

**Mayor and Council Session**  
700 Doug Davis Drive  
Hapeville, GA 30354

February 5, 2019 6:00PM

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:04pm at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman  
Councilman at Large Travis Horsley  
Councilman Ward I Mark Adams  
Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Horsley.

5. Invocation was given by John Stalvey.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.I Showcased the New Hapeville Video created by ATL Airport District.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.I Consideration and Action on Sign Ordinance Text Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A public hearing was opened in which no comments were made. Mayor Hallman stated this would stand as the first reading.

7.II Consideration and Action on U-V, Urban Village Zone Text Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A public hearing was opened in which no comments were made. Mayor Hallman stated this would stand as the first reading.

8. Questions on Agenda Items:

John Stalvey  
Linda Williams

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.I Approval of Minutes

- January 8, 2019
- January 22, 2019

9.II Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- January 8, 2019
- January 22, 2019

9.III Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement with J.W. Records management for Shredding services for Administration.

9.IV Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement with J.W. Records management for Shredding services for Police Department.

9.V Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement with J.W. Records management for Shredding services for Municipal Court.

9.VI Consideration and Action to Authorize Mayor to Sign the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan Documents

9.VII Consideration and Action to Enter into a Contract with Waste Pro for Solid Waste Pickup & Recycling Services for the City of Hapeville

9.VIII Consideration and Action to Negotiate with Novatech Copier Services.

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to pull item 9.VII from the consent agenda for more discussion, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander asked are we going with the vendor that gave the presentation a few weeks ago? Mr. Sudduth said his department will advertise an RFP next week. Councilman Adams asked about loan cancellation. Motion carried 3-0.**

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to move item 9.VII from the consent agenda to the first item in the New Business section, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

10. OLD BUSINESS - none

11. NEW BUSINESS

9.VII Consideration and Action to Enter into a Contract with Waste Pro for Solid Waste Pickup & Recycling Services for the City of Hapeville.

Mayor Hallman said that a couple of people suggested to him that Council postpone this until there is a full Council. Councilman Horsley said the only caveat that he proposes is to allow an opt in non-bagged at \$5 per month. He confirmed that Community Services would pick this up. Councilman Adams said, this would be going back to what we're trying to streamline. We already have an ordinance that states that yard debris supposed to be bagged anyway, and we're not doing that. Councilman Alexander said that in addition to that there's no limit to how much refuse you can put on the curb; that doesn't really solve the issue. If the truck breaks down, are we going to replace it to continue that service? Councilman Horsley asked about doing a leaf pick up from October – February? Mayor Hallman said that this is a very labor-intensive portion of our season.

Mr. Sudduth stated that they have a 1995 leaf truck and a 2005 truck. They have old equipment. They're having to go out of state to get the parts for the leaf truck. He said that the City is looking at a \$500,000 for a leaf truck and garbage truck. Then another one is needed another year. You would have to almost have to double the cost of fees for the residents. The one city he did find stilling doing this, charges \$40. This is an enterprise fund; the fees pay for the service. It's a difficult service to have.

Mayor Hallman addressed the fact that if this vendor was falsely advertising recycling, he assumed it would be a breach of contract? Mr. Sudduth said it would. He also stated that the vendor offers to give tours of the recycling facility. He confirmed that the RFP advertised for all residents to have recycling.

Councilman Adams asked if we kept the services locally, what would be the price tag? Mr. Sudduth said fees would increase by \$10; which is to get one leaf truck and one garbage truck, but we need more than just that. And, then the man power issues. Mayor Hallman's concern is that our sanitation employees knows when someone has had a death in the family or ailment, and they can't get the can out to the street. That level of service will be gone. But at the same time, we have to face the reality, the fiscal aspect of this.

Councilman Horsley asked about glass recycling. Mr. Sudduth said that's out of the question as one city voted to pay \$60,000 more a year just to recycle glass.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the contract, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

11.I Consideration and Action on Resolution to Retire Glock 17 Pistol, Serial Number BGYM724 and Presentation of Firearm to Retired Sergeant Connie Banks

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Horsley seconded. Vote 3-0. Retired Sergeant Banks was then presented her retired firearm by Chief Glavosek.

11.II Consideration and Action on Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of RaceTrac Petroleum Inc. and Georgia's Own Credit Union

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams said it was a valid move on Delta Airlines because during the shutdown the MLK National Historical park is a part of the federal park systems and they stepped up and thanked them again. Councilman Alexander said it is important to recognize Delta, especially with the Super Bowl and the people that were expected, and this being known as the home of Martin Luther King and that site not being open, and them willing to step up to fund it through that date was great. Motion carried 3-0.**

11.III Consideration and Action on Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of RaceTrac Petroleum Inc. and Georgia's Own Credit Union

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley said the collaboration between Georgia's Own Credit Union which is a Georgia business, not such much local and RaceTrac being new members of our**

**Hapeville business family, was good to see both step up at a time when many workers that don't live in Hapeville, but certainly travel through Hapeville to get to work. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### 11.IV Consideration and Action on Homestead Exemption Resolution

