

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
December 8, 2025

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester and Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Chris Hodges, and Rusty Adams were in attendance. Council Member Alan Dorsey was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, City Clerk Telina Allred, and Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did one visitor. No representatives attended the meeting.

Mayor Michael Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, asked James Richardson to give the invocation, and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on November 10, 2025. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-16) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF 055B 007A: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-16) PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON AND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON, THROUGH ITS MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TO ANNEX A PARCEL OF PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REZONING REQUEST: TABLED until January.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on December 4, 2025. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: No one to speak.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2026: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following

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Resolution to adopt the General Fund Operating Budget FY2026 for the City of Byron.
Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “A” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s budget for the fiscal year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OPERATING BUDGET FY2026: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Special Revenue Funds Operating Budget FY2026 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “B” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Special Revenues Budget for the fiscal year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2026:
Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Debt Service Fund Operating Budget FY2026 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND

FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “C” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2026:
Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Enterprise Fund Operating Budget FY2026 for the City of Byron.
Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “D” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Enterprise Funds Budget for the fiscal year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

BYRON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to re-appoint Ben McDaniel to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board; term to expire December 31, 2028. Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to appoint Taylor Howell to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board; term to expire December 31, 2028. Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to appoint Derrick Hatchett to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board; term to expire December 31, 2028. Unanimous.

BYRON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to re-appoint BJ Walker, John Klemm, Hiren Parmer, and Jeff Owens to the Downtown Development Authority/CVB Board of

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Directors; term to expire 12/31/2028.Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to re-appoint Harry Patel of the Redevelopment Authority to serve on the Downtown Development Authority/CVB Board of Directors; term to expire 12/31/2027.Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to re-appoint Mike Patel and Farrell Bass to the Downtown Development Authority/CVB Board of Directors; term to expire 12/31/2028.Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to reappoint Ben McDaniel to the Downtown Development Authority/CVB Board of Directors; term to expire 12/31/2029. Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to replace Michael Chidester on the Downtown Development Authority/CVB Board of Directors with Rusty Adams, term to expire 12/31/2029. Unanimous.

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams for Michael Chidester to be re-appointed as the Municipal Voting Member and James Richardson to be re-appointed as an Associate Member of the Council to serve for the 2026 year. Unanimous.

TSPLOST LIST OF ROADS:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the TSPLOST list of roads FY2026. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PEACH COUNTY PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION

PLAN: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Peach County Pre-Disaster Mitigation 2025-2030 Update. Unanimous.

**PEACH COUNTY PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
2025 UPDATE**

WHEREAS, The City of Byron, Peach County, and the other municipalities in the county are required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to complete a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for federal mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron, Peach County, and the other municipalities in the county have completed the required five-year update to the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the updated Peach County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan has been presented for public comment, reviewed by federal, state, and local agencies, and revised to reflect their concerns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Byron formally adopts the Peach County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update.

RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING LANDSCAPE CONTRACT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a landscaping contract with Paulk Landscaping for the 2026 year. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND PAULK LANDSCAPING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Paulk Landscaping in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH STEPHANIE T. WARD:
Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Stephanie T. Ward. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND STEPHANIE T. WARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Stephanie T. Ward in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH THE BYRON CVB:

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE BYRON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Government Tax Solutions with

an effective date of January 1, 2026. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Government Tax Solutions in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 8th day of December, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH EGS:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the Police Department generator.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND ENERGY GENERATION SOLUTIONS, INC. REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK FOR THE CITY OF BYRON GENERATOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the performance of maintenance and service work for the City of Byron generator and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council