City of White Georgia
Work Shop Notes
October 22nd, 2026

Present at the council work shop were Mayor Curtis Powell, Councilmembers Stephanie Nichelson, Karissa Noland, DJ Bennett, Jean Swank, and City Clerk Robin Cochran. Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Powell conducted this work shop to get ideas in front of as well as from the council members on where they see the city in 5-10 years. He discussed long range priorities, undated to policies, infrastructure needs as we face challenges in the future. Powell opened up the floor for discussion. Council all agreed the revitalization of our downtown area was something that must be addressed. Each expressed a need for businesses to be in the area and bring that area to life once again. Restaurants, stores, small businesses were all in the discussion of things the council would love see thriving in downtown White.

Several council members brought up the need for sidewalks on Hwy 411 to that citizens could walk safely along the roadway as well as the addition of street lights. Powell reminded them that with sidewalks comes the requirements of curb/gutter for drainage required by GDOT. Crosswalks would also have to be part of this plan as well.

Council members also want to focus on Recreational areas mentioning the refurbishment of the baseball field that's coming as well as a planned dog park. They gave their ideas for the property on Richards Rd, which included walking trails with exercise stations, pickle ball courts and of course lighting along the trail. There was also mention of an outdoor amphitheater where the city could plan outdoor concerts and other family oriented event.

Powell moved on to Capital Improvement Plan. There are some on the schedule now that can be put into motion. Walkway lighting proposal will be on the agenda for the Nov meeting, and the funds will come from 2026 SPLOST if approved. Water lines all of the city needs to be repaired starting on Old Tennessee Highway and Whispering Pine. Both of these projects would need to be funded with USDA loans/grants.

Powell ended the meeting with a discussion on Financial Opportunities for the city with discussion of a millage rate and possibility of a data center. Bot of these would give the city the funding to continue providing services for its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:

Curtis Powell, Mayor