

AGENDA
Griffin Environmental Council
June 11, 2026
W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL
100 SOUTH HILL STREET, GRIFFIN, GA
5:30 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Public Comments

Council Updates

Consider minutes of May 14th, 2026, Griffin Environmental Council meeting.

City Staff Updates

New Business

Adjourn

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Consider minutes of May 14th, 2026, Griffin Environmental Council meeting.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

Submitted By:

Gibb Cotton

Meeting Date:

11/06/2026

Reviewed By:

Jessica O'Connor

ATTACHMENTS:

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- The meeting included a detailed review of proposed zoning updates for data centers within the City of Griffin.
- Three categories of data centers were defined: minor (<10,000 sq ft), major (10,000–275,000 sq ft), and hyperscaler (>275,000 sq ft).
- Hyperscaler data centers are not permitted due to the City's prohibition on heavy industrial zoning.
- Consensus emerged that minor data centers should not require a special use permit due to their small size and limited impact.
- Major data centers should continue to require a special use permit due to potential impacts related to traffic, noise, water usage, and environmental factors.
- Zoning proposals include requirements for closed-loop water systems, environmental impact studies, noise and light pollution mitigation, and strict generator-use rules.
- Setback requirements for major data centers include a minimum 1500 ft distance from roads, ensuring reduced disturbance to residents.
- The proposal also incorporates decommissioning requirements and bonding to prevent abandoned or incomplete data center structures.
- Members agreed that large-scale hyperscaler centers would not be feasible or appropriate within city limits due to parcel size and residential proximity.