

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

October 2, 2018 7:00PM

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the work session to order at 7:05pm 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 (teleconferenced in)  
Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

Mayor Hallman thanked everyone for coming out and also congratulated Alderman Rast on the birth of his first grandchild.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Invocation

6. PRESENTATION

6.I Recognition of Service Awards by Mayor Hallman

Mayor Hallman recognized James Carroll III, Lemuel Eubanks, Michael Hinson, Tonya Hutson, and Calvin Westbrooks for their years of service.

6.II Recognition of Promoted Officers by Chief Glavosek

Chief Glavosek recognized Kemal Ozee, Freda Smith, Justin McGinnis, Josh Nelson, Madaline Dyer, and Jason Dyer for recently being promoted within the department.

6.III Top Five Finalist for Pedestrian Bridge Art Project

Dashboard's Beth Malone presented the five finalists for the pedestrian bridge art project which included Micah and Whitney Stansell, Dana Hangaard, Mason Bovender, Taylor Means, Cate Hughes, Corinne Crofford, and Jordan Graves.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.I Consideration and Action to Set the Millage at 16.44

Mayor Hallman opened the Public Hearing to hear from staff, public and Council. Mr. Young stated that it was found that the total digest should bill out at 4.2 million with property that is exempt; \$150,000

will be taken off. If we keep the 16.44 mills and don't do a water sewer transfer, we are actually budgeting to break even for the general fund. This is a positive thing. Public comments were made by Frank Cranford, Joseph Shorter, and Brendan Cornwell.

Councilman Horsley said he is interested in a 15.94 reduction which is about \$144,000. Councilman Alexander asked for clarification on whether the intent is not to make the water sewer transfer. She said she can see why the increase in expenses would occur. Councilman Adams stated they've haven't been able to give raises to EMS and recruit officers. He doesn't think we should cut the millage rate or drastically cut the homestead exemption. Alderman Rast supports leaving the millage rate as is; there are too many unknowns. Mayor Hallman's said that one assumption being made is that the tax digest is going to remain the same, but he said he can guarantee that the digest will not remain the same. We have ongoing pensions that we have to meet, increasing healthcare cost and other needs that have gone unfunded. The community must be willing to pay for the level of service of service we receive. Mayor Hallman closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to adopt millage as 16.44 going forward. Motion died due to lack of second.**

**MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to keep millage rate at 16.44 and increase homestead exemption from 10 to 12, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Mr. Young calculated the numbers and said this will drop us about \$24,000 in revenue. Vote 2-2. Mayor Hallman voted in the affirmative to support the motion.**

#### 7.II Consideration and Action to Amend the A-D Zone (Arts Overlay District) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Mayor Hallman opened the Public Hearing to hear comments from staff and the public. Staff did not make any comments. Larry Martin commented during the public comment section. Councilman Alexander asked about the existing ordinance. Mayor Hallman said we have to be careful with limitation of free speech, but he is not opposed at looking at stricter guidelines, but it is a slippery slope. He added that they have to look at the genesis of why they are doing this. It's primarily led by Maker's Space. Mayor Hallman closed the hearing.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0**

#### 8. Questions on Agenda Items:

Brendan Cromwell  
John Stalvey  
Frank Cranford

#### 9. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 9.I Approval of Minutes

- August 7, 2018
- August 21, 2018
- September 18, 2018

- September 24, 2018 (notes from town hall meeting)

#### 9.II Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- August 7, 2018
- August 21, 2018
- September 18, 2018

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

### 10. OLD BUSINESS

#### 10.I Discussion Financing Proposal for Public Safety Radios

Councilman Horsley amended the agenda to allow for action and to notate this is not a statewide contract, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve financing with SunTrust for a seven-year period, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### 10.II Consideration and Action on Time Change for Regular Meeting Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Mayor Hallman stated the goal is to go back to having mid-month work sessions. Motion carried 4-0.**

Councilman Adams left meeting at 8:34PM

### 11. NEW BUSINESS

#### 11.I Consideration and Approval of Resolution Discontinuing the Work Session Prior to the Regular Meeting

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

#### 11.II Consideration and Action on the Pedestrian Bridge Artist Selection

**MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve Stansell, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley said he assumes Hapeville will be on the other side too. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### 11.III Consideration and Action on an Agreement with Dashboard in the Amount of \$6,500 for the Execution of the Art Gallery Crawl and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Necessary Documents.

**MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion with Oakland being approved by Hapeville, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander said she is excited about this and it will be a lot of fun. Motion carried 3-0.**

11.IV Consideration and Action on Declaring Police Department Bicycles as Surplus Property

**MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve, Councilman Horsley seconded. Councilman Horsley said that this seems as an obvious “yes”. City Attorney, Gerald Chichester said that we have to be careful about donations. He said that he can look into it to get a tiered system. Motion carried 3-0.**

11.V Discussion Initiated by Tim Young on Resolution Requiring Businesses to Post Human Trafficking Signs

Council supports having a resolution and moving forward with this.

12. City Manager Report:

Mr. Young advised every one of the following: water main break and the 24-hour boil water advisory for the affected area; completed Happy Days and Local Motion review; audit prep continuing to go on; and developing a project list of all the items Council has given.

13. Public Comments:

Latanya Ford  
Brendan Cornwell  
Melvin Trainer  
Charlotte Rentz  
Frank Cranford

14. Mayor and Council Comments

Alderman Rast – no comments

Councilman Alexander complimented Community Service on an outstanding job at the Happy Days/Local Motion event.

Councilman Horsley advised everyone that Moreland Park would be voting on their bylaws for their HOA. Flyers will be sent out for block party scheduled for October 27 from 12-3PM. Also, he would like to have an MLK day of service on January 21, 2019.

Mayor Hallman said they’re aware of the concerns for Happy Days/Local Motion Weekend and staff will take a hard look.

15. Executive Session - none

16. Adjourn –

Alderman Rast made a motion to adjourn at 9:09PM, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Hallman, Mayor

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Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk