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PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026-R-01



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MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



A dark, atmospheric photograph of a memorial walkway lined with flags. The walkway is paved and leads towards a central monument. Several flags are visible on tall poles, including the American flag and various state flags. The background is filled with dense green trees. The overall scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and respectful mood.

INVOCATION

(Mr. Mike Smith)

and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

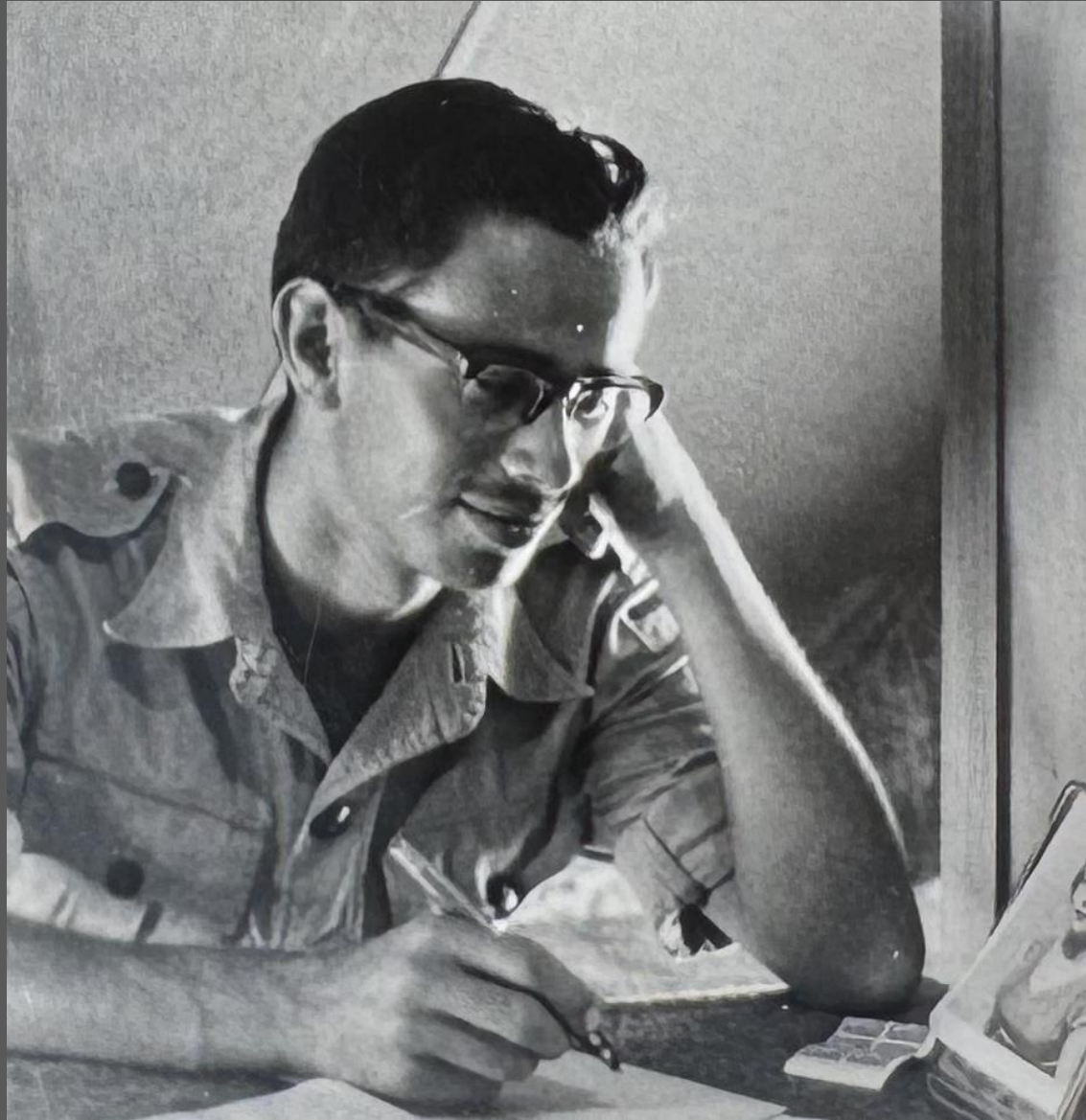


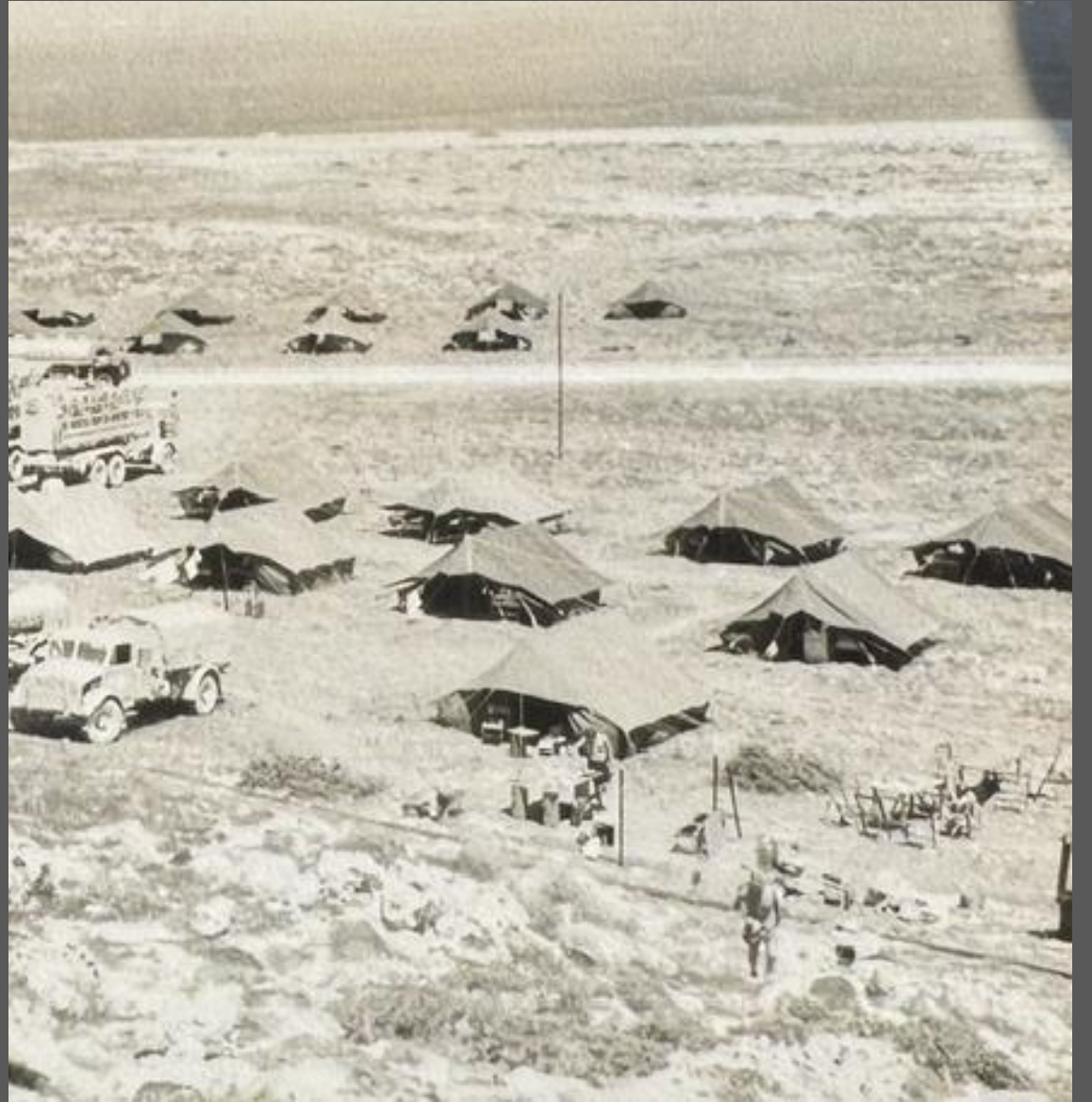
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AGENDA**

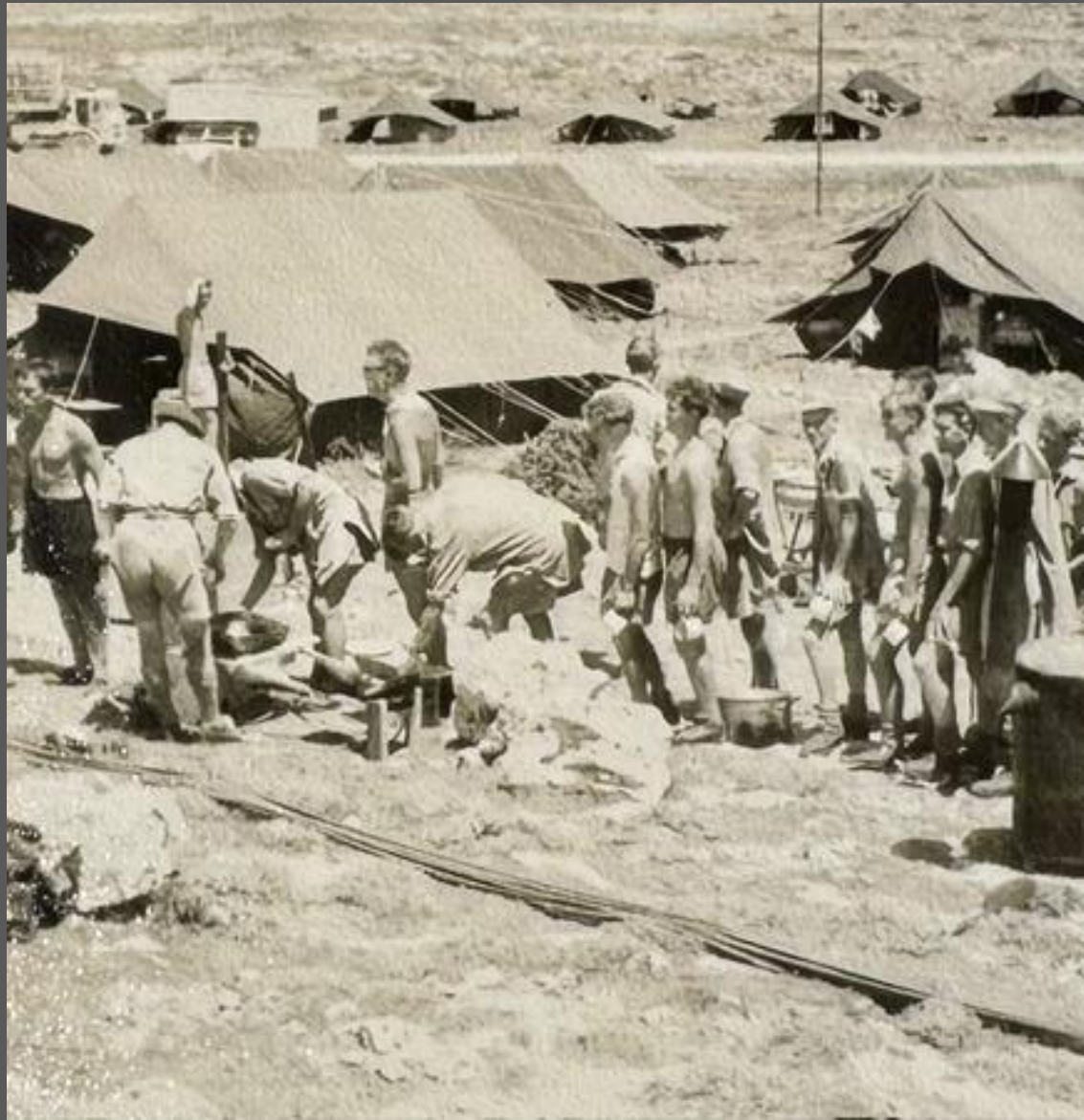


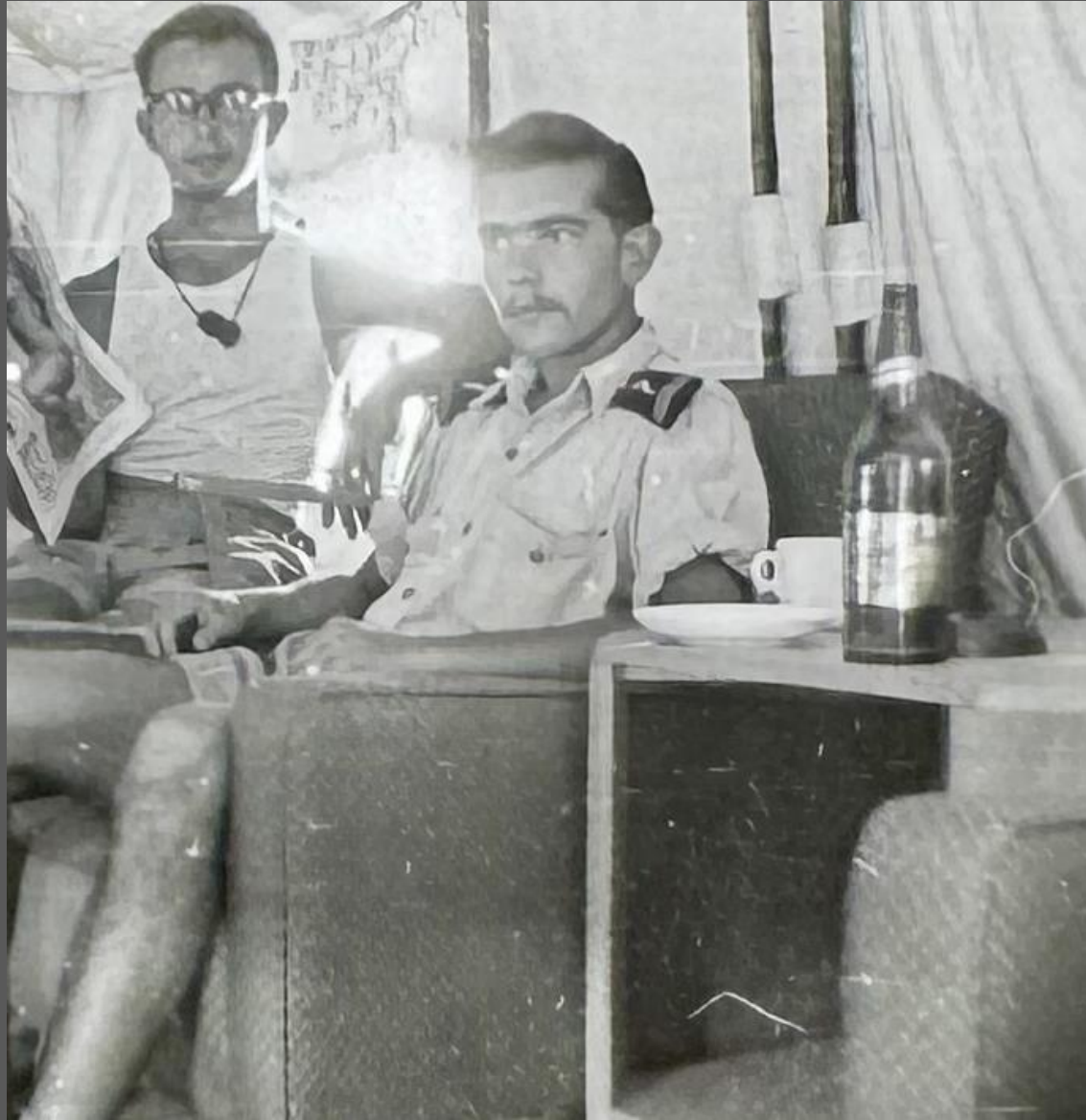
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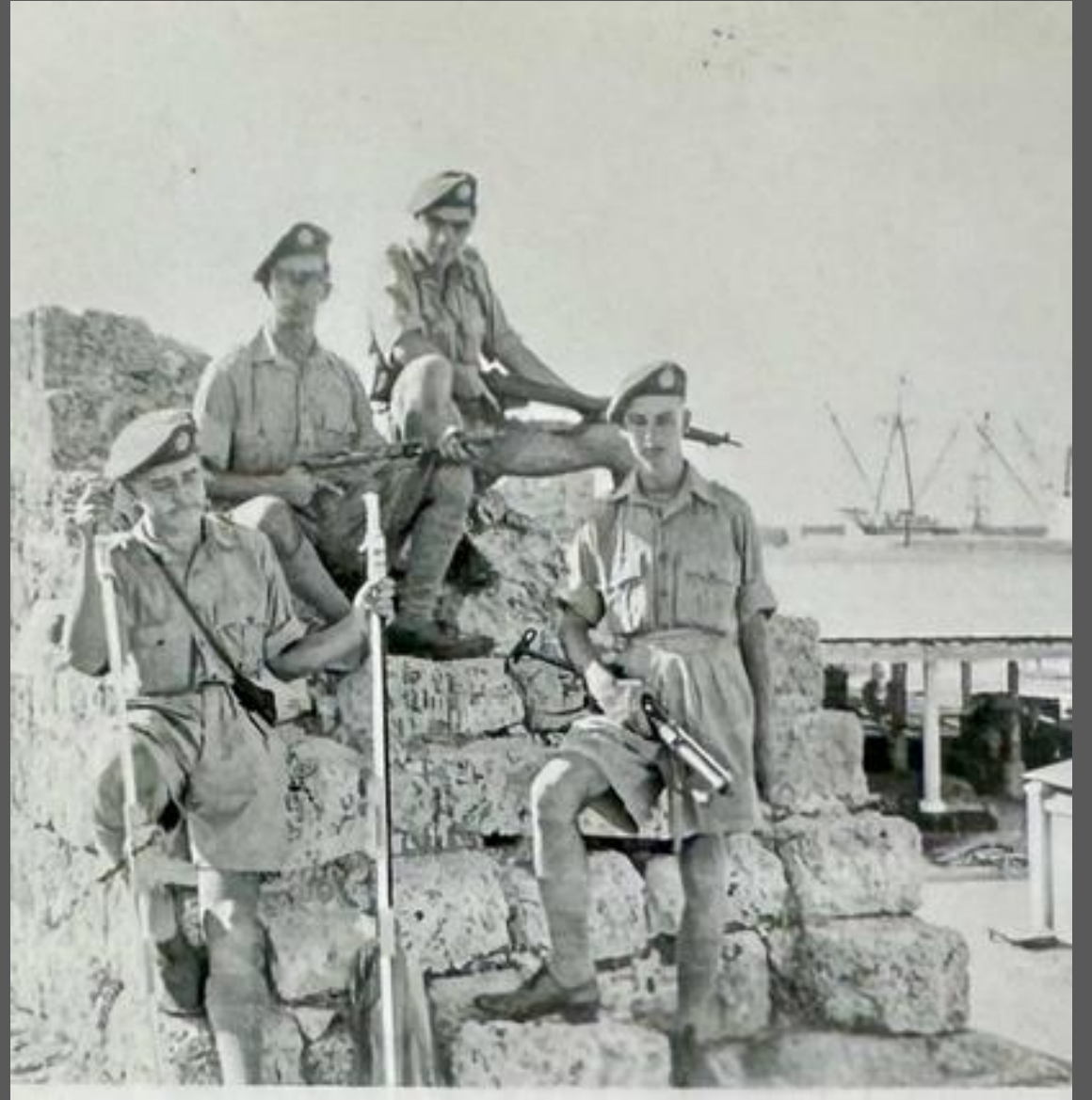
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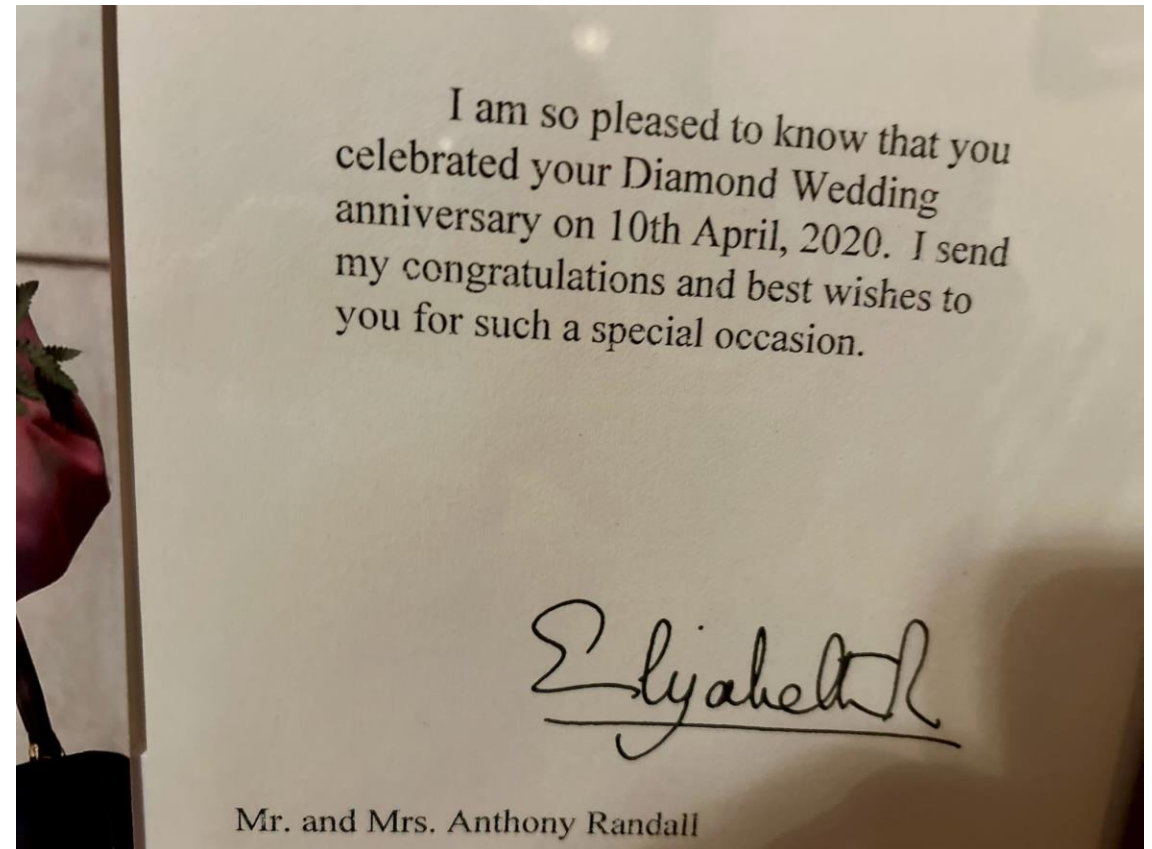














PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER DOWNTOWN PARKING LEASE





BLUE – Signifies area to be leased (11,936.33 sf)

GREEN (paralleling building) Install concrete curb to protect building from Vehicles

YELLOW – Signifies placement of metal traffic/crowd control barricades, linked together to define exit

ORANGE – Does not signify anything – was the GIS marker to determine square footage of proposed lease

GENERAL LEASE OUTLINE

ENTRANCE FROM
GILMER FERRY

EXIT TO MOUND ST

40 PARKING SPACES @ 9' /
COULD SQUEEZE 42 AT
8.5' BUT 9 IS BETTER

\$68,500 TO PREPARE
(REMOVE ASPHALT,
INSTALL BASE, PAVE,
CURB NEXT TO
BUILDING)

5 YEAR LEASE WITH NO
PAYMENTS OTHER THAN
TAXES (\$1,336 ANNUALLY)

BREAKS DOWN COST TO
\$28.54/MONTH PER SPACE
OR \$342.48 ANNUALLY (A
BETTER PARKING LOT
STRIPER MAY GET US
MORE SPACES – THIS IS
MY LAYOUT)

WHAT IS PARKING TO A DOWNTOWN?



Main Street America

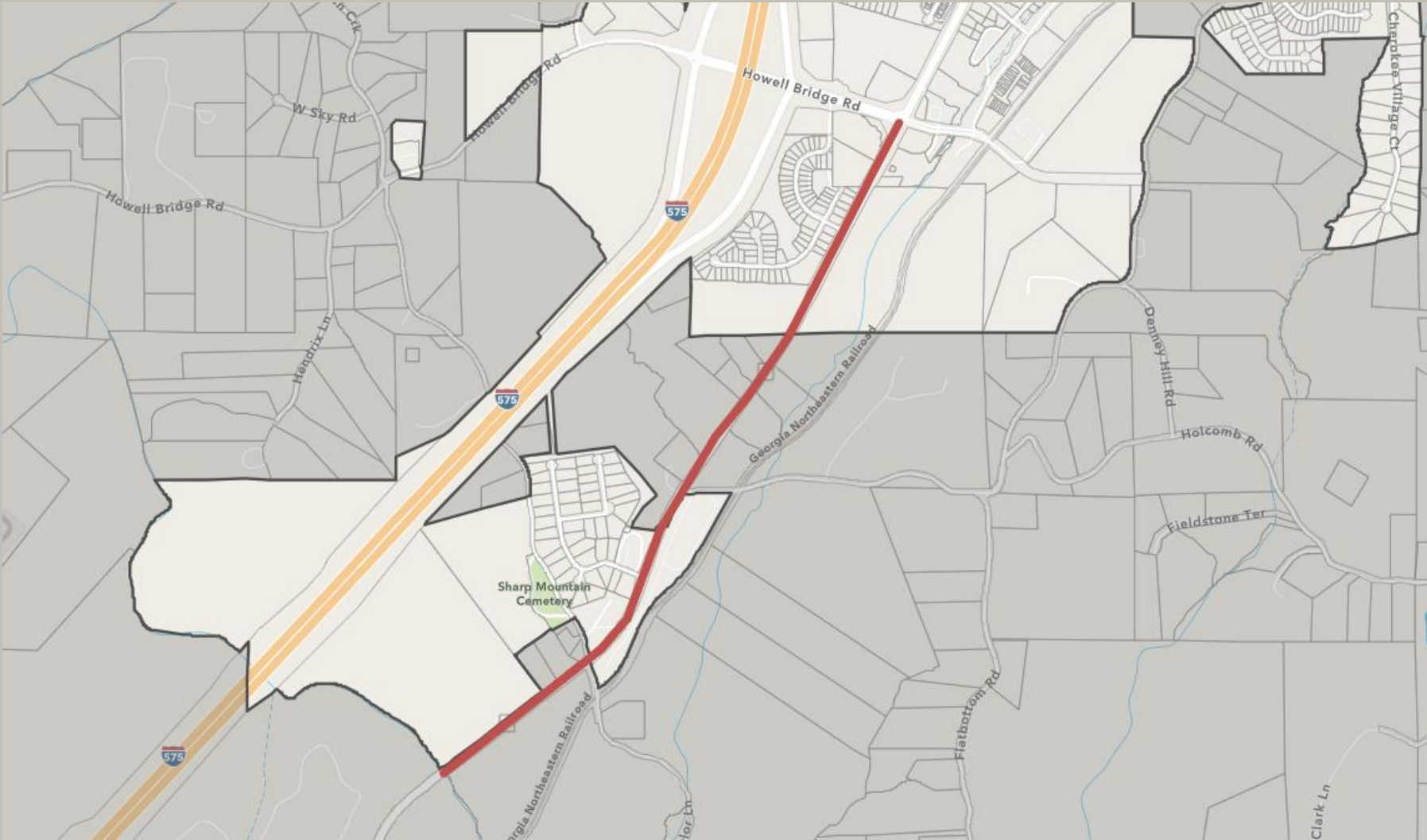
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Main Spotlight: Understanding the Parking Debate

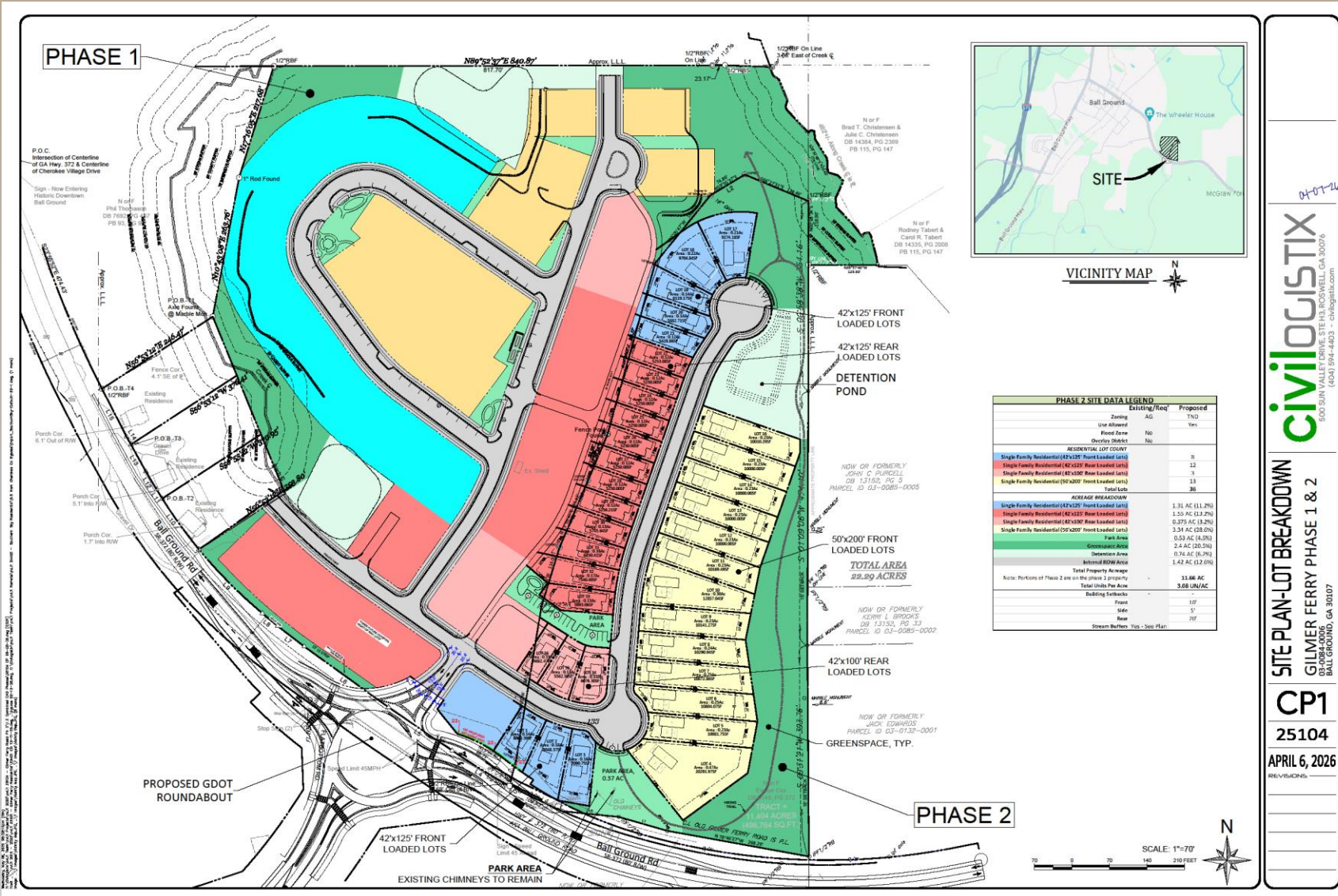
Dec 6, 2023 — The International Parking and Mobility Institute estimates that **each on-street parking spot adds \$20,000 in revenue** to local economies. “Parking ...

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CONSIDER IGA – BALL GROUND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT



DISCUSS COX ANNEXATION



Sign Ordinance Adoption

Ball Ground Code of Ordinances Division 112

New definitions such as "Area of Sign (copy area)" and clean-up of existing definitions

Application completion requirement of 30 days

Condense definitions of exempt signs

Allow up to 60 days for temporary signs in all zoning districts

Public Hearing to be held on June 11th at 6PM

Budget	Proposed 2027	Adopted 2026	<u>Actual</u> 2025	Increase/ Decrease	Percentage
General Fund	\$2,813,305	\$2,433,567	\$2,454,985	\$379,738	13%
Fire District Tax	\$888,612	\$700,000	\$766,795	\$188,612	21%
SPLOST	\$627,000	\$579,000	\$583,145	\$43,855	7%
T-SPLOST	\$881,000			\$881,000	100%
Impact Fee	\$324,571	\$103,305	\$99,781	\$221,266	68%
Water and Sewer	\$2,902,900	\$2,624,800	\$2,200,213	\$278,100	10%
Storm Water	\$76,604	\$74,040	\$67,401	\$9,203	12%
Solid Waste	\$450,200	\$395,262	\$404,477	\$54,938	12%
Total	\$8,964,192	\$6,909,974	\$6,576,797	\$2,054,218	23%

CONSIDER FIRST READING
FY-27 BUDGET PROPOSAL

CONSIDER LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT



OLD BUSINESS

Urban Camping Ordinance

(a) *Public property or places.* It shall be unlawful for any person to reside, sleep, or remain between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. in or on any public place, including but not limited to city parks, plazas, sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, and government property. Furthermore, it is unlawful to use any public place, including but not limited to city parks, plazas, sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, and government property, for living accommodations purposes such as camping, or erecting tents or other objects providing shelter, except in areas specifically designated for such use or specifically authorized by permit.

(b) *Private property.* It shall be unlawful for anyone other than the owner, a leaseholder, or other rightful occupant to camp, sleep, reside, store personal property, or lie down outside on any private property without the owner's or leaseholder's permission.

This ordinance shall take effect on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Dennis Nelson, Mayor

Consider Second Reading
Urban Camping

WELL HEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE



Consider Second Reading

Establishes Distances

Enacts the Wellhead Protection Plan

CONSIDER SECOND READING OF UPDATED ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

PROPOSED OPEN
CONTAINER
CHANGES

REMOVES TOUCH A
TRUCK EVENT (NOT
INSIDE DISTRICT)

HOW WE MEASURE
DISTANCES
(COMMON ROUTE –
ROADS – SIDEWALKS)

CLEANS UP
LICENSES FOR
BUILDINGS NOT YET
BUILT

CLEANS UP
PROCEDURES FOR
LICENSE TRANSFER
(STAFF LEVEL)

REMOVES SURVEY
REQUIREMENT IN
FAVOR OF OUR GIS

CHANGES
RESIDENCE
REQUIREMENT TO
“STATE OF GEORGIA”

ADDS A FOOD SALE
REQUIREMENT ON
STANDARD LICENSE
CONSUMPTION ON
PREMISE

**MS. MARY HROVATIC
PRESIDENT
BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB**





PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK



**LAW
ENFORCEMENT
APPRECIATION
WEEK**

**CONSIDER
APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

APRIL 2026

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALLEY ST PAVING NEXT WEEK

STORM DRAIN WORK CONTINUES

30TH – GUARDIANS OF THE JUKEBOX

GET READY FOR FIREWORKS!



HISTORIC PAST

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