

TURIN TOWN HALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

26 South Hunter St — June 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Sprouse

INVOCATION:

- Attorney Mitchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- All in attendance

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment regarding a recommendation of the Planning Commission concerning the following map amendment to the Town of Turin Zoning Ordinance: Rezone the property located on 42 South Hunter Street in the Town of Turin and further identified as parcel number T01 0006 013 from its current zoning of Single-Family Residential District (R-40) to General Commercial (GC). A copy of the rezoning application and the Planning Commission recommendation is on file for public review in the office of the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Sam Smith, 211 Lecoja Trl – Opposed to the rezoning**
 - Mr. Smith stated that his family has been in Turin since 1905, his concern is not the business that wants to rezone at this time, but what may come next. His family home is right next door to this property. Wanted to know if there can be a condition that if this business does not work out can this convert back to R40. Also wanted to mention that there are a few commercial properties available now in downtown Turin.
- **Karen Bremer, 112 Noble View Dr. – In favor of the rezoning**
 - Miss Bremer wanted to point out that the business intended for this business is compatible with the other businesses here in Turin. It is a female owned business, and we have 2 more female owned businesses in town now. Hoping that this will help get cleaner commerce here in town.
- **Kristene Straton, 210 Timber View Ct – In favor of the rezoning**
 - Miss Straton wanted to point out that she is currently driving to Fayette to support this business. This business offers her craft, classes on how to grow your craft and for beginners.
- **Debbie Collins, 175 Linchwood Dr – In favor of the rezoning**
 - Miss Collins is very excited to have a quilt shop in this area. She has attended 3 of the quilt store's retreats, she has seen this business grow from a small business to a bigger business that will be a magnificent business.
- **Cathryn Bankhead, 43 Water Oak – In favor of the rezoning**
 - Miss Bankhead wanted to let Mr. Smith know that she hears and understands his concerns. The quilt store that is proposing the rezoning has been in business for 11 years and is only growing. Quilting is a 7-billion-dollar industry. Her and her husband love to support small businesses and that is why she has gotten involved in helping Turin grow.

- **Meredith Duke, 42 S. Hunter – Owner of business wanting rezoning**
 - Miss Duke stated she started her business in 2015 that started in her basement. The business started growing little by little. In 2021 she rented her first store front in Fayetteville and only lasted 15 months and she had to rent a much bigger space. Been in her space now roughly 3 years. She employs 5 full time employees and 4 part time employees, which are all women. She wants to bring her business back to Coweta County. She knows she will add value to this community.
- **Sam Smith, 211 Lecoja Trl – Rebuttal**
 - Mr. Smith wanted to point out that he is not against the business, his concern is what is going to come next. Again, he wanted to remind the proposed rezoning applicant that there are 3 commercial properties in town that are vacant. He does want to see the business in town just in a different location.

Mayor Sprouse closed the public hearing

Council member Wallin made a motion to move forward with the rezoning request as tonight was the first reading, 2nd by Council member Smith. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF MAY 2026 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
 - Motion made by Council member Smith to approve the minutes as is, 2nd by Councilmember Wallin. Motion carried.
- **BUDGET 2026 | COUNCIL APPROVAL**
 - Motion made by Councilmember Smith to approve the 2026 budget, 2nd by Council member Wallin. Motion carried.
- **WATER RATE RECOMMENDATION**
 - Will have results from the water rate study at the July meeting. Tabled
- **METROPOLITAN NORTH GEORGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT AUDIT**
 - Water Sup. Russell got an extension on this, and Mayor and Council will continue to work on this.
- **TRAFFIC CONTROL ALONG LINCH ROAD & NORTH HUNTER**
 - We had one speed table removed from Reese Rd, so we have this to relocate and intend to locate this on Linch Rd.
 - Council member made a motion to place the speed table in between lots 10 and 11 on Linch Rd, 2nd by Council member Smith. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BARNETT | POST OPEN COUNCIL POSITION**
 - Motion made by Council member Smith to accept Miss Barnett's resignation, 2nd by Council member Wallin. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Council member Smith to announce the open council seat to the citizens of Turin. 2nd by Council member Wallin. Motion carried.
- **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**
 - Mayor handed the Councils members a copy of the federal days that are being observed now and make recommendations to keep or change. Table until July's council meeting.
- **OFFICE & RECORDS ACCESS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS OUTSIDE NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS**
 - Motion made by Council member Wallin to have access by Council members outside normal business hours, no 2nd. Motion is dead.
- **COWETA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN (LEOSA)**
 - Mayor advised that Mr. Burgess will come to the August meeting to give a 15-minute presentation on the matter.
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COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - N/A
- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
 - The Comp. Plan is in the works; next meeting will be on Thursday at 6:30 at Town Hall of this week all are invited. The questionnaire will be going on the website for all to answer. Council member Smith wanted to let everyone know if you have any connection to the town at all you are welcome to answer the survey.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION**
 - N/A

LEGAL:

- N/A

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- **PATRICIA SMITH**
 - N/A
- **ALAN STAPP**
 - Not in attendance
- **LYDIA WALLIN**
 - N/A

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Wanted to thank everyone for coming.

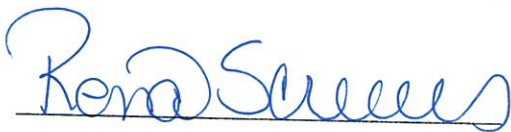
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- N/A

ADJOURN

- Motion made by Council member Smith to adjourn, 2nd by Council member Wallin. Motion carried.

Approved on this 20th day of July 2026.

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Town Clerk