



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA

7:00 PM OR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION WORK SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from November 18, 2025 and December 16, 2025.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the NRC.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

ACTION SUMMARY

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Natural Resources Commission Meeting began at 7:30pm on the First Floor Community Room at City Hall on November 18, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

a. Present were:

- i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Kate Tunison, Herb Velazquez, Lindsey Ann Burnett, and Ben Manley
- ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. There are no meeting announcements

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Lindsey Ann Burnett made a motion to approve the Natural Resources Commission meeting and work session minutes from October 21, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kate Tunison. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no discussion of unfinished business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jim Gilvin, Chris Lagerbloom and John Robison met with Mike Buchanan and Kate Tunison to discuss the NRC's goals and desires to work closely with the city.
- b. Potential ideas for the upcoming year presented by Mike Buchanan include Screening of Nature Matters on February 3, 2026 from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Alpharetta public library, planting more trees at Innovation Academy, providing education to the community through using local smaller nurseries, and working with Old Rucker Farm. A

motion was made by Lindsey Ann Burnett to order twenty copies of Vitamin N and spend \$160 and not exceed up to \$180 dollars for education purposes. Kate Tunison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There was no public comment

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. The next NRC work session and meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 in Executive Conference Room 121.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion was made to end the NRC meeting at 7:40 by Kate Tunison. The motion was seconded by Ben Manley. The motion passed unanimously.



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
DECEMBER 16, 2025

ACTION SUMMARY

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Natural Resource Commission Meeting began at 7:10pm in the Executive Conference room #121 on December 16, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
 - i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Herb Velazquez, Lindsey Ann Burnett, and Beth Ott
 - ii. Staff: Terry Porter

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Herb Valaquez is interested in staying on the NRC for an additional year.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. The Approval of the Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from November 18, 2025, and December 16, 2025, will be voted on at the next meeting on January 20, 2025.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mike Buchannan met with the principal of Innovation Academy. The principal is desiring to spend up to \$700.00 on tree planting. The NRC has grant money through Keep America Beautiful.\$1500.00. Beth Ott made a motion to spend \$1500.00 on the planting at the Innovation Academy. The motion was seconded by Herb Valazquez. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. At the next NRC meeting we will vote to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Beth Ott brought to the attention of the commission education about Data Centers harming natural resources in the community provided by Sci4ga.org. These affect numerous resources including but not limited to water and energy management, water pollution management, tree preservation and reforestation.
- b. Nature Matters will be shown on Feb 3rd from 6:00 -7:30pm at the Alpharetta City Library. Barbra Ann Temple, the director, will be here to also offer a question and answer after the film. Appen Media will be providing an article prior to the event to spread the word.
- c. Mike Buchannan spoke with a potential speaker to help bring awareness to the NRCs mission.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There was no public comment.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. The next Natural Resource Meeting will be held on Jan 20, 2026, in the First floor Community Room at 6:30pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm by Beth Ott. Mike Buchannan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.