

Mayor and Council
Called Meeting
700 Doug Davis Drive
Hapeville, GA 303254
June 6, 2016

6:00PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02PM at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

II. Roll Call
Mayor Alan Hallman
Alderman Ruth Barr
Councilman at Large Michael Randman
Councilman Ward I Joshua Powell – absent
Councilman Ward II Diane Dimmick

III. Presentations
3.I Budget FY 2016-2017
City Manager, William Whitson, stated that he was a history buff and asked that the City observe a moment of silence for D-Day.

Review PowerPoint presentation.

3.II Salary Study – Ted Lakey

City Manager Whitson stated that from a budget prospective that if the City had kept up with the market it would have an \$500-700,000 budget impact and that it would be difficult for management to correct 6-7 years of negligence in one year. Whitson suggested the allocation of \$230,000 for increasing employee pay and task the City Manager with creating a step plan that would allocate that amount out.

4. New Business

4.I Discussion of Budget FY 16-17

Mayor Hallman inquired about the fines and forfeitures being down.

City Manager stated that he was speaking with the Judge regarding the same.

Councilman Randman inquired if the pay raises could be processed any sooner than the 90 days.

City Manager Whitson stated that it was up to the desire of Mayor and Council, however, he would like to make sure that it is done right and would bring it back to Council as soon as it was ready.

Alderman Barr stated that she did not see anything that would be a code change and that fines collected through March were \$120,000.

Councilman Randman stated that he wanted it all, art and development, but the reality is the City needs a balance budget.

Alderman Barr stated that the lease on the cell tower was annual.

Councilman Dimmick inquired about HATT expenditures.

City Manager Whitson stated that a portion reimbursed the City for employee salaries.

Mayor Hallman reminded Council that all actions by the City and HATT had been vetted through the City Attorney's Office at the time.

Mayor Hallman stated that key issues are: 1) storm water utility; 2) staff analysis; 3) IT Plan presentation; and 4) city sponsorship arts events and organizations.

Alderman Barr stated that money for raises needed to be included and that the employees making 20 and 30 need to be considered first.

Mayor Hallman asked the Council if they had questions regarding the storm water utility.

Councilman Dimmick inquired as to what fund would collect the monies.

Councilman Dimmick inquired as to what is being done to promote tourism.

City Manager Whitson stated that in the forth coming budget that there was only \$10,000 for discretionary funds and that the City had allocated all of the funds that it could toward the arts.

Alderman Barr inquired as to how much had been giving to the arts this year.

City Manager Whitson stated that it was around \$20,000 plus grant matches and staff time.

5. Executive Session (if needed) - none

6. Public Comments

Lucy Dolan
Rod Mack
Jeffrey Madrid
Dennis Martino
Travis Horsley
Carol Seaton
Mickie Williams
Laura Murphy

Beatrice Golden-Hayes
Susan Bailey

Mayor Hallman thanked everyone who came out for the Memorial Day Celebration.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Barr made a motion Councilman Dimmick seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Motion carried 3-0.