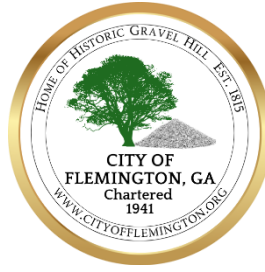


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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8TH, 2025 AT 4:30 P.M.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL
156 OLD SUNBURY RD**

Present at City Hall: Mayor Pro Tempore ('MPT') David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell (entered @ 4:37 p.m.)
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Present via Phone: None

Absent: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore David Edwards on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. MPT Edwards welcomed all attendees.
3. The invocation was given by Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the June 10th, 2025 minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

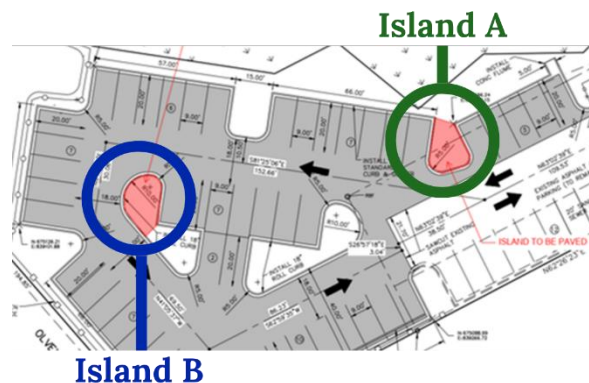
Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the June 27th, 2025 Executive Session minutes as written. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.
5. Deputy Wilson with the LCSO gave a report on law enforcement activities for the month of June 2025.
6. The Council reviewed the June 2025 General Fund check register, P&L and Balance Sheet, and the FY25 Budget vs. Actual report (through 6/30/25).
7. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission came before Council with the three items of business. First was to give a presentation on the 2025 Joint Liberty Comprehensive Plan, which

would be adopted in September. The entire report is available at www.thelcpc.com. He shared that the estimated population of Flemington was 1,300+ and that the Comprehensive Plan includes all current ordinances and zoning.

The second item of business was the business license for Publix, located at 1435 E. Oglethorpe Highway. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the business license for Publix with the special condition that the license would be issued after receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Lastly, Mr. Ricketson shared that the owner of 912|Living, located at 1661-H E. Oglethorpe Highway, was requesting the approval from the City to paint the exterior of her unit a deep charcoal gray. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve request for painting the exterior of the building. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* Mr. Ricketson introduced Ms. Katelyn Esters, who had joined the LCPC team and would be the point person for the City of Flemington.

The final presenter for the LCPC was Ms. Mardee Sanchez, who presented Variance Request #2025-27-F: a variance from the landscape ordinance for two landscape islands and, instead, to pave and stripe the two areas. This request was for the Hampton Inn, located at 1148 E. Oglethorpe Highway. The owner, Mr. Dennis Patel, shared that it was difficult for larger trucks, specifically GA Power trucks staging at the hotel for natural disasters, to navigate the parking lot. After discussion about whether box trucks (not 18-wheelers) could navigate the parking lot without damaging the islands or parked vehicles. **MPT Edwards opened a public hearing on the variance at 5:23 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing closed at 5:24 p.m.** *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the landscape variance with the first island (Island A) reduced in size to five feet from the pavement edge with roll curb, and the second (Island B) paved and striped. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*



8. Ms. Ebony Mulberry from the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau delivered their bi-annual presentation
9. Mr. Joseph Mosely, the County Administrator for Liberty County, with Mr. Donald Lovette, Chairman of the Liberty County Board of Commissioners, came before Council with the TSPLOST intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") for TSPLOST2. They stated that TSPLOST1 sunsets on September 30th, 2025 unless renewed on the voter referendum in November. Should the renewal pass, it would be for a period of six years and would begin collecting on April 1st, 2026. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the TSPLOST2 IGA and to make the realignment of Wallace Martin Dr. with Flemington Village Blvd. a priority for the City. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
10. MPT Edwards reported that the Request for Proposal ("RFP") for Citywide Sanitation had been advertised in the legal organ, on the city website, and on Facebook. The contract is to begin January 1st, 2026.
11. *Councilman Logan made a motion to submit the rezoning application to the LCPC for city-owned property (parcel 083A001) to be rezoned from A-1 and R-20 to multi-family residential (MFR). Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

12. Mr. Randy Dykes, representing M.E. Sack Engineering, has provided an update on the progress of full-depth reclamation projects on Wallace Martin Drive, Joseph Martin Road, and Old Sunbury Road.

Old Sunbury Road Phase 1:

- Work had begun on Phase 1 (Old Sunbury between City Hall and Joseph Martin Rd.)
- Roadbed had a higher sand content than the other roads.
- First compaction tests due back in about a week.
- Tests to be conducted every 1,000 ft.
- Fort Stewart sent out directives to use another route.

Mr. Dykes also reported that the HWY 84 TSPLOST sidewalk project (from the Liberty County Performing Arts Center to Liberty High School) was delayed due to a national shortage of hydroseed. The shortage ended, the contractor was able to get the supplies needed, and work was slated to begin that week. Completion was estimated at forty-five days.

13. *Councilman Patel made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.*