

Mayor and Council Work Session

700 Doug Davis Drive

Hapeville, GA 30354

September 17, 2019 6:00PM

MINUTES

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

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Mike Rast

Councilman at Large Travis Horsley

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.I. Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on Setback Definition - 2nd Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson stated this is housekeeping. There were no public comments.

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

4.II Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on Waiting Period for Rezoning – 2nd Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson stated this for housekeeping, and it is consistent with state law. There were no additional months added to it. There were no public comments.

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

4.III Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on Home Occupation Definition - 2nd Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson said this is for housekeeping as well and that the definition was modified last year in January. This update allows for assistance in home occupation. It takes out the section about physicians, surgeons, and lawyers. There were no public comments.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made motion to approved, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4.IV Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on A-D (Arts District Overlay) For Drive-Through – 2nd Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson said this was a request as current zoning code does not allow for drive-throughs in the Arts District. This amendment would allow for a drive-through as an accessory use to a bank. There were no public comments.

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

4.V FY2020 Tax Millage Hearing

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Finance Director, Randy Brewer said staff recommends the millage remain 16.11. City Manager, Tim Young stated the agenda item title should read “FY2020” and emphasized that the City is not raising the millage rate. He also reminded Council of the dates for the second and third tax millage hearings. There were no public comments. Councilman Adams stated that Council approved last year to have a homestead exemption for general residents and the elderly, disabled, and veterans. He wanted to highlight that as well.

5. QUESTION ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.I Consideration and Action on Parade Route for Dia De Los Muertos Celebration and Parade

6.II Consideration and Action on Open Container District for Dia De Los Muertos Celebration & Parade

6.III Consideration and Action on Open Container District for Atlanta Celebrates Photography Special Event

6.IV Consideration and Action on Open Container District for LocalMotion Arts Festival

6.V Consideration and Action on Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County for Election Services

6.VI Consideration and Action on Approving an Addendum for a One Year Extension with Republic Waste for Commercial Solid Waste Collection Services.

6.VII Consideration and Action on Approving the Low Bidder Excellere Construction LLC in the Amount of \$428,400 for the Doug Davis Multi-Use Bike Path Project.

6.VIII Consideration and Action to Select Grindline Skateparks as the Design/Build Contractor for the Hapeville Skatepark Project and Authorize Them to Start Design Work and Bring Back a Final Construction Amount for Approval.

6.IX Consideration and Action on Property Damage Claims Recovery Service Agreement

6.X Consideration and Action on Resolution Designating College Street a School Zone

Alderman Rast asked would the skate park item come back for approval and were there any discussion amongst staff about times and regulated use. If haven't been discussed, bring back with final approval. He said the park would bring noise concern. Also, he asked had there been any look at liability and insurance as there may be a slight increase. Mr. Young agreed to addressing concerns before bringing back to Council for final approval.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on DRC Board Attendance Requirement – 2nd Reading

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander asked were we still on track to review attendance for all boards because the Main Street Board have issues with obtaining quorums as well. Mayor Hallman said Main Street has their own bylaws. He said can probably make a request to have staff update the bylaws.

Patterson confirmed that the building standards are being revised but it's a lengthy process. Motion carried 4-0.

7.II Consideration and Action on Text Amendment on Board Procedures – 2nd Reading

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Alderman Rast asked had the language been inserted about appealing and would the person appeal to Mayor and Council. Dr. Patterson confirmed that the language had been updated. Motion carried 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I Consideration and Action on I-85 Sound Barrier

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to adopt the resolution, Councilman Horsley seconded. Councilman Adams said he thinks it's important to add "whereas a natural sound barrier of trees have been comprised". Councilman Alexander asked a question to Mr. Sudduth concerning the noise decibel criteria. Mayor Hallman stated the project was on target years ago, but DOT wouldn't install unless it was with another project and the widening project was pulled. Motion carried 4-0.

8.II Discussion and Action Initiated by Councilman Alexander to Place a Moratorium on Sign Ordinance Enforcement in the Arts Overlay District While Staff Reviews Potential Text Amendments to the Current Language

Councilman Alexander said if enforcement doesn't make sense then it's time to adjust the law. She confirmed that the moratorium would only be for the Arts Overlay District. Councilman Adams asked

would it be for existing signage or new signage. He is okay with existing signage. Ms. Ransaw said if new signage comes in, the City cannot go back and then regulate what was allowed in that period. Dr. Patterson confirmed that the new timeline to come back to Council with revisions is November. Councilman Adams suggested getting a current sign inventory in the Arts District. Dr. Patterson said it'll take a couple of weeks to complete the inventory. Alderman Rast asked would Code Enforcement be instructed not to enforce for a certain time frame. He said that would set a bad precedent. Mayor Hallman suggested starting the moratorium two weeks from today.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve a moratorium ending November 19, 2019 as such that a sign audit can be conducted in the Arts District Overlay in the next three weeks (applies only to existing signage as of the date of the audit). It was confirmed that the moratorium would become effective immediately. Mayor Hallman said the audit becomes interwoven into the moratorium. Councilman Adams seconded. Horsley modified his motion to change the word "audit" to "inventory", Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8.III Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley Regarding the Arts Alleyway and Pedestrian-Only Access at Certain Times

Councilman Horsley said he's not specifically including the roundabout U around the fountain, but the entrance directly behind the performing arts area to behind the terra club. Mayor Hallman said previously it was discussed about using removal bollards. Mr. Sudduth said the bollards could be done, but he asked what about emergency access. Councilman Horsley said this is just to get the conversation going. Mayor Hallman instructed staff to let Councilman Horsley know their feelings about this.

8.IV Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley Regarding the Needed Signage for Speed Calming
Councilman Adams suggested having citizen involvement like at the town hall meeting. Mr. Sudduth confirmed that whenever Council is ready to have the traffic study, it could be done because the funds are there. However, we must be specific. Other suggestions included having the neighborhood associations to participate and also to get petitions signed. Mayor Hallman said the ideal is to have a traffic study with a town hall meeting. Mr. Sudduth said can put temporary signs up. Councilman Horsley said his priority is to get flashing beacons up by the school and the rest of the things can wait until the study.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to have action on flashing beacons at the following intersections: North Avenue and North Fulton Avenue, North Fulton Avenue and Parkway Drive, Parkway Drive and Wheeler Street, Parkway Drive and Russell Street, South Fulton Avenue and South Central Avenue, Scout and Claire, and the intersection between tennis court and the Community Services building. Mr. Sudduth said basically where all the crosswalks are located. Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley stated we should be able to get these without bids. Motion carried 4-0.

8.V Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley Regarding Weekly City-Sponsored Food Vendor (Truck/Transient)Event

Councilman Horsley said that other surrounding cities are having reoccurring city-sponsored events. If a "Food Truck Friday" was established, that would add to the vibrancy in the downtown area. He said he had heard some desires from businesses in town. He added that the current ordinance might not be getting enforced to the fullest degree. A discussion on who would approve/inspect took place. Alderman Rast said neighboring cities are doing this and what's the liability. Councilman Horsley said

he would still like the vendors to go through the permitting process. This would allow for entities that don't have a food permit to serve food.

City Attorney, Lajuana Ransaw said have to be careful because of liability. She will check with other cities on their policies for city-sponsored food events. Alderman Rast asked the attorney to do research and bring back to Council.

9. City Manager Report –

Mr. Young said the p-card project is continuing; however, a main contact person is no longer with one of the banks, so the new person will need to be caught up. He stated bids for bond financing had been received and an agenda item will be on the next agenda to take a vote to take to the Development Authority. The bridges under I-75 will be cleaned up at the end of the month. There is about 40% of replacement on meters done; will see change on bill at the end of October. The City is preparing for the audit pension, working with both companies to have transition happen in either March or April. The website will be revealed to Mayor and Council in December and that a community charrette was recently held for a new tourism logo. Mr. Nichols talked about the upcoming Happy Days event.

10. Public Comments –

Lucy Dolan
Ann MichaelFresh
Donna Ellington
Charlotte Rentz

11. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Alexander, Alderman Rast, and Councilman Adams thanked everyone for coming out. Councilman Adams reminded everyone about getting a flu shot. Councilman Horsley gave the dates of upcoming events.

12. Executives Session –

Councilman Adams made a motion at 7:54PM to go into executive session for Legal, personnel, and real estate, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Alexander made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to go into executive sessions, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

No action taken.

Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn executive session, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Adjourn –

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion at 8:30PM to adjourn meeting, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk