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MAYOR

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ALDERMAN AT LARGE

BRETT REICHERT
COUNCILMAN AT
LARGE

MARK ADAMS
COUNCILMAN WARD I

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COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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January 10, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:02 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.
 - ✓ Alan Hallman
 - ✓ Mike Rast
 - ✓ Brett Reichert
 - ✓ Mark Adams
 - ✓ Chloe Alexander
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the January 10th Meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Reverend Megan Joiner. *Councilman Reichert introduced Reverend Megan Joiner to the audience.*
6. **PRESENTATIONS:**

6.I. Public Safety Recognition- Presented by the Hapeville Exchange Club

The Hapeville Exchange Club President Julian Glance and Police Chief Rick Glavosek recognized Officer Michael Walsh with the 2022 Officer of the Year Award. Chief Glavosek stated Officer Walsh for his hard work and dedication. Noting that, he has certainly set the pace for every officer in the City.

Fire Chief David Bloodworth and Mr. Glance recognized Firefighter Kevin Watts with the 2022 Firefighter of the Year Award. Chief Bloodworth acknowledged that Firefighter Watts is very dedicated to his job and extends himself by going over and beyond to help with different obstacles.

Both gentlemen have demonstrated exceptional achievement and a genuine commitment to their profession, agency, and the public they serve.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None
8. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

AMEND AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Consideration and Action to approve the Resolution for Setting Qualifying Fees for the November 7, 2023, General Election as an item under the Consent Agenda section, Councilman Alexander second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9.I. Consideration and Action to approve the December 6th, Council Meeting minutes.

- 9.II. Consideration and Action to approve the Resolution for Setting Qualifying Fees for the November 7, 2023, General Election. **Resolution 2023-02**

MOTION: Councilman Reichert made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Alderman Rast provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 10.I. Consideration and Action to repeal Resolution # 2022-11 and approve Resolution # 2023-1, which will amend our current Non-Residential Water Rates. **Resolution 2023-01**

Community Service Director Lee Sudduth stated that last year, Council passed a Resolution adjusting the City's water rates due to the City of Atlanta's increase. The increase would most affect the non-residential groups, which included multi-dwelling. Mr. Sudduth noted that there was a discussion pertaining to putting the multi-dwelling on a tiered system, and notifications were given. Some of the City's older apartments contacted his department with their concerns. He indicated that those particular apartments only have one meter. Each unit is not metered, which makes it challenging to measure water consumption and can be a disadvantage for them. He stated that for the newer apartment, there is a state law requiring newer apartments to have individual meters. Mr. Sudduth said that hearing about the increase in concerns from the older apartments prompted staff to review the previous rate, avoiding an \$8 increase. Jumping from 1098 to 1931 would have been a hefty increase. He acknowledged that staff reviewed the bonds and confirmed that during the first configuration of the resolution. Staff did not realize that the regular bond numbers from the past were being used. He stated that, thankfully, this budget year, the City will receive a decrease in the 2019 series A bond. This decrease will allow the City to handle the increase from Atlanta as those bonds will continue to decrease over time. Mr. Sudduth assured that staff feels this action of approval will relieve the older apartment complexes by implementing a \$4 flat rate.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the repeal Resolution # 2022-11 and approve Resolution# 2023-01, which will amend our current Non-Residential Water Rates, Councilman Alexander provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance. **Ordinance 2023-01**

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance, Councilman Reichert provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- 11.II. Consideration and Action for the Butterfly Parade event Route, hosted by Mainstreet Board.

Mainstreet Board member Susan Bailey stated to the Governing Body that the Main Street Board requests that Mayor and Council approve a change to the previously approved Butterfly Parade route. She noted that the original route is located on a state highway, and the Board would need the approval of D.O.T., which could prolong the function. Ms. Bailey further noted that the new route is supported by the City's Police and Community Services Departments. She acknowledged that due to the potential parade and crowd participants, both sides of the street would shut down, as the City's police prefer this as a precaution for public safety. Ms. Bailey indicated that the Board changed the event from day to evening and that the businesses and the public would be adequately notified of the street closure.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the the Butterfly Parade event Route, hosted by Mainstreet Board, Councilman Adams provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0**

- 11.III. Consideration of the proposed Marijuana Ordinance. - First Reading

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reichert reiterated why this is the right move for the City. He recalled a personal incident that happened to a close friend's family member and explained the story to the audience. Therefore, supporting his reasoning for presenting the Ordinance to Council for Consideration. He stated that instead of turning people into criminals, which follows them for life and can have catastrophic effects on their life. The City would make it a

citational offense. Councilman Reichert asserted that if approved, this Ordinance under no circumstances makes it legal. He stated that it simply changes the nature of the citation from a criminal offense to one that can be paid through a fine, similar to a traffic ticket. This was the first reading for the proposed Marijuana Ordinance. **This was a discussion item only; No action was taken.**

11.IV. Consideration of Ordinance for the modified City Retirement Plan - First Reading.

DISCUSSION: No additional comments were provided for this item. This was the first reading for the Ordinance for the modified City Retirement Plan. **This was a discussion item only; No action was taken.**

11.V. Consideration and Action on Financing Bank and Financing Terms Six (6) New Vehicles for Police Department.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the Financing Bank and Financing Terms Six (6) New Vehicles for Police Department, Councilman Adams provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young spoke about the Following items:

- Thanked residents, Council, and all who participated and attended the last month's Atlanta Tree, tree planting in the park event. He stated that 40 new trees were added to the current tree canopy. Further noting that it was a very successful endeavor.
- The Finance department has completed the Annual Audit for the City. Mauldin and Jenkins will present the completed audit in February.
- In February, a consultant will present the parking forum/survey to the Governing Body.
- In February, the staff will start the mid-year budget review.
- The South Fulton Municipal Association will be hosted by the City on January 26, 2023.
- The annual Cities Summit hosted by G.M.A. will take place on January 20-23.
- Staff is watching the local option sales tax and M.O.S.T. and will update if any changes occur.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Julian Glantz
2. LTesse Reese
3. Chase Stell
4. Melvin Traynum
5. Derrick Reese

14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Alexander complimented the audience attendance for the first meeting of the year, even though the meeting date was not the first Tuesday. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Alderman Rast wished everyone a Happy New Year and agreed with Councilman Alexander's sentiment on the audience attendance and meeting date. He further noted that it was a great start to the New Year.

Councilman Adams also wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Emergency Services/ Public Works for their hard work during the arctic weather. He stated a lot of pipes were broken, and water was everywhere. Councilman Adams noted that while away from his home during that time, his residence flooded, and Public Works came out and resolved the issue.

Councilman Reichert echoed the sentiment of his fellow Councilmembers. He stated that a lot of activities are going on in the City, and he is excited about this year. Councilman Reichert congratulated Officer Walsh and Firefighter Watts on their award and thanked them for their services.

Mayor Hallman reaffirmed the sentiment of his fellow Councilmembers. He thanked all for coming out and being a part of the local government. Mayor Hallman wished all A Happy New Year. He acknowledged all City staff for always going above and beyond on the Call of Duty to make sure that things get handled in the City and handled efficiently and quickly, and professionally. Mayor Hallman sadly announced the passing of local artist, Mr. John Christian. Mayor Hallman stated that Mr. Christian was the artist who completed the mural on the side of the recreation center—noting that Mr. John Christian passed away unexpectedly at the end of December. Mayor Hallman sends condolences to his loved ones on behalf of the City. Mayor Hallman sadly announced the passing of former employee Mr. Lynn Griffin, who was over the Hapeville scout troop at the Methodist Church

for years and was instrumental in the lives of many youths in the City. Mayor Hallman noted that Mr. Griffin's involvement with youth baseball and scouting allowed him to touch many lives. Mayor Hallman sends condolences to his loved ones on behalf of the City.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *When Executive Session is Required one will be called for the following issues: 1) Litigation O.C.G.A. §50-14-2; 2) Real Estate O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1); or 3) Personnel O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2).*

MOTION: Councilman Reichert made a motion to go into recess, Alderman Rast provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Councilman Alexander made a motion to go into executive session at 6:58PM. Councilman Adams provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to exit executive session and enter back into regular meeting. Councilman Adams provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

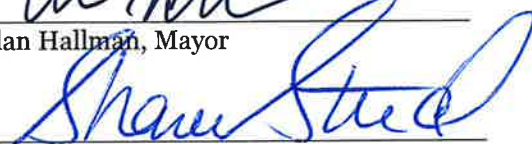
16. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 7:14PM, Councilman Alexander provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk