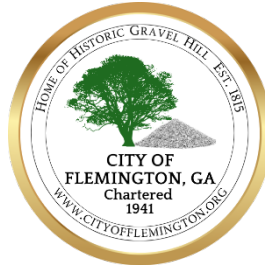


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**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 21ST, 2025 AT 2:00 PM
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL
156 OLD SUNBURY RD**

Present at City Hall: Mayor Pro Tem Rene' Harwell
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilman David Edwards
Shameka Hawkes, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Phone: Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Absent: Mayor Paul Hawkins

1. The special called meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Rene' Harwell on Tuesday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell opened the discussion regarding the solid waste contract and invited Attorney Craig Stafford and Mr. Sam Sullivan of Atlantic Waste to provide clarification.

Atlantic Waste was initially selected for the solid waste contract; however, significant revisions were required after submission. The City's attorney determined several inaccuracies and omissions in the original draft. Due to continued inconsistencies and missing updates, a notice was sent rescinding the contract, with intent to rebid the service.

Mr. Sullivan (Atlantic Waste): Stated his company had been preparing since the initial award—creating a billing database, drafting customer letters, meeting with Liberty County officials, and ordering carts and dumpsters. Claimed he accepted all City revisions on September 30 and awaited a final signable version. Acknowledged misunderstanding regarding printing and signing the redlined contract and noted only one immaterial addition was pending—clarifying landfill pricing language. Expressed regret for any confusion and reiterated readiness to begin January 1.

Attorney Stafford: Clarified that multiple counteroffers occurred and that there was no valid, executed contract between the City and Atlantic Waste. Noted that the City Council was clear all waste must go exclusively to the Liberty County Transfer Station and that the City would not assist in billing or collections.

Council Discussion: Councilmembers expressed concern about omitted provisions, unclear contract terms, and a lack of communication from Atlantic Waste. Emphasized the importance of accurate documentation and that the City does not have staff to assist with collection activities or container management. Noted discrepancies between Council's approved terms and the submitted drafts.

After discussion, the Council agreed that the contract was never finalized. Per the attorney's guidance, the City will proceed with rebidding the solid waste contract.

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve rebidding the contract out, and the contract would be, disposable of solid waste, garbage, and poly cart only. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell presented the quote from Axon Enterprises for body and in-car cameras for the City's deputies. The quote had been delayed from the previous meeting. The updated proposal reflects an increase in service costs due to enhanced technology, including cloud-based data storage and automatic video uploads.
 - The equipment package covers two vehicles and two deputies, providing improved accountability and efficiency.
 - The agreement is a three-year lease, including maintenance and automatic replacement of damaged equipment.
 - Payment schedule includes installments through December 2025, June 2026, and June 2027.
 - The Council discussed potential grant opportunities to offset future costs and confirmed that this is a lease program, not a purchase.

Councilman Patel made a motion to approved the Axon Enterprises proposal with authorization for the Mayor Pro Tem to finalize the agreement and adjust for any minor price changes upon receiving the final quote. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.