Mayor Hallman said that this came up in the course of discussion when talking about increased values for the Fulton County tax digest. It was suggested in an effort to bring some relief, Council wanted to increase the homestead exemption which has to go to the General Assembly for action.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams said he would like to see if we're able to move from \$10,000-15,000 for homestead exemption. And for all homeowners that are seniors 65+, disabled and veterans move to \$20,000. He thinks that this still fits in the budget as he has had the conversation with Mr. Young. Councilman Adams confirmed that he was amending the motion to reflect the changes, Councilman Horsley seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander asked the definition of "totally disabled". Mr. Welch said the definition would be determined based upon the submission by the applicant for the homestead exemption. Legislatively, the definition will be included in that process. The definition that will be used will probably be the most readily applied by the Department of Revenue and other jurisdictions. Motion carried 3-0 on the amended motion. Discussion on the main motion: Councilman Alexander asked is there a way to collect data or have some sort of audit to determine by looking at utility bills whether people getting the tax exempt are actually owner occupants? Mr. Welch said yes, procedures can be set up for this check including receipt of power bills. There is a way to check who is getting the exemption. Motion carried 3-0 on the motion.**

#### 11.V Consideration on FY2018 Final Budget Ordinance Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Mayor Hallman stated that this would stand as the first reading. Councilman Adams asked do we have discussions with departments that are off target? He would like to see some rationale of why it's occurring versus given a line item.

#### 11.VI Consideration and Action to Appoint a Member to the Hapeville Development Authority and the Development Authority of the City of Hapeville

Mayor Hallman instructed the City Clerk to reach out to each applicant to invite to the next Council meeting.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to postpone until the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### 11.VII Discussion and Review for City Planner and Community Services Concerning Community Forest Management Plan and Tree Ordinances

Councilman Horsley stated that the Georgia Forestry Council can offer technical assistance and that there are grants for said technical assistance. The deadline is toward the end of the year; however, some grants have a deadline in March 2019.

#### 11.VIII Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley Regarding Staff Collaboration with ARC on Updating Watershed Ordinance in Coordination with the ARC's RFP for an Aerotropolis-Wide Watershed Study

Councilman Horsley asked Mr. Sudduth if he could explain more about updating the ordinance as it relates to the bluebook. Mr. Sudduth said he will research how it will affect us and how the two will mirror each other. Councilman Horsley asked Mr. Sudduth to get in touch with East Point about their signs they have at Norman Berry and Flint. It would be good to have one or two at Virginia Avenue park. This would be good education for kids. Per Ann Palmer said their sign were less than \$50.

11.IX Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley on the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment and Funding for Pocket Parks

Councilman Horsley said that Department of Natural Resources is currently working on policy and the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment passing and being implemented. The funds are being collected but haven't been disbursed yet. It would be nice if Hapeville was first in line to ask for some of the money. Some of the money could considerably go towards the purchase of land that might be in a flood plain area; utilizing areas like this as pocket parks. Its not just for land acquisition, its also for maintenance.

11.X Discussion Initiated by Councilmembers Horsley and Adams for the Allocation of \$1500 and In-Kind Support for Tri-Cities Small Business Week Conference

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the allocation and in-kind support, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley stated that the in-kind support includes publishing in newsletter, emails, and on website. Motion carried 3-0.**

11.XI Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley Regarding Recommendations for Pile Sizes for Yard Refuse

Item is not necessary since contract was approved on item 9.VII.

11.XII Discussion on Hapeville Water and Sewer Authority

City Attorney Mr. Welch talked about the memo going over local legislation, City of Hapeville's powers and the title research. He took questions from Mayor and Council. The Water and Sewer rates will be re-established at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

12. City Manager Report:

Mr. Young informed everyone that the film series will start on February 15<sup>th</sup>; our team have been working with Aerotropolis Greenway; audit is ending and will have report before March 1<sup>st</sup>, and that the draft Booting Ordinance will be forwarded over to Mayor and Council for review.

13. Public Comments:

Bob Work  
Shurleen Dorough  
Brian Akers  
Mary Ann Akers  
Melvin Traynum

14. Mayor and Council Comments-

Councilman Horsley thanked the City Clerk for being gracious as he had submitted items for both meetings; Councilman Adams said he and Mayor Hallman had the luxury of participating in the Teacher and Professional of the Year for Hapeville Elementary. This school has a lot of talented and

excited educators. He thanked the teachers, stating they are highly engaged, dedicated and responsive to their students; Councilman Alexander asked about trash pickup and what could be done about huge piles where someone has finished a job; and Mayor Hallman echoed what Councilman Adams said about the teachers. They are a true representation of what Hapeville is all about.

15. Executive Session –

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion at 7:35PM to go into executive session for real estate, personnel, and litigation, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to go into executive session, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

No action taken.

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to adjourn executive session, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

16. Adjourn –

**MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Hallman, Mayor

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Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk