City of Dahlonega
City Council Off-Site Retreat
February 27 and 28, 2026
320 W 3rd Street SW
Rome, Georgia 30165

Friday, February 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Agenda**

III. **Welcome** .....Mayor Jim Bojo, City of Rome

IV. **Managing Public Parking** .....Kelley Ledford, City of Rome Director of Strategic Initiatives

V. **Team Building - *Emergenetics Meeting of the Minds***...April Howard, Facilitator

VI. **Attainable Housing**.....Allison Martin, City Manager

VII. **Financial Update**.....Allison Martin, City Manager

VIII. **Strategic Planning Update** .....Allison Martin, City Manager

IX. **Utility Update** .....Allison Martin, City Manager

X. **"*The Hardest Part of Being a City Council Member*"** ...April Howard, Facilitator

XI. **Police Force: Vision for the Future** .....Allison Martin, City Manager

XII. **Downtown Issues** .....Allison Martin, City Manager

XIII. **Blight Property Ordinance** .....Allison Martin, City Manager

XIV. **Recess**

Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

I. **Reconvene**

II. **Morning Icebreaker** .....April Howard, Facilitator

III. **Annexation: A Useful Tool for Cities** .....April Howard, Facilitator and Allison Martin, City Manager

IV. **Head House**.....Allison Martin, City Manager

V. **147 N Park Street**.....Allison Martin, City Manager

VI. Convention Center: Create Weekday Business in Shoulder Seasons
.....Allison Martin, City Manager

VII. Future Use of Hancock Park.....Allison Martin, City Manager

VIII. Joint Retreat with Lumpkin County.....Allison Martin, City Manager

IX. Final Remarks and Evaluation.....April Howard, Facilitator and
Allison Martin, City Manager

X. Adjournment