

*"Preserving Our Heritage,
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Historic Home of Gravel Hill
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10TH, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL - 156 OLD SUNBURY RD

Present at City Hall: Mayor Timothy Byler
Mayor Pro Tempore ('MPT') Rene' Harwell
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Councilman Paul Martin
Councilman Manish Patel
Shameka Hawkes, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Phone: None

Absent:

1. The regularly scheduled meeting/swearing in ceremony of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Byler on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. on the front lawn at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. The invocation was given by Mayor Byler and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
3. Mayor Byler requested approval of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

4. *Councilman H Patel made a motion to approve the February 10th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as written and Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell made a motion to approve the February 19th, 2026 Special Called Minutes as written and Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the March 2nd, 2026 Vision Workshop Minutes as written and Mayor Pro Tem Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

5. Lt. Gallob reported that overall, Decrease in overall calls (now tracking city limits only, not county-wide) Increase in traffic enforcement and theft incidents. One home burglary reported on Patriot TRL.

6. Financial Reports – Kim Glothlin: Received \$132,000 in unbudgeted Georgia Power franchise fees. Budget Concerns: Admin department at 9% remaining budget; IT needs additional funding. Budget workshop scheduled for April 8th, Formal budget amendment for fiscal year 26 planned for May/June, Quarterly variance analysis requested for hotel/motel tax and local option sales tax. New reports added: SPLOST and TSPLOST county reports for tracking commission district monies.

7. **Atlantic Waste Service-Sam Sullivan**

766 customers signed up (slightly above expectations) Service clarifications provided:

- Household waste: Must go in cart (bagging encouraged)
- Yard debris: Single pile, 4-foot lengths, 4-inch diameter
- Bulk items: One item per week (up to 100 lbs.), call for larger amounts

Schedule adjustment: Tranquil South pickup time moved to after 7 AM (from 6 AM) Approved sending detailed informational letter to residents

8. Keep Liberty Beautiful-Dr. Bell, Mea Wilson, Willa Lewis Great American Cleanup Day

- March 21, 2026 (Keep America Beautiful initiative, goal: 25 billion pieces of litter collected nationwide)

Proclamation: Mayor Byler read and signed proclamation declaring March 21, 2026 as Keep America Beautiful/Greatest American Cleanup Day. in the City of Flemington, urging citizens to join in activities to promote responsible environmental stewardship.

Keep Liberty Beautiful-Dr. Bell, Mea Wilson, Willa Lewis American Red Cross

- March 2026 (honoring volunteers and encouraging blood donations)

Proclamation: Mayor Byler read and signed proclamation declaring March 2026 as Red Cross Month.

9. **Sign Permit Application – Presentation by LCPC**

Sharon Cadiz, representing the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC), presented a Sign Permit, Contractor: Tomahawk Signs & Service Name of Business Postal Hive Parcel: 1425 E. Oglethorpe Hwy, Parcel # 069D020, Property Zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development Districts), Sign meets the percentage requirement in the sign ordinance. LCPC Zoning Recommendation: Approval. *Councilman Martin made a motion to approve the Sign Permit. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

10. **Mayor Byler**

Honorary Street Designation – Paul Hawkins

Mayor Byler discussed establishing a procedure and guidelines for honorary street designations to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City of Flemington. As part of this discussion, Council considered honoring former Mayor Paul Hawkins for his years of service and contributions to the city. The proposed honorary designation would recognize a portion of roadway as “Paul Hawkins Way.” It was noted that this designation would be honorary only and that existing addresses would remain unchanged. Mayor Byler also discussed preparing a proclamation recognizing Paul Hawkins’ service and declaring a “Paul Hawkins Day.” A special dedication ceremony is planned in conjunction with the proclamation presentation. Efforts will also be made to invite the State Representative to attend the ceremony. Further steps will include developing a formal procedure and guidelines for future honorary street recognitions.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell made a motion to Designate a distance within Joseph Martin, between Wallace Martin as Paul Hawkins Way and designate Paul Hawkins Day. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

11. **Engineering Report – Randy & Marcus**

Randy spoke with GDOT to cease mowing the right away. He spoke with Dustin Mercer. The City will obtain cost estimate. Goal: Prevent damage to sidewalks from GDOT mowing equipment.

Councilman Logan made a motion to approve GDOT ceasing cleaning up road across the city limits. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Storm drain blockage on Wallace Martin Road being investigated (meeting scheduled with Clinton Wells and Platinum developers) Possible culvert collapse; determining responsibility (construction-related vs. natural failure)

Business in Progress-update

Committee Appointment List- Councilman M Patel

[List Complete w/ addition](#)

2025 MS4 AR Submission-M Byler

2025 Annual Report received (February 16, 2026)

Sweetland of Liberty Banners

Banners promote Liberty County's "Sweetland of Liberty" Primary placement along Highway 84 corridor Mayor authorized to finalize strap/mounting specifications and installation costs

Councilman H Patel made a motion to approve the Purchase 10 banners (receive 5 free = 15 total) plus 15 mounting hardware sets. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Work in Progress/Tasked Parties (Updates)

Street Parking Committee: Councilwoman Smiley

- Research completed on parking ordinances
- Current UDO allows on-street parking with no time limits
- HOAs lack authority to tow vehicles on public streets without city permission

City attorney to look into legalities for drafted revised parking ordinance (potentially 24-hour limit, similar to other municipalities)

Social Media Policy: Councilwoman Smiley

Draft policy emailed to council for review, Will return to next meeting for approval after attorney review

Historic District Committee: Councilwoman Smiley

- Jim Floyd agreed to serve as citizen member
- Committee to meet after April

Branding & Marketing: Councilman H Patel

- Logo completed
- Ongoing branding efforts continue
- Gateway grant available from GDOT to paint entrance wall

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **March 25, 2026 @ 11:00 AM:** GMA Annual Convention registration opens (books fast - register immediately!)
- **April 8, 2026:** Budget workshop

Action Items for Follow-Up

1. Obtain cost estimates for right-of-way mowing
 2. Finalize Sweetland of Liberty banner installation costs and placement
 3. Send detailed waste collection information to residents
 4. Draft revised parking ordinance
 5. Finalize social media policy
 6. Investigate Wallace Martin storm drain issue
 7. Plan Paul Hawkins Way dedication ceremony
 8. Complete quarterly tax revenue variance analysis
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12. *Councilman H Patel made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm*