



Alpharetta Natural Resources  
Commission Work Session  
JANUARY 20, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL  
2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Natural Resource Commission Meeting began at 6:30pm in the first-floor community room.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
  - i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Kate Tunison. Beth Ott, Teri Rondone, J. Jenna, and Herb Velazquez.
  - ii. Staff: David Shostak
  - iii. Visitor: Ethan McCoy

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Introduction and welcome of new commissioners: Teri Rondone and Jaqueline Jenna

4. ARBORIST REPORT

- a. Basic update on NRC role.
- b. Discussion of general tree guidelines and requirements for every development.
- c. Canopy data to be requested at Friday's GIS meeting (geographic information system)
- d. Arborists plan to talk more frequently about cross department tree activities

5. PROGRAM UPDATES

- a. Updating rules for NRC at large members is needed, Mike Buchanan to discuss with Chris Laugerbloom.

- b. Ben Manley to be recognized at Monday's City Council meeting on January 26 for 10+ years of service on the NRC.
- c. Arbor Day
  - o NRC will be planting more trees at Innovation Academy in February or March.
  - o Site One will be contacted for tree purchases.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- a. Beth Ott motioned to adjourn the Work Session. Herb Velazquez seconded and the Work Session ended at 7:35pm.