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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**  
*(UPDATED AT 1:41 PM ON JULY 2, 2026)*

**AGENDA**  
**3:00 PM**  
**July 2, 2026**  
**Council Chamber**

- 1. INVOCATION**  
Richard Hayes, Chaplain of the Hinesville Fire Department and Pastor of New Day Community Church.
- 2. MINUTES**  
To approve the minutes from the June 18, 2026, Council Meeting.
- 3. PRESENTATIONS**
  - 3.1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**  
To present to the Mayor and City Council, a special presentation of an authentic replication of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence.  
*Informational Item*
  - 3.2. EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION**  
To present to the Mayor and City Council the recognition of Haley Wetterauer, local Eagle Scout.  
*Informational Item*
  - 3.3. HINESVILLE SKATE SOCIETY**  
To present to the Mayor and City Council, information regarding the Hinesville Skate Society.  
*Informational Item*
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 4.1. URBAN CAMPING ORDINANCE #2026-08**  
To present to the Mayor and City Council for Consideration, a proposed Urban Camping Ordinance #2026-08.  
*Action Item*
- 5. PLANNING AND ZONING**
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. BUSINESS LICENSE**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*"Home for a Day or a Lifetime"*

- 9.1. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 10. MAYOR KARL A. RILES
  - 10.1. MAYOR RILES' REPORT
- 11. MAYOR PRO TEM REID - DISTRICT 1
  - 11.1. MAYOR PRO TEM REID'S REPORT
- 12. COUNCILMEMBER FLOYD - DISTRICT 2
  - 12.1. COUNCILMEMBER FLOYD'S REPORT
- 13. COUNCILMEMBER NELSON - DISTRICT 3
  - 13.1. COUNCILMEMBER NELSON'S REPORT
- 14. COUNCILMEMBER NEWBY - DISTRICT 4
  - 14.1. COUNCILMEMBER NEWBY'S REPORT
- 15. COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ, JR. - DISTRICT 5
  - 15.1. COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ, JR'S REPORT
- 16. CITY MANAGER RYAN ARNOLD
  - 16.1. CITY MANAGER ARNOLD'S REPORT
  - 16.2. ON-SITE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
  - 16.3. JULY 4TH HOLIDAY BUSINESS HOURS
- 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - 17.1. TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS
- 18. ADJOURN

*"Home for a Day or a Lifetime"*



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Special Presentation of the Declaration of Independence

**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach

**Presented by:** Jim McIntosh

**PURPOSE:** To present to the Mayor and City Council, a special presentation of an authentic replication of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 4th, 1776, the Continental Congress, after their final adoption of the Declaration of Independence, knowing that an engrossed copy would not be produced in short time, they ordered the printing of the declaration by John Dunlap, the official printer of the congress.

Over the night of July 4th and 5th, Mr. Dunlap set the type and produced 150 to 200 copies of the declaration. This is the document that would be sent to the colonial authorities to be read before the citizens of their respective colony. Copies were also sent to the military authorities for reading before the troops under their command. Members of the congress also received copies for their records of participation in this monumental event.

The framed copy presented to the Mayor and Council of the City of Hinesville is an exact reproduction of the original. It was produced using a Franklin Press of the period with the same type of paper and printing ink as the original.

Nova Anglia Publishing is pleased to present this document to our hometown of Hinesville, Georgia, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the passage of the Declaration of Independence. May it be a reminder to our fellow citizens of our birthright of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

**FUNDING:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Eagle Scout Recognition  
**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach  
**Presented by:** Ryan Arnold

**PURPOSE:** To present to the Mayor and City Council the recognition of Haley Wetterauer, local Eagle Scout.

**BACKGROUND:** Haley is a member of Troop 500G in Hinesville and will become the troop’s second Eagle Scout. Additionally, she will become only the second female Eagle Scout in Liberty County, making this a historic accomplishment for both Scouting and our community.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in Scouting America and is earned by only a small percentage of Scouts nationwide. Achieving this rank requires years of dedication, leadership, community service, and personal growth. Eagle Scouts must demonstrate exceptional character, earn numerous merit badges, serve in leadership positions, and successfully plan, develop, and lead a significant service project that benefits their community.

For the past ten years, Haley has dedicated herself to Scouting—spending six years in Girl Scouts and the last four years in Scouting America. Throughout her Scouting journey, she has consistently demonstrated leadership, service, and a deep commitment to strengthening the communities of Hinesville and Fort Stewart.

Haley earned her Eagle Scout rank through her project, “Little Free Libraries,” a literacy-focused initiative designed to expand access to books for families, Soldiers, and children throughout the Fort Stewart and Hinesville communities.

