

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Joint Work Session
August 6th, 2026

Mayor: Steve Holcombe

Council Members: Angie Hood, Sterling Moore, Ron Moser, and Matt Cook were present.

Planning Commission: Pete Ewing, Patty Hutcheson, and Kim Scott were present.

City Staff: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Deputy Clerk Maizie Glore, Public Works Director Horatio Bell, and West Georgia Planner Ron Johnson.

Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe called the work session to order.

Application submitted by Jada Ross requesting an Ordinance Amendment: Mayor Holcombe stated that each member had received a copy of the Ordinance Amendment application submitted by Jada Ross regarding manufactured housing. He explained that the application should be reviewed by each member and discussed at a future work session. Mayor Holcombe noted that the ordinance amendment application process is new to the City and that the City Clerk's Office created the application to provide citizens with a formal method of submitting ordinance amendment requests for Council consideration. No action was taken, and the matter will be discussed further at the next work session.

Proposed Draft for Manufactured Housing Ordinance: Mayor Holcombe introduced a proposed draft regarding manufactured housing and reviewed the City's Affordable Housing Action Plan with those in attendance. He explained that the plan was developed through his participation in the Propel initiative, which includes representatives from the University of Georgia, the local Chamber of Commerce, surrounding municipalities, and Haralson County, with the goal of exploring innovative solutions to address affordable housing. Mayor Holcombe stated that the proposed manufactured housing ordinance included in the meeting packet is one option the city may consider adopting. He asked everyone to review the draft ordinance and advised that it would be discussed further at a future work session. Prior to being presented to the City Council for consideration, the draft ordinance will be submitted to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the City Attorney for review. No action was taken.

Chapter-by-Chapter Summary of the UDC: Ron Johnson with West Georgia Planning introduced himself to those in attendance and presented a chapter-by-chapter overview of the proposed Unified Development Code (UDC). The review included the following: General Provisions; Administration and Review Bodies; Nonconformities;

Zoning Districts; Planned Development District; Streets, Blocks, and Subdivisions; Design and Architectural Standards; Development Standards; Supplementary Standards for Specific Uses; Petitions, Permits, and Procedures; and Violations and Enforcement. Following the detailed review and discussion of each chapter, members were asked to submit any proposed revisions, comments, or concerns to the Deputy City Clerk. Mr. Johnson will incorporate the requested changes into the draft UDC for further consideration prior to the August 17, 2026, City Council meeting. No action was taken.

Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

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