

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street

Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Craig Newton

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Gaynor

Councilmember Andrew Hixson

Councilmember Josh Bare

Councilmember Matt Myers

Councilmember Marshall Cheek

Meeting Recording:

<https://norcrossga.portal.civicclerk.com/>

<https://youtube.com/live/wVBUWu6OFCE?feature=share>

A. Call to Order by Mayor Craig Newton

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Newton at 6:35 p.m.

B. Invocation - Councilmember Hixson**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America****D. Roll Call (recorded)**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Craig Newton	Mayor	Present	
Bruce Gaynor	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Andrew Hixson	Councilmember	Present	
Josh Bare	Councilmember	Present	
Matt Myers	Councilmember	Present	
Marshall Cheek	Councilmember	Present	

E. Presentation of Previous Meeting Minutes for Acceptance

A motion to approve the following meetings:

- April 6, 2026, Regular Council Meeting
- April 6, 2026, Urban Redevelopment Agency Special Called Meeting
- April 9, 2026, Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting
- April 9, 2026, Urban Redevelopment Agency Special Called Meeting
- April 20, 2026, Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting
- April 20, 2026, Policy Work Session

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0

MOVER: Josh Bare, Councilmember

SECONDER: Matt Myers, Councilmember

AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

F. Set Agenda As Presented for Scheduled Meeting

A motion to accept the agenda and approve the consent agenda with the following items being moved to discussion: Selection of City Manager Executive Search Firm, Extension and Amendment of Professional Services Agreement with RedSpeed Georgia, LLC, Request for Approval to install Dog Watering Stations in City Parks

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0

MOVER: Josh Bare, Councilmember

SECONDER: Matt Myers, Councilmember

AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

G. Ceremonial Presentations, Recognitions, and Swearing in Ceremonies

H. Floor Open to Citizens Desiring to Address the Governing Authority

1. 2025-378: Comments by Citizens

Student Body — Representing Next Generation Focus, a Georgia-based nonprofit organization, shared information about their work providing a recreational youth center, academic support through tutoring, mental health support, and opportunities to build positive friendships and connect with positive adult role models.

Jacques Murphy — Thanked Kristin Corely and her husband, Johnathon, for their execution of Norcross's inaugural Porchfest. He shared that he is a proud resident and grateful to be part of the Norcross community.

Pierre Levy — Expressed concern about the crossing near the bank. He requested additional police presence, noting that vehicles are not consistently stopping for pedestrians.

Tyne Willis — Gave a shout-out for Porchfest and thanked those involved. She also raised concerns about the crossing near the bank, noting it as a potential hazard for pedestrians. Additionally, she inquired about any progress regarding the two houses on Ringo Street that are under the purview of the DDA.

Jim Eyre — Responded to a previous public comment regarding the two houses on Wingo Street, stating that staff is working diligently with contractors to continue progress on the project.

2. 2025-379: Comments by Council

3. 2025-380: Comments by City Manager

I. Public Hearings

1. 2026-67: **TEXT2026-002; Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance to Chapter 100, Article III, Section 103 Review Authority and Section 104-3 Decision Making Responsibilities**

A motion to approve an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance Chapter 100, Article III, Section 103 Review Authority and Section 104-3 Decision-Making Responsibilities of the Norcross Code of Ordinance, with the following enacting clause:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia, hereby ordains that the Unified Development Ordinance in the Norcross Municipal Code originally codified as Ordinance Number 08-2019 and as subsequently amended by ordinance by the Mayor and City Council (hereinafter the "UDO") is hereby amended as more particularly set forth below. It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the following provisions shall become and be made a part of the Official Code of the City of Norcross and the UDO.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0
MOVER: Bruce Gaynor, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Josh Bare, Councilmember
AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

2. 2026-83: TEXT2026-003; Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance to Chapter 100, Article II; Defined Terms and Chapter 200, Article I

