



**CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 26, 2025**

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**Council Meeting Room**

**Regular Session**

**3:00 PM**

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**7224 GA HIGHWAY 21**  
**PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

**2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Rufus Bright Led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present
Gabrielle Nelson	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Present
Shawn Randerwala	Council Member	Present
ArtLise Alston-Cone	Council Member	Absent

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rufus Bright, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

**5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

A. Paul Kates

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Chatham County Board of Accessors- Proof of Taxes

**7. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gabrielle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

**9. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Adoption of FY26 Budget
  - Public Hearing
  - Action

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Stephens, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gabrielle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

- B. Adoption of Millage Rate
  - Public Hearing
  - Action

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rufus Bright, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Stephens, Council Member

**AYES:** Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**14. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS**

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Second by Councilman Mark Stephens.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Gabrielle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDER:** Mark Stephens, Council Member  
**AYES:** Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

Councilman Rufus Bright made a motion to reconvene, seconded by Councilman Mark Stephens.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Rufus Bright, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Mark Stephens, Council Member  
**AYES:** Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

Mayor Pro- Tem Nelson made a motion to approve the Development Agreement with Continental, pending legal approval.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Gabrielle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDER:** Rufus Bright, Council Member  
**AYES:** Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**

Gabrielle Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem

**SECONDER:**

Mark Stephens, Council Member

**AYES:**

Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, Mark Stephens,  
Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

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Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council