

## Mayor and Council Work Session

700 Doug Davis Drive  
Hapeville, GA 30354

April 17, 2018 6:00PM

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the work session to order at 6:05pm at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

2. Roll Call:

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

3. Welcome

4. Aerotropolis CIDs & Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Presentation – Stan Reecy, Aerotropolis representative gave a presentation to Mayor and Council giving an update on the project, including the schedule, scope, community engagement, trail concepts and priorities. He stated that their group had been working with the City of Hapeville to develop the greenway plan, the area all around the Aerotropolis. He said that this is something the Board for the Community Improvement District (CID) voted to pursue in 2016.

Councilman Horsley asked if a multi-jurisdiction trail overlay be beneficial or possible? Mr. Reecy said it is possible. The organization can recommend or not recommend a certain development based on their compatibility with that network; being able to send through the Aerotropolis Alliance would be a good recommendation.

Councilman Alexander asked is it possible to connect with the Southside Trail Project? Mr. Reecy said they can look at ways to make a connection if not already captured in the map.

Councilman Adams asked how would the camera service serve the trails? Mr. Reecy said there will be certain mechanisms that might be undertaken and that their Public Safety Director could speak best on this. However, he said that the Public Safety Director was working with the local Police Departments to install video monitor systems where private businesses can opt in.

Mayor Hallman asked had the airport been engaged in the discussion? Mr. Reecy said yes. Mobility for the airport employees are a big concern.

5. Questions on the Agenda Items – Bob Barnett on Custer Street addressed Council about item 7.IV. He suggested modifications to section two of the resolution, relating to Custard Street. Heather Glantz on North Avenue addressed Council about item 7.V asking how much per citizen on the video door bells?

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### 6.1 Personnel Board Appointments:

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to re-appoint Anthony Marrero and Ellen Surber-Simpson to the Personnel Board, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to appointment Melanie Williams to the Personnel Board, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Consideration and Action for Caduceus USA to Use the Jess Lucas Park on July 14, 2018 – Summer Stubbs, Human Resources Coordinator addressed Council to request the use of the park for the Back to School Jamboree for Metro Atlanta Region Caduceus.

Ms. Stubbs stated that last year the event was held in the Caduceus parking lot, but it was cramped. They are looking into using a cookie vendor for the event. The vendor is currently located at Caduceus and have a license to do business. Caduceus will provide cleanup and electricity for the food and DJ (but may do more live music). Next year, Caduceus would like to reach out to everyone. However, this year they will not turn away any kids that come.

Councilman Alexander asked have they considered asking the community to donate? Ms. Stubbs ask for advice on how to reach out. Councilman Alexander said maybe to send emails to the schools in the area because the local schools do the drives, and the teachers usually bring supplies. And, the items can be dropped off with the Neighborhood Association or with the Exchange Club.

Councilman Horsley touched on having a schedule of possible fees or refundable deposit. Alderman Rast asked is it the intention since we haven't formulated a different policy, just use the gazebo rental fees to rent out the entire park? And, had staff had a chance to look at fees? City Manager, Tim Young said staff hasn't had a chance to put together a schedule yet. Councilman Adams added that his only thing is to make sure we apply fees across the board.

Councilman Alexander asked if vendors are used, is it possible that the vendors be from the city; perhaps open up a bid to create a preferred vendor list of local businesses. And, then require a request to put in for an outside vendor.

Council discussed the verification of vendors having insurance.

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve Caduceus USA to use the Jess Lucas Park on July 14, 2018 for the Back to School Jamboree, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

7.II Consideration and Action on a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Main Street Program and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents.

**MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Main Street Program and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Necessary Documents, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley ask the following: if Mayor and Council could receive a copy of the annual work plan; are members of the Main Street Board certified; and are representatives getting 30 hours of training. Motion carried 4-0.**

7.III Consideration to Enter into the National Main Street Sub-Licensing Agreement Between Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development and the City of Hapeville for the Main Street Program to Utilize all Working, Logos and Branding Associated with the Classic Main Street Program in 2018 and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Necessary Documents.

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to enter into the National Main Street Sub-Licensing Agreement between Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development and the City of Hapeville, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

7.IV Consideration and Action on Resolution to Implement Speed Calming Elements in the Virginia Park Neighborhood and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Document.

Councilman Horsley stated if we move forward as is, it is more cost effective and will still meet the same goals. Councilman Adams asked how do we know exactly what the neighbors want? How do we determine with what's most effective for this neighborhood? Alderman Rast said there are issues that need to be resolved regarding resolutions versus ordinances. Mayor Hallman said the neighborhood is seeking a permanent solution. Alderman Rast said that the resolution conflicts with the ordinance. Councilman Adams suggested creating a sub group made up of one person from Mayor and Council, one person from Virginia Park and the City Manager, and then do a walk through to see what is best for the neighborhood.

Councilman Alexander said according to Katrina Bradbury, the developer of Embassy is willing to pay. Mayor Hallman said that we don't know if willing to pay for some or all. Councilman Horsley stated that speed tables can be purchased from Grainger or Home Depot for \$325 to \$2000 depending on the section.

Councilman Adams asked can this be done in phases if in the middle of budget? Councilman Horsley advised of getting the signage done immediately.

Councilman Alexander added that the ordinance does not address volume. And that the surrounding cities all have speed tables.

Alderman Rast said he was impressed with the petitions and that he supports the resolution as long as we can budget for it.

**Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve with a phased in implementation with signage, speed tables phased in if budget permits, and for staff to revisit the ordinance, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Lady from the audience stood to say that the developer is recorded at an Appeals Board meeting saying he will put the money up. If you phase this in it will affect the traffic flow. Councilman Alexander said a total cost is needed for this, then get a signed agreement.**

**Councilman Adams asked is this truly what the neighborhood wants?**

**Mr. Steve Lamb stood to address Mayor and Council about the rejected resolution in 2006 for speed bumps for Russell and Wheeler Streets; stating that the resolution was rejected due to not agreeing with the ordinance. If this is going to go forward, what will be the procedure for getting speed bumps? Mayor Hallman said that this will establish precedence.**

**Councilman Adams asked is it feasible to get a traffic engineer. Councilman Alexander asked is the developer going to cover the traffic engineer cost. Councilman Adams advised that a placement study and a traffic study are two different things. Motion carried 4-0.**

7.V Consideration and Action on a Resolution for the Use of Video-Enabled Doorbells the can Assist the City of Hapeville in a Larger Vision of Making the Community a Smart City.

Councilman Horsley stated that Georgia Tech is doing a challenge grant program referred to as a Smart Community Challenge. To fall within the Atlanta Regional Commission, the smart community challenge grant has to have some form of a transportation mobility-oriented focus. The asking amount is \$14,000 USD with discounts of \$14,000 USD with a possibility of winning a matching challenge of \$28,000 upon successful entry and winning of the Georgia Tech based Georgia Smart Communities Challenge. The due date for the challenge is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilman Horsley advised that the action doorbell stays at the residence. Also, to remain fair, video cameras can be first come, first serve or code based by certain areas.

Councilman Hallman stated that he doesn't see how this isn't an issue. Legal Council agrees with the Mayor, stating that public funds must be spent for public purpose and don't know that the case law as written will support this.

Councilman Alexander asked do we have the \$14,000 to allocate? Alderman Rast stated that the Chief is making steps to try and retain officers; obviously salaries are of a fixed impact and the fact that we're not giving raises. His thoughts were to not take advantage of this window and look at it again a year from tonight. Alderman Rast said he cannot support it because we do not have the funds. We can require adding it in the budget for next year.

Councilman Adams asked is there an alternative approach to give a net of increased safety? Councilman Horsley said they have been in discussions with Flock Safety which is a low-cost license plate reader which is \$1500 per year for each camera. Car break ins are mostly at hotels and can look at using hotel/motel tax. City Manager, Tim Young said we'll need to verify this.

Mayor Hallman stated that we need to get into the budget before talking about this because of the grim news with healthcare and is concerned about the frozen digest. He doesn't see the City's income increasing. City Manager, Tim Young said he'll address the budget in the City Manager's report.

**Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda to look at the feasibility of implementation of Flock Safety in replacement of Ring, Inc. Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander said that the Ring doorbell is only so effective, but with Flock Safety license plates are captured and shared with other cities. On a larger scale, Councilman Alexander feels that Floc Safety will be more beneficial as far as Public Safety. Mayor Hallman said to maybe consider looking at one or two of the Flock units to see how they will do. Councilman Alexander asked does the money have to come from the City? Councilman Horsley said that the grant is for anything that helps the city have a long-term vision of becoming a smart city, and that the grant does require a matching portion but doesn't have to be just from the city. Councilman Alexander added that she doesn't see anything wrong with replacing Ring with Floc Safety and believes in crowd funding from people that are concerned. Motion carried 3-1 (Alderman Rast opposed).**

**MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to seek the entire \$15,000 grant from Georgia Tech as long as the city is not required to match, and other funding sources become available, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Alderman Rast opposed).**

8. City Manager Report – City Manager, Tim Young advised that this is budget planning season. He'll be sitting down with department heads to scrub number, go through the assumptions and then make any initial adjustments. In early May, he will invite Councilmembers to go over the assumptions with department heads. By the seconded meeting in May, will want to present the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the 2019 budget with the goal of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in June to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. There are some challenges that we are addressing; concerns on the revenue side such as with Fulton County. Their court appearance with the state is May 31 to certify the 2017 digest was valid. We don't know whether the assessments for this year are going up. It's a lot of assumptions we still do not know. Therefore, we will have to budget flat for this year

9. Public Comments –

John Biery  
Lucy Dolan  
Katie Gregor  
George Rogan

10. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Adams told of the Tri-Cities Business Fair on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-2pm. Sign up on Event Brite and the cost is \$10.00

11. Executive Session – none

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Hallman, Mayor

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Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk