

**GASTONIA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 13, 2026**  
**SPINDLE CONFERENCE ROOM- CITY HALL - GASTONIA, NC**

The Gastonia City Council met in the Spindle Conference Room, City Hall, Gastonia, North Carolina, on Monday, April 13, 2026. Mayor Franks called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Franks

Council Members: Demetrious Koutsoupas  
 Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gallagher  
 Glenn Silverman  
 Angela Dreher  
 Jennifer Stepp (attending via WebEx)  
 Donyel Barber

City Attorney: Eric Edgerton

ABSENT: None

Councilman Silverman made a motion pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.10 to go into closed session to consider the job performance and conditions of employment of the City Attorney and to review and approve the minutes of a previous closed session held on March 3, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Gallagher seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:20 p.m., Council returned to open session.

Councilwoman Barber made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the City Attorney's employment agreement including changes to Section 9, Section 10, Section 4, and Section 3; approve an 8% increase to the annual compensation of City Attorney Eric Edgerton, bringing his annual salary to \$234,900; and to approve \$200 per pay period as reimbursement for car allowance for City Attorney Eric Edgerton. Mayor Pro Tem Gallagher seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Dreher seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Franks declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Mayor Richard Franks

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Eric Edgerton, City Attorney

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