

Mayor and Council

700 Doug Davis Drive

Hapeville, GA 30354

February 16, 2016

MINUTES

6:00PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hallman called the meeting to order at 6:07PM at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Ruth Barr

Councilman at Large Michael Randman

Councilman Ward I Joshua Powell

Councilman Ward II Diane Dimmick

3. Welcome

4. Presentations

4.I State of the City – Mayor Hallman

4.II GCCMA 60th Anniversary Proclamation – Mayor Hallman read the Proclamation

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Carol Seaton

Brendan Dalton

Bob Patel – Apsilon Hotel Group

Travis Horsley

Laura Murphy

Erik Lewis

Susan Stone

Daniel Beer

6. Old Business

6.I Discussion of TSPLOST

Mayor Hallman stated that he had been working with Fulton County Commission with regard to a bill for legislative session. Decision made today that MARTA would move forward and then come back with the other legislation. This would be placed on the ballot for the November election. The TSPLOST would provide a 5-year funding source for cities.

7. New Business

7.I 1st reading Billiard Ordinance 2016-03

7.II 1st Reading Blighted Property Tax 2016-04

Mayor Hallman stated that the nuisance abatement process was costing the City money and that this ordinance provided a mechanism to recoup those cost.

Steve Fincher, City Attorney, stated that there were two ways to initiate the tax one the City could self-initiate the process or 2) 5 complaints were received regarding a property. Further, Mr. Fincher stated that the property owner would pay an extra 7 mills for blighted property and then once the property was brought to standards the property owner would receive a 5 mills tax credit.

Councilman Powell inquired if any properties would be grandfathered.

Steve Fincher, City Attorney, replied no.

7.III 1st Reading 2016-05 Extended Stay Hotels

Mayor Hallman stated that there had been some discussion of this ordinance earlier in the meeting and that Council should email the City Manager with any additional comments.

Bill Johnston, Planning and Zoning Consultant, reviewed the terms of the ordinance with Mayor and Council.

7.IV. Discussion Alcohol Code Amendments

Mayor Hallman stated that Council had heard comments from citizens and license holders with regard to need amendments. Mayor Hallman thought that it might be appropriate to propose some quick fixes and then look for the rewrite.

William Whitson, City Manager, stated that it was the Mayor and Council desire to move forward with an amendment that would address the immediate needs of the growler and microbrewery establishments and then to bring back another amendment that would address a modernization of the ordinance.

Mayor Hallman asked the Council to review sister cities ordinance and provide feedback to the City Manager with recommended changes or ordinances.

8. City Manager Report

William Whitson, stated that he was preparing for the Retreat on Saturday at Staybridge Suites at 9:00AM, SFMA on that Thursday at Hilton Hotel, Aerotropolis March 24th , TSPLOST and other issues.

Mr. Whitson reported that the building collapse was holding until the insurance companies could agree on a number.

9. Update by Department

Jennifer Elkins, City Clerk, stated that South Fulton Municipal Associate was on Thursday, GMA Convention forms were emailed out and the forms were due back by March 4th, and Personal financial disclosures are due.

David Burt, Economic Development Consultant, stated that he was working with the 2 restaurants coming on Dearborn and new opportunity for a high end restaurant with gift shop.

Jim Schuster, Finance Director, stated that he was working on the annual run of state and federal reports however, the audit was being finished and some reports were behind.

Allie O'Brien, Main Street and Marketing Manager, stated that she was working on the South Arts Film Series Grant, next film February 26th at Christ church, working with GMA intern program to develop a survey for all of businesses opened in the last 3 years.

Bill Johnston, Planning and Zoning Consultant, stated the City had received a Grant for the ARC to rewrite LCI Plan and COMP Plan, working with the Virginia Crossing Group and waiting on Army Corp Engineers with regard to Flint River building site, and development of Dearborn plaza City talking about avoiding cost water retention.

William Whitson, City Manager, stated that a plan will be brought back to you with regard to with regard to the detention.

Tod Nichols, Recreation Manger, stated that the Department was selected to host the GRPA 4th District Basketball Tournaments at Hoyt Smith Conference Center.

Rick Glavosek, Police Chief, stated that 4 of 9 police officer positions had been filled as well as the code enforcement officer and state certification coming next week.

Lee Sudduth, Community Service Director, stated that the project on Dogwood was wrapping up and the Loop Road Project was beginning.

10. Public Comments

Laura Murphy

Rob Mack

Eileen Randman

11. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Randman, stated that he was thankful for having a progressive group of Councilman and understood the need to preserve the small town charm.

Councilman Powell stated that 7 small businesses were present tonight and that it was cool to see everyone getting involved.

Alderman Barr stated that she appreciated all of the comments about the alcohol ordinance and Mark Umberhandt passed away and that visitation was on Thursday and Funeral on Friday and asked that everyone keep the family in their prayers.

Councilman Dimmick stated the she was very encouraged by people and comments made and encouraged everyone to continue to bring things to her.

Mayor Hallman thanked everyone for coming and the citizen participation.

MOTION: Councilman Dimmick made a motion Councilman Powell seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:24PM for personnel matters, pending or potential litigation, and acquisition/disposal of real estate. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Councilman Barr made a motion Councilman Powell seconded a motion to recess the meeting at 8:24PM. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Councilman Barr made a motion Councilman Powell seconded a motion to reconvene at 8:36PM.

12. Executive Session

- Personnel Matters
- Pending or Potential litigation
- Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate

No action taken.

MOTION: Alderman Barr made a motion Councilman Powell seconded a motion to enter into Open Session at 9:14PM. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Alderman Barr made a motion Councilman Powell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Jennifer Elkins, City Clerk