A motion to approve an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance Chapter 100, Article II, Defined Terms and Chapter 200, Article I Zoning Districts and Use Provisions of the Norcross Code of Ordinance, with the following enacting clause:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia, hereby ordains that the adopted Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as more particularly set forth below. It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council, and it is hereby ordained that all the following provisions shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Norcross.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0

MOVER: Josh Bare, Councilmember

SECONDER: Matt Myers, Councilmember

AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

J. Reports of the Mayor and Councilmembers

a. General Announcements

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mother's Day Pop-Up

Saturday, May 9 | 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Downtown Norcross

Movie Monday: Now You See Me Now You Don't

Monday, May 11 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Cultural Arts & Community Center

Day Of Play

Friday, May 12 | 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Lillian Webb Park

Coffee With Council

Saturday, May 16 | 8:00 a.m. | 45 South Cafè

Policy Work Session

Monday, May 18 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Summer Concert Series: Face 2 Face

Friday, May 22 | 7:30–9:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 25 | City Hall Closed

Memorial Day Remembrance

Monday, May 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Thrasher Park

Movie Monday: How To Train Your Dragon

Tuesday, May 26 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Cultural Arts & Community Center

K. Board Appointments

There are no appointments or reappointments for consideration at this time.

L. Consent Agenda**2. 2026-149: Expanded Downtown Parking Planning and Design**

A motion to approve the recommendations to complete 100% design and construction plans, as presented.

3. 2026-145: FY26 Road Resurfacing Invitation to Bid (ITB)

A motion to approve the FY26 road resurfacing priorities and authorize staff to release an Invitation to Bid (ITB).

4. 2026-143: Approve Phase II White Squirrels of Norcross - Pinnacle Park

A motion to approve the Pinnacle Park expansion of the White Squirrels of Norcross art hunt project as a Phase II of the original project.

5. 2026-144: Request for Approval to Issue RFP for Data Analytics Service

A motion to approve request to issue RFP for a Data Analytics Service.

6. 2026-110: Barton Street Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study

A motion approve remediation of the identified structures at Barton St., Buchanan St, and North Peachtree St.

7. 2026-153: Amendment to Ordinance Regulating Parking of Oversized and Commercial Vehicles on Public Streets

A motion to approve an amendment Chapter 34, Article III, Sec. 34-70 through 34-73, and Sec. 54-74 of the Norcross Code of Ordinances for the regulation of parking for oversized vehicles and commercial vehicles on public streets, with the following enacting clause:

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9. 2026-156: Amendment to Code of Ordinance Section 2-35 to Update Provisions for Public Participation at City Council Meetings

A motion to approve an amendment to Chapter 2, Article I, Sec. 2-35. Public Participation of the Norcross Code of Ordinance, with the following enacting clause:

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M. Items for Discussion

1. 2026-157: Selection of City Manager Executive Search Firm

A motion to elect ARNDT Municipal Support firm to provide city manager search services.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0
MOVER: Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER: Matt Myers, Councilmember
AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

8. 2026-154: Extension and Amendment of Professional Services Agreement with RedSpeed Georgia, LLC

A motion approving the Extension and Amendment of Professional Service Agreement between the City and RedSpeed Georgia, LLC, as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED 3-2
MOVER: Bruce Gaynor, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Marshall Cheek, Councilmember
AYES: Cheek, Myers, Gaynor
NAYS: Bare, Hixson

10. 2026-150: Request for Approval to Install Dog Watering Stations in City Parks

A motion to add dog watering stations to the Capital Budget for consideration as part of the 2027 Capital Budget, and for staff, NPAC, and Parks and Green Spaces to collaborate on the colors, design, and functionality of the stations based on usage at each park as part of the project.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0
MOVER: Bruce Gaynor, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Matt Myers, Councilmember
AYES: Cheek, Bare, Myers, Gaynor, Hixson

N. Adjourn in memory of

O. Adjourn to Executive Session for Legal, Personnel, and Real Estate

Councilmember Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Councilmember Cheek. The vote was unanimously passed, 5-0.

P. Signed by _____ Mayor Craig Newton

Q. Attest _____ Monique Philip, City Clerk

