeshore Drive, noted that he works with city staff during the day and sees a lot of staff hours spent on items that are not city-related, which he feels is a waste of tax money. His family owns three properties on Lakeshore Drive and pays a fair amount of taxes to the city, county and state. He noted that wildlife is not a city issue: dead animals are handled by

the county and live animals by the state. He asked that animal-related issues no longer be brought to the city, as they are not the city's role and are a waste of money and staff time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by:

Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk