

Mayor and Council Work Session

700 Doug Davis Drive
Hapeville, GA 30354

March 20, 2018 6:00PM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Hallman at 6:02PM at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Michael Rast

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. **Welcome**

4. TSPLOST Presentation

Background: Terry Cockrum is the Hapeville's Citizen Representative for the TSPLOST Advisory Committee. Councilman Horsley has requested he share with Mayor and Council updates from the TSPLOST projects.

Mr. Cockrum updated Mayor and Council on the silent crossing project stating it has been underway for almost a year; and at this point there has been \$20,000 invested with the designated engineer, Keck & Wood. At least two years of work to be done before project is completed. Since the first of January, Keck & Wood has studied five railroad crossings: Sylvan Road, Virginia Avenue, Dogwood Drive, Perkins and South Street. Sylvan, Perkins and South require \$400,000 per crossing to complete the safety goal requirements. Virginia Avenue and Dogwood Drive will be \$300,000 each; making the silent crossing project an estimated \$1.8 million project.

Mr. Cockrum added that he recently attended his third meeting where two items were discussed: summary of progress and transparency. The tax collections are down by 8-10% causing concern. And, delegates are charged with monitoring the money making sure it is spent in the right direction. Mr. Cockrum confirmed that the crossing wouldn't close during construction.

Public Comments: Julian Glantz

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.I. Consideration and Action on A 2018 Alcohol Beverage License for Slideways Located At 760 South Central Avenue, Hapeville, Georgia 30354

Background: Slideways restaurant initially received an Alcohol Beverage permit from the City in December 2014. In 2017, Slideways turned in its license, as circumstances caused them to cease dinner service for a period as required in our city ordinance. Slideways has since returned to serving 2 meals per day and has applied for a new license. All departmental reports have been received, appropriate

advertising has been completed, and staff has no questions or major concerns with this application. City Manager and Staff recommends approval.

Applicant: David Thomas

Address: 760 South Central Avenue, Hapeville, GA 30354

Parcel ID: 14 009800050207

Public Comment - None

Staff Comment – Interim City Manager, Tim Manager reiterated the background, and said that we're glad to have them, if Mayor and Council approve, back with serving alcohol at dinner time.

Mayor and Council Comment – Mayor Hallman disclosed that Slideways is a security systems client of his, and that he's not a voting member but wanted to state before going any further.

David Thomas, Owner of Slideways stood to say he is excited to serve their customers.

Mayor Hallman closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion on the item.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for Slideways, LLC, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

5.II. Consideration and Action on A Conditional Use Permit For 3120 Sylvan Road

Background: Airport Van Rental is seeking approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a van rental business at 3120 Sylvan Road, Parcel Identification Number 14 009900041213. The property is zoned C-2, General Commercial and is approximately .63 acres.

The City Planning Commission considered this issue on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 and recommended approval by Council of the Conditional Use Permit with four (4) recommended conditions. Staff supported their findings and recommendation.

Lynn Patterson from Zoning stood to give report stating they are required to look at certain standards, specifically for a car rental agency at this location. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. The property is located on the off ramp, off 85 at the corner. There are no concerns in terms of the use development of adjacent properties. There was a lot of discussion about parking, where everyone would park and the number of vans that would be on site, as well as customer parking. There also was concern about landscaping. There are no known potential nuisances or hazardous characteristics. The only thing that did come up at the Planning Commission meeting, was that any cleaning of the vans would occur as waterless because of the storm drain; and any minor repair to the van would have to occur at the back of the site and not the front. The applicant indicated that they were fine with that. The proposed hours of operation are from 8am-8pm. They anticipate 75 units; there are 51 parking spaces showing. Every vehicle must be in a parking space, no stacking allowed. The business will have a policy about leaving individual cars there. Also, any signage must adhere to city standards. The tract is zoned C-2 which does allow car rental agencies. The only issue was landscaping. Zoning's requirement for the width of the landscaping along the right a way must be at least 10% or 30 feet (the lesser). The location is part of the gateway to the city as an entrance, it is a notability for them to increase the depth of the landscape to make it a little nicer. The Planning Commission has requested this; however, it is not a requirement.

Mayor Hallman asked for the four conditions under the conditional use permit? Ms. Patterson stated the following: 1) the applicant would provide planting areas and landscaping adjacent to Sylvan Road right a way 2) applicant must only park rental, employee, customer service vehicles in standard marked

spaces 3) any minor repairs or cleaning of vehicles must not be visible from the public right a way and 4) applicant must have trap inspected by Community Services department to ensure compliance with washing vehicles.

Councilman Adams commented that he would like to see the policy in hand on leaving vehicles there. Also, have any landscaping plans been submitted? Ms. Patterson advised Councilman Adams that they had not received an official plan yet.

Douglas Dubois (Van Rental Agency Representative) addressed Mayor and Council's concerns stating that at least 50% of vehicles will be on rent at all times. He never foresees more than 40 spots being used, and no double parking. They will be shuttling to and from the airport, so a lot of renters will be coming from the airport with no vehicle, and the other half can either have someone drop them off, park at the parking place next door, or use an Uber or Lyft to the location. This is a national company, this being their 16th location so there is professional logos, staff and dress; and they expect their lot to be the same way. They have all new vehicles purchased within the last three years. Mr. Dubois asked for clarification on the additional feet needed for the landscaping area as it sounds like they don't need to add the seven additional feet because there is an existing ten feet there. Ms. Patterson advised that they do not have to add the additional seven feet, but they need to have half of their landscape be shrubbery. She added that there is no specific landscape requirement, but there is an adherence to the conditional use condition.

Public Comments: Katrina Bradbury

Mayor Hallman closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion on the item.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the conditional Use Permit to operate the van rental business at 3120 Sylvan Road, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

5.III. Consideration and Action to Rezone the Property Located At 800 Doug Davis Drive, Parcel ID: 14 0098LL0146 from U-V, Urban Village to C-2, General Commercial

Background: Mr. Pratap Singh is seeking to rezone the property located at 800 Doug Davis Drive, Parcel Identification Number 14 0098LL0146 from U-V, Urban Village to C-2, General Commercial for constructing a restaurant and a convenience store with fuel pumps. This item was presented to the Mayor and Council on February 20, 2018 and was tabled to allow staff time to review the revised plans.

The applicant's representative addressed Mayor and Council advising of the location, a 1.3-acre site and the proposal of a 4000 square feet convenience store with the capacity for eight fuel pumps, and a 3000 square feet restaurant. The proposed development has gone through an evolution; several changes have been made and were presented to the Planning Commission on March 13, 2018, and believe the provisions were well received. During this process, the applicant has heard a lot about spot zoning. The representative pointed out the other properties near the property that are also zoned C-2. He referred to the American Planning Association Dictionary to define spot zoning. Adding that the only instance of divergence in this proposal from the U-V standards are the fuel pumps and the size of the 4000 square feet food store, as the U-V zone establishes a minimum floor area of 30,000 square feet for grocery stores. The restaurant is permitted by right U-V which is now assigned to the property. The representative referred to section 93-25-6 of the ordinance which gives Council the authority to assign any appropriate zoning classification to the property including the assignment of conditions.

Councilman Adams said he is concerned with the traffic when it comes to vehicle traffic verses pedestrian traffic, in addition to the RaceTrac on tap to be coming in that area. How dense would this make the area for Virginia Park? City Planner, Lynn Patterson stated that the fundamental issue here is gas pumps, saying that those trips are much quicker than a restaurant trip. So, the question is: will that create additional volume which could have an impact in that area. The fuel pumps would be near the neighborhood versus the RaceTrac which will be further down the street over by 85. She doesn't see a major volume of traffic but certainly the frequency in traffic would be in and out.

Ms. Patterson provided background stating the rezoning request was received in February for 800 Doug Davis and the property is currently zoned U-V. The reason they are back today because in February they recommended Mayor and Council table because they had received the site plan and an elevation showing the back of the building would be facing Virginia Avenue and Doug Davis, which was completely unacceptable. The applicant then submitted a new elevation within the same week in which the Planning Commission did not have enough time to review, therefore the Commission asked for the item to be tabled. The request has been to rezone from Urban Village which is a pedestrian oriented zoning classification in the middle of the rest of the U-V to a C-2 to allow for a convenient store with fuel pumps and a restaurant. The restaurant is an allowed use without requiring any kind of a conditional use; the convenient store would require a conditional use permit under U-V because it is less than 30,000 square feet. Under C-2, both of those uses would be allowed; however, the fuel pumps would require a conditional use permit. The new elevation submitted by the applicant was much improved with one facade facing the fuel pumps and one to Doug Davis and Virginia Avenue. The fundamental question from a planning perspective is that this zoning district is supposed to be pedestrian centric, and the fuel pump is really the issue. The question what Mayor and Council needs to access is whether you want fuel pumps at that location? Planning Commission had a discussion about it last week and it was really two sided. It was just general comments; they did not take a revote. Also, the new site plan showed U-V-C. Moving forward, we have to look at it from a commercial C-2 not suddenly switch to U-V-C. Looking at it in the context of what the vision of the gateway is, staff does not recommend approval for fuel pumps at that location given it's primary focus is auto centric rather than pedestrian oriented permitted use.

Public Comments:

Larry Martin
Sherry Cranford
Katrina Bradbury
Nancy Vulcom
Kate Gregor

Councilman Adams asked how feasible is the success of the project without gas pumps? The applicant advised that the gas pumps bring traffic into the store to buy cigarettes and beer.

Councilman Alexander stated that she walks this area a lot and that certain times of the day it is already a lot of traffic; people don't know when they supposed to yield or turn. Virginia Avenue up until that point is already commercial and since the city is so small, it is also close to people homes. She would like to see something that didn't add to the commercial aspect. The applicant advised that they did everything they could to make the proposal pedestrian friendly.

Councilman Adams stated that his concern is for the potential increase in the influx of traffic whether it is only four pumps or ten pumps. The applicant stated that the pumps are in the rear (backside).

Alderman Rast said he won't be supporting the rezoning. He will be supporting the recommendation from staff and the Planning Commission. Councilman Alexander asked is it not feasible at all to have two restaurants, instead of a convenience store? The applicant stated he has more experience in operating a convenience store.

Mayor Hallman closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion on the item.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to deny the rezoning at 800 Doug Davis Drive from U-V, Urban Village to C-2, General Commercial, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Questions on Agenda Items:

George Rogan
Katrina Bradbury
Julian Glantz
Larry Martin
Debbie Martin

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- February 6, 2018
- February 20, 2018

7.II. Consideration and Action to Surplus Five Police Cars

The Police Department is requesting the Mayor and City Council to declare the list of five police vehicles surplus and authorize police personnel to sell the vehicles in an online auction (GovDeals), or if they do not sell, have them recycled at Newell Recycling Center in East Point. The vehicles are all damaged beyond usefulness.

7.III. Consideration and Action to Purchase Two Mobile License Plate Reader Cameras

Background: In 2017, City Council directed staff to pursue the purchase of two vehicle mounted License Plate Readers (LPR's). The enhanced value to our team is the Vigilant system allows officers to check the driver of a target vehicle at a push of a button, rather than logging onto a different system, which could save valuable time. Staff conducted testing and evaluation of three different systems and selected Vigilant Solutions as the vendor, due to the system's capabilities. The cost is \$42,670.00 for the hardware and \$4,200 annually for the software, starting in 2019. The first system is to be paid through General Funds, and has been budgeted in this current fiscal year, and the second, is to be paid through the Drug Forfeiture Account. The quote is included in the packet.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.I. Board Appointments

- Planning Commission - 3 positions (2 currently servicing)
- Board of Appeals - 2 positions (1 currently servicing)
- Hapeville Development Authority - 3 positions (1 currently serving)
- Development Authority of the City of Hapeville - 3 positions (1 currently serving)
- Ethics Committee - 3 positions (3 currently servicing)

Planning Commission Appointments and Reappointments: Alderman Rast made a motion to reappoint Lucy Dolan and Charlotte Rentz to the Planning Commission, Councilman Alexander seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried. Councilman Adams made a motion to appoint Larry Martin to the Planning Commission, Alderman Rast seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

Board of Appeals Appointments and Reappointments: Councilman Adams made a motion to reappoint Mike Simpson on the Board of Appeals, Councilman Alexander seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried. Councilman Alexander made a motion to appoint John Stalvey on the Board of Appeals, Councilman Adams seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

Hapeville Development Authority and the Development of Authority of the City of Hapeville Appointments and Reappointments: Alderman Rast made a motion to appoint John Stalvey on the Hapeville Development Authority and the Development of Authority of the City of Hapeville, Councilman Adams seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried. Councilman Alexander motioned to appoint Shannon Short on the Hapeville Development Authority and the Development of Authority of the City of Hapeville, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion – Mayor Hallman said the only problem is that Shannon Short is in Real Estate. City Attorney, John O’Neal said there is nothing prohibiting the person; however, he/she would need to abstain from voting on properties. Vote 1-2, motion denied. Alderman Rast made a motion to appoint Susan Bailey to the Hapeville Development Authority and the Development of Authority of the City of Hapeville, Councilman Adams seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

Ethics Commission Appointments and Reappointments: Councilman Adams made a motion to reappoint the three members already currently service (Linda Williams, Mike Simpson, and Raymond Farr) on the Ethics Committee, Alderman Rast seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried. Councilman Adams made a motion to appoint Carolyn Routh on the Ethics Committee, Alderman Rast seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

Mayor Hallman recommend migrating the Design Review Commission and Personnel Board appointments to the next meeting as they weren’t advertised on this meeting’s agenda. Council agreed.

8.II. Virginia Park Traffic Calming - Police Update

Background - At the December 5, 2017 meeting, Council instructed staff to address the expressed concerns related to the traffic flow through Virginia Park. Staff suggested an independent traffic survey for the Virginia Park area. Leaders from the Virginia Park Neighborhood Association gave an update to Mayor and Council at the March 6, 2018 meeting on their efforts to date. Police Department will update its findings.

Chief of Police, Rick Glavosek addressed Mayor and Council with the police findings for the Virginia Park traffic study. He said staff gathered data, went door to door talking to some of the citizens, and observed the area to see what was going on. Chief Glavosek said his function is a fact finder and their committee simply review the facts and makes a recommendation from the facts. The results of the survey were that there really weren’t speeders or a volume of commercial vehicles to lead his committee to make a recommendation for speed humps, even additional stop signs. They didn’t see any of the support for the recommendation. The ordinance requires both, the Chief’s data supporting a recommendation and the citizens agreeing with his recommendation. It is not designed to be one or the other.

Chief Glavosek clarified that Nikki Rodriguez amended a motion in their committee meeting minutes to recommend to Mayor and Council to make this area a designated residential area and place appropriate signage in the area. It is zoned residential. With the appropriate signage, the police could enforce the speed.

Councilman Adams asked with the area being designated as residential, does that mean any truck over a certain limit will be cited? Chief Glavosek said there are ordinances in place that prohibits that type of commercial vehicle; but yes.

Councilman Alexander asked is there a reason why the data reports weren't pulled so there wouldn't be any overlap in time? Chief Glavosek said there is a technical reason for that. Their data gathering point is battery operated which caused an overlap in the battery charging time. He is looking at revamping an analog sign that will help with that. Councilman Alexander stated that it's not just about the speed but the volume of cars and preventing the traffic. She added that there is a service that measures the height of the cars to make sure commercial vehicles aren't going through the streets. Chief Glavosek said in a lot of their surveys conducted over previous times in different areas, there is nothing in the data that stood out to them. At one time they placed barricades to curve traffic, but no one abided by them. He said it does sound like a lot of cars, but when you look at other areas, its not all that significant. He reiterated that his function is only a fact finder; nothing to do about what he wants.

Councilman Adams commented that it would be helpful to look at doing a comprehensive traffic study in the city. If the citizens perceive traffic is an issue, we need to take a deeper dive to see what is exactly going on. The safety of our citizens is paramount to him, whether it is perceived or if it's a real issue. Chief Glavosek stated that the study has been initiated already and will be bringing the results to him.

Alderman Rast stated that the calendar was setup last month to act on the first meeting in April.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. Consideration and Action on the Exchange Club's Request to Use the Concession Stand during Baseball Season

Background - Heather Glantz has requested to be on the March 20, 2018 Council meeting agenda to request the use of the concession stand during the spring ball season beginning opening day, April 7, 2018 for fundraising.

Councilman Adams recused himself from this item due to being a member of the Exchange Club. Carolyn Ralph, President of the Exchange Club of Hapeville addressed Mayor and Council letting them know what all the Exchange Club does. Working the concession stand helps them to earn a little bit of the money that they need to use on the projects stated. The Exchange Club is asking for the use of the concession stand for a period of three years (2018-2020). They are also asking to use the fences around the ball park for their signs which is part of the fundraiser; in-kind service from the contributions from the City of Hapeville for the 5K and for helping them support the cleaning and any repairs needed on the concession stands.

Councilman Alexander asked would the Exchange Club be open to reducing the request to a year instead of three... in case another organization would like to use it? Ms. Ralph stated they could do it for a year. Councilman Alexander stated that she was just asking and not saying that in 2019 she would vote no but would like to see it be as open as possible.

