

Hahira City Council
June 2, 2026
Work Session
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Terry Davis called the Work Session of the Hahira City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Terry Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Klay Luke, Council Members Cindy Becton, Louise White, David Lindsey, and City Manager Jonathan Sumner. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Stryde Jones, Chief David Thompson, and Main Street Director Jennifer Price. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation will be given at the June 4th Council Meeting.

5. **Special Presentation in Memory of Officer Caleb Abney** will be given at the June 4th Council Meeting.

6. **Review/Correction of Minutes:** Mayor Davis asked if there were any comments on the May 5, 2026, Work Session minutes or the May 7, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. There were none.

7. **Citizens to Be Heard** will be at the June 4, 2026, Council Meeting.

8. **Review of Bills/Budget Overages:** Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the bills/budget overages, there were none.

9. **Discussions**

A. *Preview Presentation by Circle K for Potential Location at South Union Road and Highway 122* was presented by Josh Godwin of Circle K. He stated that they have conducted their pre-meeting with Valdosta Planning and Zoning. The site plan includes 5200 square feet with 6 dispensers at the front of the property for gasoline and high speed at the rear for large trucks. Car traffic would enter off Hwy 122 and exit off Union Road. They have also held a pre-meeting with GDOT and essentially have a green light from GDOT. City Manager Sumner asked if GDOT indicated any signalization would be added at Union Road and Hwy. 122. Mr. Godwin stated they had not at this time but stated a traffic study would be conducted. Mr. Godwin stated there would be increased traffic, but he felt it would not be required before they could move forward. He explained further how Hahira was chosen for this proposed location as it will zipper locations for I75 traffic northbound. City Manager Sumner asked if any variances had been requested. Mr. Godwin stated that a sign variance may be requested for a tall sign. Mayor Davis stated that monument signs were predominant in the overlay district. Mr. Godwin stated that they would place a monument sign at the front of property and would like the sign variance for the back of the property or a location on the Williams property closer to the interstate. Mayor Davis discussed signalization and stated a roundabout was the preferred traffic control device and asked if Circle K would be willing to work with GDOT to that effect. Mr. Godwin stated they would certainly work with GDOT. Mayor Pro Tem asked if they would be willing to talk about the roundabout to which Mr. Godwin stated they would. He stated they are all about convenience for all involved. Councilwoman White stated that as she lives off the Union Road intersection, there will be traffic issues as there already imposes a 10-15 minute delay trying to enter traffic as it currently exists. City Manager Sumner asked if Circle K would be willing to move the project to the west

side of the exit. Mayor Davis stated Zaxby's and other businesses are in the works at the east side that will increase traffic as well. City Manager Sumner also asked if they had considered removing the truck component from the plans. Mr. Godwin stated that would reduce the viability of the project for any changes to the current plans. He did state that there was a higher probability of adding signalization or other similar traffic control once the business opened. More discussion was had regarding other examples at other locations. There were no further questions.

- B. *Preview Presentation of Potential Optometry Practice Location at 400 S. Church Street* was presented by Logan Mosley. He introduced his wife, Dr. Laura Mosley and stated his contractor was also present. He stated they are current residents of Hahira. City Manager Sumner explained that the Mosley's are looking for interior renovation only with minor improvements to the exterior for parking and driveway on the exterior. Dr. Mosley stated she would start out with a solo practice and that later additions would still retain a small-town practice offering full service to the citizens of Hahira. Council all stated this would be a wonderful addition to Hahira. The Mosley's stated they are initially seeking feedback from the Mayor and Council before proceeding. Councilwoman White stated we all wear glasses up here and she would be able to walk to the office which is a huge benefit to her. The Mosley's stated there was a renter that would remain in tract 2 as long as they wished to be there. The plans include fencing that would separate the properties and give them privacy. There were no additional questions.
- C. *Preview Presentation of Annexation and Rezoning Request for R-10 Subdivision Across from McNeal Estates – North Church Street* was presented by Mike Fletcher of Axis Engineering. He stated they are proposing annexation and rezoning for 65 R-10 lots in 2 phases most likely and would be the same as McNeal Estates. They would have a 1600 sq ft heated minimum plus 2 car garages and pricing would be in the \$350,000 range. All homes would face interior roads. They would need to extend water and sewer services from Hahira. He stated they are looking to see if they have a favorable recommendation to move forward from Mayor and Council. Mayor Pro Tem Luke stated he likes it. Councilman Lindsey asked what the plan would be for the railroad track at the back of the property. Mr. Fletcher stated they would construct a buffer similar to Stone Creek but privacy with hedges. City Manager Sumner asked about the rear of the property northernmost side buffer. He stated there would also be a buffer at that location. He also stated they have spoken with that property owner, and they are excited about the potential and approves. Mayor Pro Tem Luke asked if the mailbox kiosks would include lighting, to which Mr. Fletcher stated he was sure it would. There were no additional questions.
- D. *FY25 Audit* was presented by Nick Valenti of Valenti Rackley & Associates. He reviewed in great detail the audit results which were provided to Mayor and Council. The final results of the audit are of the opinion that the City of Hahira's financial statement can be relied upon and has generally accepted accounting principles. There was one finding with no violations. Small governments cannot divide accounting duties as larger governments are able, we just need to continue to be vigilant and provide oversight as we are currently doing. He further stated that they had no disagreements or problems performing the audit. Mr. Valenti stated we are on time with the deadline for performing the audit. City Manager Sumner stated this represents 15 plus years that the audit has been on time and under budget and would like to thank Mr. Valenti and all our staff and department heads for making this happen. The fiscal conservatism of this board has enabled us to have a clean opinion this year and the audits we have been able to turn in over that period of time. There were no additional questions.

- E. *City Signs Repair/Replacement* was presented by Councilwoman Becton. She discussed the need to update our signs around the city. City Manager Sumner provided the estimates from KRS Neon Signs who initially placed the signage. The quote is for \$3,600 and includes 11 signs throughout the city, this would be a general fund expenditure. Director Price asked if the signs would stay the same color. She also stated she has requested a quote for a new design and awaiting that quote any day. She feels we need more modern signs. Councilwoman Becton stated she was willing to look at those quotes. This item will be tabled for a later date.

10. **Department Requests**

- A. *Main Street Conference – Rome, Georgia, August 17-20, 2026* was presented by Director Price. She stated she would drive up the 16th as it is a long drive. She also provided the cost of \$1,300 without mileage for the training. She explained further the goals and requirements that would be met by attending this training. There were no additional questions.
- B. *Tasers – Axon - \$280,000 – 5 Years – SPLOST VIII & IX* was presented by Chief Jones. This is a renewal of our contract with Axon and not only our tasers but also our body cameras. There is an increase from the prior 5 years, but other things are included such as a 100% equipment upgrade to current standards with virtual training included and payable over a 5 year period. Mayor Pro Tem Luke asked if this would be an upgrade to the Taser 10. Chief Jones stated it was an upgrade to Taser 10 and the most modern body camera with a lot of new features. Dispatch would be able to go in and view body cam footage. Councilwoman White stated we need to give Chief what he needs because we want safety. Mayor Davis stated that we are working on state certification with policy requirements. Chief Jones stated it comes with policies, but we would be able to tweak those. More discussion was had regarding policy. Mayor Davis asked if the policy would be written and framed before use, Chief Jones stated it would. City Manager Sumner clarified that this was payable out of both SPLOST VIII and IX. There were no further questions.
- C. *Virtual World IT Agreement - \$90,000 – Proprietary and General Funds* was presented by City Manager Sumner. He stated our current contract with Virtual World ends later in the month of June. There is a 5% increase, but this price is very reasonable with comparisons of other contracts. Staff is recommending approval. Mayor Davis asked about the updates to Windows 11. City Manager Sumner stated this has been accomplished. There were no additional questions.
- D. *TTL Watershed Assessment Monitoring Contract - \$31,000 – Proprietary Fund* was presented by City Manager Sumner in the absence of Director Jones. He explained the need and requirements for watershed monitoring. TTL has provided this service over several years and has only had nominal increases and absorbed completely by the proprietary fund. There were no additional questions.
- E. *Vertical Turbine Pump – Hydra Service – Proprietary Fund - \$45,453* was presented by City Manager Sumner in the absence of Director Jones. City Manager Sumner discussed the problems with the pump and the critical need for this pump. The cost to replace would be over \$90,000. We are recommending the pump be rebuilt. A replacement would have a lead time of over 27 weeks whereas this rebuild has a timeline of a few weeks. Mayor Davis stated the backup pump we have in place now is as old as what we are repairing and on its last leg itself and that one needs to be looked at soon. There were no additional questions.

11. **Set May Council Meeting Agenda**

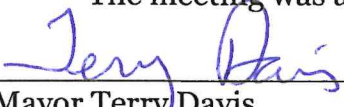
9. Discussions
- A. Removed
 - B. Removed
 - C. Removed
 - D. Consent
 - E. Tabled for later date

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- A. Consent
 - B. Consent
 - C. Consent
 - D. Consent
 - E. Consent

12. **Reports** will be held at the June 4, 2026, Council meeting.

13. **Executive Session**, if any, will be held at the June 4, 2026, Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.



Mayor Terry Davis



City Clerk Victoria Ingram