Her project involved 122 hours of planning, designing, coordinating, and hands-on construction. Haley led the creation and installation of a mobile library at Winn Army Community Hospital, ensuring that patients and their families have access to reading materials during their visits. She also established two additional Little Free Libraries—one at Holbrook Pond and Recreation Area and another in the Coastal Ridge neighborhood park.

Through her leadership, creativity, and compassion, Haley has expanded literacy access, strengthened community connections, and left a lasting impact on the families of Fort Stewart and Hinesville. She embodies the highest ideals of Scouting and represents the future of servant leadership within our community.

Haley’s accomplishment reflects not only her personal commitment and perseverance, but also serves as an inspiration to other young people throughout Hinesville and Liberty County.

**FUNDING:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Hinesville Skate Society  
**Prepared by:** Estella L. Roberson  
**Presented by:** Ariana Gibeliz

**PURPOSE:** To provide information to the City of Hinesville's Mayor and City Council regarding assistance in locating or establishing a safe indoor skating venue and explore future opportunities for a permanent community skating facility.

**BACKGROUND:** The Hinesville Skate Society is a community-oriented roller-skating group that aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for individuals of all ages. Their main objective is to promote healthy lifestyles while encouraging social connections and offering families a positive recreational outlet through skating.

The society's mission highlights the importance of establishing a welcoming space that encourages physical activity and enhances community bonds and friendships among participants.

### **FUNDING:**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Hinesville Skate Society.Flyer 1
2. Hinesville Skate Society.Flyer 2

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**



# HINESVILLE SKATE SOCIETY

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE ROLL AT A TIME.



A COMMUNITY FOR SKATERS OF ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS! 



1578 AIRPORT ROAD  
HINESVILLE, GA 31313



EVERY  
**MONDAY & SATURDAY**

🕒 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

- ✔ Family Friendly
- ✔ All Ages
- ✔ All Skill Levels
- ✔ Free Community Meetups

## OUR MISSION

To create a safe, welcoming space where people of all ages can skate, stay active, build friendships, and strengthen our community.



## WHY IT MATTERS

- ✔ Promotes healthy lifestyles
- ✔ Provides a positive outlet for youth
- ✔ Builds strong community connections
- ✔ Creates safe, inclusive spaces
- ✔ Brings people together through fun, fitness & friendship



**GOOD PEOPLE.  
GOOD SKATES.  
GOOD TIMES.** 

LET'S BUILD SOMETHING  
**AWESOME TOGETHER!** 

 HINESVILLE, GEORGIA

FOLLOW OUR PAGE AND STAY  
UPDATED ON MEET-UPS, SKATE  
NIGHTS, EVENTS & MORE!

**GOOD PEOPLE. GOOD SKATES. GOOD TIMES.** 

# HINESVILLE

# SKATE SOCIETY

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE ROLL AT A TIME.

## ABOUT US

Hinesville Skate Society is a community-based roller skating group created to provide a safe, welcoming, and active environment for people of all ages. Our goal is to encourage healthy lifestyles, build friendships, and give youth and families a positive outlet through skating.

## OUR MISSION



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## WHAT WE DO



### COMMUNITY MEET-UPS

We host free weekly community skate meetups for all ages.



### ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome skaters of all skill levels from beginner to advanced.



### HEALTH & WELLNESS

We promote physical fitness, mental wellness, and an active lifestyle.



### POSITIVE OUTLET

We create a positive space that keeps youth and families active and engaged.



### COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We build relationships and bring people together through fun, unity, and recreation.

## CURRENT NEED

As our group continues to grow, we are seeking support from the City of Hinesville in identifying or creating a safe indoor skating location and exploring future opportunities for a permanent community skating facility.



1578 Airport Road  
Hinesville, GA 31313

## WHY IT MATTERS

- ✔ Provides a safe recreational activity for youth and adults
- ✔ Encourages healthy lifestyles and physical activity
- ✔ Strengthens community relationships and unity
- ✔ Supports positive alternatives to crime and inactivity
- ✔ Creates a sense of belonging and pride in our city
- ✔ Invests in the future of Hinesville's youth and families



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TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE CONNECTED HINESVILLE.





### City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Urban Camping Ordinance #2026-08

**Prepared by:** Temperance West

**Presented by:** Ryan Arnold

**PURPOSE:** To present to the Mayor and City Council information regarding a proposed Urban Camping Ordinance #2026-08.

**BACKGROUND:** During the On-Site Workshop on April 16, 2026, the Mayor and City Council discussed an Urban Camping Ordinance in response to Georgia House Bill 295, which would allow local property owners to hold local governments accountable for failure to comply with or non-enforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a local nuisance. City Manager Ryan Arnold provided an update and review of two (2) different Urban Camping Ordinances and based on feedback from that session, the draft Urban Camping Ordinance #2026-08 was presented for review. The Urban Camping Ordinance #2026-08 has been properly and publicly advertised.

**FUNDING:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Ordinance 2026-08
2. Urban Camping Ordinance 2026-08 for Adoption

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** April 16, 2026, Workshop, May 21, 2026, Council Meeting, June 4, 2026, Council Meeting

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HINESVILLE, GEORGIA CHAPTER 12 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE IV – OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER, SECTION 12-110 URBAN CAMPING AND IMPROPER USE OF PUBLIC ~~AND PRIVATE~~ SPACE, BY ADDING SECTION 12-110(a) DEFINITIONS, (b) PROHIBITED ACTS, (c) PROHIBITED USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, (d) WARNING, (e) EXCEPTIONS and (f) ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION DATE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ALLOWED BY LAW.**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Hinesville, Georgia is the Mayor and City Council thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are authorized under Article 9, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to enact reasonable ordinances to protect the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, propriety, and general welfare of the people of the City of Hinesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council believe it is in the best interest of the City to implement and adopt an ordinance to define and regulate urban camping; and

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances provides the standards and procedures for amending any provision of said Code; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE HINESVILLE CITY COUNCIL** that Chapter 12, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Involving Public Peace and Order, Section 12-110 Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public ~~and Private~~ Space, these sections of The Code of the City of Hinesville, Georgia, are hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION I  
ORDINANCE TEXT**

**Sec. 12-110. Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public ~~and Private~~ Space**

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section:

*Camp or camping* shall mean occupying or using a public park, public area, square, or parking area servicing a public park/area/square/building as defined herein for living-accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal property or storing other belongings, making a fire, carrying on cooking activities, or using a tent, or other structure for habitation. These activities constitute camping if, in light of all the circumstances, it reasonably

appears that in conducting one or more of these activities, the person is in fact using the area as a living accommodation, regardless of the intent of the person or the nature of any other activities in which the person may also be engaging.

*Inappropriate use of public area* shall mean the use of public areas, or the improvements located thereon, for any personal or otherwise unlawful use not otherwise authorized by this article or any chapter of the city. This shall include, but is not limited to, the use of public parks, fountains, and/or utilities for bathing, hygienic care, or elimination.

*Interference with ingress or egress* shall mean camping, storing personal property, standing, sitting, lying down, using personal property, or performing any other activity where such activity:

(1) Materially interferes with the ingress into or egress from buildings, driveways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, or any other real property that has a limited number of entrances or exits, regardless of whether the property is owned in whole or in part by the city, a private owner, or another public entity, unless having received the prior express written permission of the property owner; or

(2) Reasonably appears, in light of all of the circumstances, to have the purpose or effect of blocking ingress into or egress from buildings, driveways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, or any other real property that has a limited number of entrances or exits, regardless of whether the property is owned in whole or in part by the city, a private owner, or another public entity, unless having received the prior express written permission of the property owner.

*Public area(s)* shall mean an area to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, roadways (including shoulders and medians), bridges, the area above and below any bridge, sidewalks, alleys, parking lots and decks, plazas, parks, public greenspace areas, playgrounds, schools, transportation facilities, within a public-transportation vehicle, an area owned in whole or in part by, operated by, for, or under the custody and control of the city, and other public property, including all areas in the immediate vicinity of public buildings and any other property where public gatherings occur on a regular basis, and any other property where public meetings are conducted.

*Storing personal property* shall mean leaving one's personal effects, such as, but not limited to, clothing, bedrolls, cookware, sleeping bags, luggage, knapsacks, or backpacks, unattended for **any period of time exceeding four hours** ~~any-substantial-prolonged-length-of-time~~. This term shall not include parking a bicycle or other mode of transportation.

(b) Prohibited acts.

Unless acting under a valid permit issued by the city or otherwise authorized by the city through its agencies or authorities, it shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city to commit any of the following acts.

(1) No person shall camp in a public area.

- (2) No person shall interfere with ingress or egress of any building, private property, or public area.
- (3) No person shall inappropriately use a public area as defined herein.

(c) Prohibited use of private property.

It shall be unlawful for anyone other than the owner of a private property, a leaseholder of such private property, or other rightful occupant of such private property to camp, sleep, reside, store personal property, or lie upon, any private property without the owner's or leaseholder's permission. Any such use of private property authorized by and consented to by the owner or leaseholder of such private property must be in conformity with the provisions of this Code, including, but not limited to, the zoning and land use provisions of said Code, which are applicable to such private property, and if such use is a violation of said Code, an authorization of such use by the landowner or leaseholder shall not nullify a violation of any provision of this section.

(d) Warning.

No person may be arrested for violating this section until such person has received a verbal or written warning to cease the unlawful conduct. If the violator fails to promptly comply with the warning issued, then that person may be issued a citation or arrested.

(e) Exceptions.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit any of the following behaviors:

- (1) Uses of public parks or public streets authorized by the mayor and city council or an authority delegated to authorize such use;
- (2) A person or persons sitting or lying down as a result of a medical emergency; and
- (3) A person or persons, sitting, or resting in a public park, public street, or private property where such activity does not constitute camping as herein defined, and such activity does not interfere with ingress and egress as defined herein.

(f) Abandoned personal property.

Any personal property used to camp, in which a citation was issued, or being stored, as defined above, may be deemed abandoned by the city police department or the city enforcement department and may be confiscated by the same without prior warning. This Code section shall apply to the confiscation of abandoned personal property regardless of whether the personal property relates to the issuance of a citation or arrest as a result of a violation of this chapter. The city police department or the city code enforcement department shall retain the property in a manner consistent with the handling of other confiscated or abandoned property. The city police department or the city code enforcement department shall not be liable for the disposal of abandoned personal property as defined herein.

## **SECTION II SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this amendment to the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**SECTION III  
CONFLICTS**

All other ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with the directive(s) of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this amendment to the Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION IV  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Amendment to the Ordinance shall become effective on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**ADOPTION**

DULY ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HINESVILLE, GEORGIA.

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Karl A. Riles, Mayor

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Vicky C. Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem

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ATTEST:

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Estella L. Roberson, City Clerk  
(SEAL)

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José A. Ortiz, Jr., Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Estella L. Roberson, City Clerk  
(SEAL)



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Public Comment  
**Prepared by:** Rodonia Armstrong  
**Presented by:** Karl Riles

**PURPOSE:** To allow citizens to address the Mayor and Council.

**BACKGROUND:** The Georgia Municipal Association has set up guidelines for public comments during Mayor and Council Meetings, enabling residents to voice their issues, concerns, and opinions to the Council.

**FUNDING:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Mayor Riles' Report  
**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach  
**Presented by:** Mayor Karl A. Riles

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Mayor Pro Tem Reid's Report  
**Prepared by:** Darlene Parker  
**Presented by:** Diana Reid

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Councilmember Floyd's Report  
**Prepared by:** Rodonia Armstrong  
**Presented by:** Jason Floyd

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

None

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

None



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Councilmember Nelson's Report  
**Prepared by:** Wendy Bruce Sochia  
**Presented by:** Vicky C. Nelson

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

None

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

None



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Councilmember Newby's Report  
**Prepared by:** Kimberly St. Onge  
**Presented by:** Dexter Newby

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** Councilmember Ortiz, Jr's Report  
**Prepared by:** Jean Marie Reynolds  
**Presented by:** José Ortiz

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** City Manager Arnold's Report  
**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach  
**Presented by:** Ryan Arnold

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

On-Site Mayor & City Council Workshop

July 4th Holiday Hours



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** On-Site Mayor & City Council Workshop  
**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach  
**Presented by:** Ryan Arnold

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**MAYOR**  
Karl A. Riles

**CITY MANAGER**  
Ryan J. Arnold

**CITY CLERK**  
Estella L. Roberson

**CITY ATTORNEY**  
Linnie L. Darden, III



*City Manager's Office*

**MAYOR PRO TEM**  
Diana F. Reid

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Jason R. Floyd  
Vicky C. Nelson  
Dexter L. Newby  
José A. Ortiz Jr.

# Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Ryan Arnold  
Date: June 12, 2026  
Re: On-Site Workshop

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Reminder that the quarterly On-Site Workshop is scheduled for:

**Thursday, July 16, 2026 10:00 – 2:00** in the Hinesville Room.

*Lunch will be provided.*

Please continue to submit your topics of discussion.

*"Home for a Day or a Lifetime"*



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** July 4th Holiday Business Hours  
**Prepared by:** Christy Deloach  
**Presented by:** Ryan Arnold

**PURPOSE:** To notify the public that the City of Hinesville will be observing Independence Day.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Hinesville's administrative offices and facilities will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Exceptions to this include public safety and trash services, which will operate as scheduled.

Normal operating hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

**FUNDING:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 4th of July Hours

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**



**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**  
**Independence Day**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON**

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**

**IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



## City of Hinesville, Georgia, Council Meeting

**Date:** July 2, 2026  
**Agenda Item:** To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss Personnel Matters  
**Prepared by:** Estella L. Roberson  
**Presented by:** Karl Riles

**PURPOSE:** To conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussing a business matter in a closed meeting regarding personnel matters in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2).

**BACKGROUND:** An executive session is a portion of a meeting lawfully closed to the public for discussing business matters regarding legal, real estate, and personnel matters under O.C.G.A. §50-14-1.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**