



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2026

Council Meeting Room

Regular Session

9:00 AM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Tracy Saunders 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

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tracy Saunders	Mayor	Present
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Present
Shawn Randerwala	Council Member	Present
Gabrielle Nelson	Mayor Pro Tem	Absent
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Absent
ArtLise Alston-Cone	Council Member	Absent

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Stephens made a motion to , which was seconded by Council Member Bright. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	[UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
AYES:	Gabrielle Nelson, Thomas Barbee, ArtLise Alston-Cone, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS and ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

6. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of FY 27 Budget- 2nd Reading
- Public Hearing

City Manager Steve Davis explained that a formal presentation was given at the previous council meeting last week, and Council adopted a millage rate of 5.216mils which is no tax increase on the residents. This is a public hearing to hear from the public about the information on the budget that was presented last week.

Mayor Saunders opened the public hearing, and no one came to speak, so she then closed the public hearing.

- B. Budget Amendment For The Years Ending 6/30/2025

- Public Hearing and Action

City Manager Steve Davis explained that this budget amendment was also presented last week during the council meeting for its 1st reading and is to correct a clerical issue in the budget. He also shared that it has no financial impact, as the dollar amounts are exactly the same.

Council Member Stephens made a motion to , which was seconded by Council Member Bright. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	[UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
AYES:	Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

- C. Ordinance to Revise Portions of Chapter 11, Licenses and Taxation, of the City of Port Wentworth Code of Ordinances, Regarding Lodging Excise Tax Rate- 2nd Reading

- Public Hearing and Action

City Attorney Scott Robichaux explained that this was also presented for its first reading at the last council meeting, and this is to bring the ordinances together so that there isn't any confusion around the hotel/motel taxes.

Council Member Randerwala made a motion to , which was seconded by Council Member Bright. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	[UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shawn Randerwala, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
AYES:	Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Saunders made a motion to , which was seconded by Council Member Stephens. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	[UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tracy Saunders, Mayor
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Tracy Saunders, Mark Stephens, Rufus Bright, Shawn Randerwala

Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council