Alderman Rast stated that he is not aware of any clubs that have made reference to serving at the concession stand. His biggest fear if they say no, is that we won't have operators for the concession

stand. Councilman Alexander said her goal is not to say no, it's just a request. Ms. Ralph said she can say yes, they'll take a year, but if you want to open it up to others, you'll have to realize that the concession stand items belong to the Exchange Club, all the cookers and refrigerators. If anyone else is willing to take over the concession stand, they will have to supply all the equipment. Councilman Alexander said that she doesn't have anyone in her back pocket that she wants to take the concession stand next year, it's just standard practice for any agreement. I'm asking if you'll be open to a year.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to allow the Exchange Club to use the concession stand for baseball season, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Councilman Adams abstained).

9.II. Discussion Item - Rental of Jess Lucas Park

Background -With the growing presence Hapeville and the popularity of attractions within it, the City is receiving more frequent requests for the use of Jess Lucas Park. The City has a standard practice of allowing rental of the Gazebo area, with a limit of 75 persons. We are getting more requests from people with the desire to secure the entire park. Groups requesting to use the park have generally come directly to Council with requests. With the use of the park comes additional factors the City must consider, among other items, staffing for security, cleanup, grounds maintenance, pricing etc.

Staff requests direction from Council regarding whether Jess Lucas should become a venue open to the public to rent, or whether the City prefers to keep the park open for public enjoyment. Should we choose to open the venue to rent, City staff will begin documenting a formalized process for park rental.

Mayor Hallman advised that staff is not advocating to rent the park; however, staff gets a lot of requests and want final say so from Mayor and Council as to whether or not it can be rented out. His opinion is no it shouldn't be rented out. The gazebo is there for birthday parties. The bank donated this piece of land back to the city, so it could be used as a park, and it is maintained with the taxpayer's money. The park is used for city events and he think there is ample opportunity for folks to use it without controlling it. He has very strong feelings about not renting the park out. If we want to rent it for a movie, we can look at the film policy to see about that.

Councilman Adams added that it is a public park for a reason, and don't think that we should be so restrictive that we allow people to rent the entire park. He added that he didn't think he could support the idea of renting it out. Alderman Rast said he couldn't support it as well.

Councilman Alexander said she is not against it. She has experience working in parks that have been rented, and there must be very strict stipulations.

Mayor Hallman advised that the item is on the agenda for discussion and the consent of Council is to not rent the park. Interim Manager, Tim Young advised that staff is trying to see if we can avoid having everyone come before Mayor and Council for the request. We can have a year or two to set a policy if looking at opening it up. Mayor Hallman advised Mr. Young to internally review what would constitute the use of the park. Tod Nichols of the Recreation Department stated that his department is strongly against not renting it. Would like to have city residents and city businesses that could be held accountable and anything outside of that should come before Mayor and Council; or not do it at all.

9.III. Finance Discussion

Background - This City of Hapeville, along with other districts in the South Fulton metropolitan area, is in the midst of many new development opportunities. Municipalities will be asked to make vital decisions

regarding economic development. Some developments will be fully funded by the developer. For certain projects, developers may request financial assistance, or the municipality may determine it's within the best interest to incentivize projects. We have asked our Financial Consultant, Ed Wall, to take time and discuss some aspects of municipal finance and the considerations required for ongoing development.

The City's Financial Advisor, Mr. Ed Wall addressed Mayor and Council about the economic incentives of what you can and can not do. He talked about the history of incentives for economic development; stating that tax abatements were done for big companies such as Mercedes Benz, Kia Motors, and manufacturing facilities. It's become a thing that everybody must give in order to get new jobs because every other competitor is giving free property taxes.

Mr. Wall went over his handout and explained the concept of free property taxes. He also explained what must happen for a property to be exempt from property taxes. The title for the entire property must be in the name of the Development Authority. The Development Authority doesn't pay for the property with cash money, it pays for it with a bond issuance called a phantom bond. The bonds are a big amount; and when the final tax abatement is complete and at the end of the bond's term, the developer takes the title back and it goes back on the tax book. The Authority can't give away an asset unless it gets compensation back. The developer stamps those bonds paid in exchange for getting his/her title back. The Development Authority will lease the business back and the company will make lease payments (pilot payment). The maximum of the lease payment would be the total property tax bill. The pilot payment can be split between school board, county and city. He also explained the usufruct lease that has no value by operational law, therefore nothing can ever be taxed. He said the Solis agreement is a usufruct.

Councilman Alexander asked if any of the pilot payment can go back to the city's General Fund? Mr. Wall stated that an intergovernmental contract can be done with the Development Authority which states they will share with the city.

Councilman Adams asked if there is an overpayment to the Development Authority, does the city gets it or does the Authority keep it? Mr. Wall stated that the Authority would keep it and wouldn't automatically send it to the city. It would need to be stated in the intergovernmental contract between the two entities to give the overpayment to the city.

Councilman Alexander verified with Mr. Wall that tax abatements do not take taxes away from taxpayers or increase their taxes? Mr. Wall stated that is correct.

Councilman Adams also asked why would the city offer tax abatement when in a prime location near the airport? Mr. Wall used College Park as an example to answer the question. The banks are reluctant to lend money. He said that you all will need to incentivize what you really want in the city.

Alderman Rast said that a valid objection about pilot is that the other entities are cut out of the tax benefits. As he reflects about doing a pilot that would affect the school board, he asks himself the last 30 years the Fulton County School Board has closed more schools in our city than they have open. He really feels like the citizens of Fulton County can get the full benefits of the school taxes they have been paying over the last three decades. This is Alderman Rast's answer to: does a pilot hurt a school board, yes, it prevents them from obtaining certain tax dollars. You have to weigh that as to the payments that are coming into the city. Mr. Wall advised of the Tax Allocation District (TAD) which is another type of tax incentive where you fix the value of a district and all the extra taxes go into this TAD district for the

developer to spend for infrastructure or anything he wants in that district. For example, if you created a City of Hapeville TAD, the school board or the county wouldn't be included in the TAD unless they gave express approval.

Councilman Alexander stated she is not against tax abatements. She thinks the Solis deal wasn't bad because that side of the city is desolate. If it was her preference, she would lean toward all the things that residents want. Mr. Wall advised that he is not encouraging Council to do or don't, just providing the economic development tools to incentivize the things you all want in the city.

Mayor Hallman opened the floor up for public comments:

Lady #1 (did not state name)

Lady #2 (did not state name)

George Rogan

9.IV. Discussion - Police Department's Radio Service Options

Background: The cost of the Police Department's radio service with the City of Atlanta has increased significantly by 77%; therefore, the Police Department is looking for other radio service options. Currently, the options include either migrating from City of Atlanta to Fulton County, or Clayton County's system.

Chief Glavosek addressed Mayor and Council stating that he doesn't have firm numbers of what it is going to take, but Atlanta went from \$14,000 a year to over \$100,000 a year in subscription fees for radio services for police and fire. Fulton County and Clayton County both have offers on the table. Fulton County would be roughly \$50,000-\$60,000 annually. Clayton County is offering no subscription fees annually; however, we would need to replace radios and upgrades to the infrastructure. Clayton County has one frequency that we would be able to use if remaining on the current radio system. This may cause a police officer or fire fighter to not be able to transmit at some point. Going with Clayton County, we're looking at spending about \$305,000 to replace radios. Chief Glavosek said that at some point we are going to have to upgrade the radios because the radios now are at the end of life and there are no parts.

Councilman Adams asked are there any grants that we can apply for? Chief Glavosek said yes, there are some grants that they'll be looking at.

Councilman Alexander stated that the city would breakeven going with Clayton County buying new radios. Mayor Hallman advised Chief Glavosek to explore Clayton County more based on Councilman Alexander's figures. Chief Glavosek said he'll return before Council with hard numbers and a Mutual Aid Agreement.

10. City Manager Report – Interim City Manager, Tim Young stated that the Hotel/Motel reclassification has passed both the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor's approval. He also advised Council that the 2019 budget process has started and will come to Council with dates, and he is hoping to have the 2017 CAFR done to present in April.

11. Public Comments:

Marsha Lamb

Heather Glantz

Charlene Rentz

12. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Hallman read a card addressed to the Hapeville Recreational Center commending the ball players on their great sportsmanship. The card was from Dana Jackson from Edgeville, SC. Mayor Hallman also announced the upcoming singing selection of the First Baptist Church scheduled for March 30.

Councilman Adams thanked everyone for coming out and said the citizens' concerns have not gone unheard concerning the water bills. Also, Councilman Adams asked the City Clerk to remove the Alcohol Review Board option off the service board application.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, Councilman Alexander seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to recess at 9:02PM, Councilman Adams seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to reconvene into open meeting at 9:15PM, Councilman Alexander seconded. Vote 3-0, motion carried.

Executive Session Summary: No action taken.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn at 9:16PM, Councilman Adams seconded; vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk