

Hahira City Council
June 30, 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 Public Works Director Willie Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation will be given at the July 2nd Council Meeting.

5. Review/Correction of Minutes
 - A. June 2, 2026, Work Session
 - B. June 4, 2026, Council Meeting

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the minutes, there were none.

6. Public Hearing

A. Request by Williams Investment Company for Variances on Multi-Tenant Commercial Property at Intersection of South Union Road and Georgia Highway 122 West was presented by Matt Martin, Planning Director for the City of Valdosta. He passed out documents related to this request. Williams Investment Company has made variance requests for two parcels; one minimum lot width variance and one frontage variance. Mr. Martin went into detail regarding this matter. He stated that staff recommend denial as this request is more of a convenience rather than a hardship. Mayor Davis asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the private road if passed. Mr. Martin stated it would be privately owned property maintained by the owner. Mayor Davis stated that the property owners would be similar to a HOA. Councilman Lindsay asked why Williams Investment Company was requesting the variance. Mr. Martin explained further and showed ways in which the property could be developed that would meet the requirements not necessitating the variance. There were no further questions or comments.

7. Citizens to Be Heard will be at the July 2, 2026, Council Meeting.

8. Review of Bills/Budget Overages. Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none.

9. Discussions

- A. Consideration of Surplus Property Sale – South Union Road was presented by City Manager Sumner who explained this in detail. City Attorney Amy Holbrook crafted the ad for the legal organ which ran as required. The city received one bid from Wiliams Investment Company for \$5,000. Councilwoman White stated she was in favor of selling the property, as were other Councilmembers. There were no further questions or comments.
- B. Request for Cost Estimate – Repaving of South Hall Street from Main Street to West Grace Street was presented by Councilman Lindsey, who asked Director Jones to come to the podium. Councilman Lindsey stated that he has received

complaints from multiple citizens regarding Hall and Sargent Street. He has specifically received complaints from Marshall Ingram at 411 West Sargent Street regarding water runoff which sometimes comes up to his front door. Councilman Lindsey asked Director Jones if a concrete flow line was possible to install. Director Jones stated this was the first time he has heard of any complaints and went further to discuss the matter. Mayor Davis stated this property used to be a flat swamp before the home was constructed. City Manager Sumner suggested we consult with our Engineer and request a cost estimate, as well as request pictures from Mr. Ingram of the issues he is experiencing. Councilman Lindsey also stated he would like to see the intersections along this paving route to be repaired when the work is completed. There were no additional questions or comments.

- C. Preview of Variance Request for Rear Yard Setback at 504 Stagecoach was presented by City Manager Sumner. Mr. Terry Belanger spoke regarding his request for variance and explained what his goals were for the property as this will be his forever home. Mayor Davis asked if Mr. Belanger had a privacy fence erected. Mr. Belanger stated there was fencing around the property. Mr. Belanger stated the upgrades would be aesthetically pleasing which matches the home and landscaping would also be completed. City Manager Sumner asked Mr. Martin if the pre-app had been received. Mr. Martin stated that there was and spoke further regarding the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Luke stated he has looked at the drawing, and he fully supports the request. City Manager Sumner stated once the preview was completed, they could move forward with filing the application. Councilman Lindsey stated he was a big proponent of private ownership and asked Mr. Martin why was it necessary for a request to come before the council. Mr. Martin explained this in detail. City Manager Sumner added that the city does not actively look for violations and most are complaint driven. He stated that notification would be given to adjoining property owners via certified mail, a yard sign would be placed at the property, and an ad would be placed in the legal organ regarding the variance request. There were no further questions or comments.

10. Department Requests

- A. City Hall Repairs – Request for Cost+ from Hahira Contractors was presented by City Manager Sumner who gave details of all the repairs needed at City Hall. Hahira Contractors is not solely recommended for this job but stated that he is very familiar with the property as he has done much of the work to the building in the past years. Mayor Davis recommends we allow Hahira Contractors to move forward with the Cost+ repairs with a cap of \$15,000 to start with. He also added that Johnny Bailey is very familiar with City Hall. Councilman Lindsey asked if this would be a SPLOST expenditure. City Manager Sumner explained this could not be as it is a repair. It was further discussed how the proprietary fund could be utilized. There were no additional questions or comments.
- B. FY26 COLA was presented by City Manager Sumner. He stated that except for a couple of years, the city has approved a 3% COLA increase for employees in previous years and that we have sufficient funds to support this. Councilman Lindsey stated the staff certainly needs this and Mayor Davis highly recommended approving this request. There were no additional questions or comments.
- C. Billboards were presented by City Manager Sumner. He stated that Director Price had submitted quotes and that the costs are similar to what was paid in previous years. He stated that a partnership has not been solidified with Valdosta Lowndes

Tourism Authority at this time and recommended postponing until we see if they can contribute. There were no further questions or comments.

- D. Surplus Trailblazer was presented by Mayor Davis. He explained how the Trailblazer came into existence and stated that after driving it recently, it needs to be retired at this time. There were no further questions or comments.
- E. Well #2 Flowmeter – SPLOST VIII was presented by City Manager Sumner who asked Director Jones to speak. Director Jones explained the issues with the meter at Tillman Street well and the need to have said meter in place. He stated the meter has been down for 4 months and discussed issues with Calibration Controls and Automation and requested that we purchase a new meter rather than wait for a repair which would be months down the road. This is an eligible SPLOST expense. There were no additional questions or concerns.
- F. Comprehensive Plan Update was presented by City Manager Sumner. He explained where we are in the process and stated we need an authorization for the Mayor to sign the transmittal letter. Mr. Martin also spoke regarding the process and stated that every 5 years this is completed. There were no additional questions or comments.

11. **Set May Council Meeting Agenda**

9A: Consent

9B: Continue for obtaining quotes

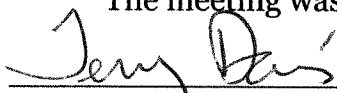
9C: Remove

10A, B, D, E, F: Consent; 10C Remove.

12. **Reports** will be held at the July 2, 2026, Council meeting.

13. **Executive Session**, if any, will be held at the July 2, 2026, Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.



Mayor Terry Davis



City Clerk Victoria Ingram