



City of Cornelia Commission Meeting Summary
181 Larkin Street Cornelia, GA 30531
July 1, 2025

Mayor John Borrow

Ward 1 Commissioner Reed,
Ward 3 Commissioner Bagwell,

Ward 2 Commissioner Griggs
Ward 4 Commissioner Cook

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

- 1. Approval of the Agenda **Approved 4 - 0****
- 2. Minutes from the June 3, 2025, Commission Meeting**
Tab A **Approved 4 - 0**
- 3. City Manager's Monthly Report**
- 4. FOP Presentation to the Police Department – Michael Palmer from the Georgia FOP Vest Committee to present three bulletproof vests, three tourniquets, and three doses of Narcan. He emphasized the importance of every officer wearing their vest every day. He gave the statistics of officers who have been fatally or injured. He said that making this donation is personal because he has worked with some of our officers for years. Mayor Borrow thanked him for his generous donation.**

Public Forum

During this time, the public is invited to address the Commission on any item other than those scheduled for a public hearing; comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

Audrey Davenport and Sandra Davenport came to speak about the fireworks at the May Concert. They all stated that they were not informed about the fireworks, and there were children playing basketball on the court. Ms. Davenport also stated that she believed Commissioner Cook owed her an apology for a statement that was made in last month's work session. Commissioner Cook said that he had been misquoted and stated that the reporter should apologize. Mayor Borrow thanked them for coming.

Teresa Gibson came forward, stating that the night of the fireworks, she was hosting her 4-year-old daughter's birthday party, and now her daughter is terrified of fireworks

because they were so loud. Ms. Gibson said that she was not made aware of the fireworks after the concert. Mayor Borrow thanked her for coming.

Jonathan Mark from Grand Ave. came forward to complain about his trash not getting picked up. He asks why, if the lid is not quite closed, they won't take his trash. City Manager Donald Anderson said he was glad that it had been brought to his attention. The city has met with them regarding some issues over the last several months. If your trash is not being picked up, please contact City Hall.

Old Business

Public Hearings

5. Request for a Conditional Use to Open a Package Store at 194 Cornelia Crossing Shopping Center

Tab B Approved 4 - 0

6. Request for a Planned Unit Development by Cook Communities at 1900 Level Grove Road

Tab C Seth Herrin said he is not against the development, but he is concerned about traffic, and he is afraid there is going to be a wreck, and it might involve a school bus. Mr. Herrin asked if the county had been notified. City Manager Anderson spoke and said the traffic study had been sent to the county, so they are aware. Mayor Borrow thanked him for coming.

Approved to Post 4 - 0

New Business

7. Quote to Remove Dead Trees at City Park and the Community House

Tab D Approved 4 - 0

8. Resolution to Accept Infrastructure Improvements for Phase I of Orchard Reserve Subdivision

Tab E Approved 4 - 0

9. Agreement with Mount Airy for Fire Protection

Tab F Approved 4 - 0

10. Agreement with Demorest for Fire Protection

Tab G Removed from the Agenda

11. Proposal to Purchase the Naming Rights for the Amphitheater

Tab H Approved 4 - 0

12. SPLOST 2025 Project List

Tab I No Vote was needed; this item was for the Mayor and Commissioners' consideration only

13. Amendment to GEFA Loan # WS12L18WR

Tab J Approved 4 - 0

14. Request to Install Crosswalk on Industrial Boulevard

Tab K Approved 4 - 0

15. Adjourn **Approved 4 - 0 to adjourn at 7:05**