



CIVILITY PLEDGE

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ALAN HALLMAN
MAYOR

MIKE RAST
ALDERMAN AT LARGE

BRETT REICHERT
COUNCILMAN AT
LARGE

MARK ADAMS
COUNCILMAN WARD I

CHLOE ALEXANDER
COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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May 2, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:04 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 May 2nd Meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Reverend Johnnetta Johnson
6. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None
8. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 9.I. Consideration and Action to approve the April 18th Council Meeting minutes.
 - 9.II. Consideration and Action to approve the April 18th Executive Session minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Alexander provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

10. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to accept a \$70,000 grant from Georgia Recreation and Parks Association by way of the Georgia Department of Education.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to accept a \$70,000 grant from Georgia Recreation and Parks Association by way of the Georgia Department of Education, Alderman Rast provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to approve the Corbett Group, LLC in the amount of \$ 75,300 for a new asphalt walking track at John R. Lewis Memorial Park and approve all necessary documents from Fulton County.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the Corbett Group, LLC in the amount of \$ 75,300 for a new asphalt walking track at John R. Lewis Memorial Park and approve all necessary documents from Fulton County, Councilman Adams provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- 11.III. Consideration and Action on Financing Bank and Financing Terms on Two (2) New Vehicles for the Police Department.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the Financing Bank and Financing Terms on Two (2) New Vehicles for the Police Department, Councilman Reichert provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- 11.IV. Discussion on the City of Hapeville Wayfinding and Placemaking Signage.

Background:

In 2019, the City of Hapeville was awarded a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Investment Policy Studies Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission. The study formulated wayfinding, streetscape, design guidelines and signage plan to encourage efficient and safe movement of pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles in, through and around the City of Hapeville. As part of the study process, public outreach meetings were held to receive input for design and other recommendations.

Included in your packet tonight are designs for city limit entry signs, street concept signs, banners, and wayfinding signs and a draft project timeline. Staff is requesting input from the Council and recommending the City to move forward with the wayfinding and placemaking project.

DISCUSSION: Planning & Economic Development Manager, Adrienne Senter presented an overview of designs for the Wayfinding and Placemaking signage to the Governing Body. Ms. Senter thanked Councilman Reichert for offering locations to place banners along Virginia Avenue. She stated that the Main Street Board plans to come before Council with a proposal to place signs along North Central and possibly South Central. Ms. Senter displayed new Hapeville sign renderings, which would replace and update the existing entry signs along North and South Central at I-75, North Central Avenue at I-85, Willingham Drive, Luke Loop Road, and possibly a sign near the new Public Works Facility along South Central Avenue. She indicated that the Initiative Investment Policy study proposed replacing the City's current street signs and updating them to include the new city logo and, additionally, adding wayfinding signage to guide visitors to downtown, city facilities, shopping, parks, etc.

Ms. Senter further stated that the packet did not include street limit signs. However, staff is proposing placing those in the RFP packets, which would return before Council for approval. She informed Council that although the Hapeville Intersection Monument signs were separate from the original plan, with Council's approval, staff is proposing moving forward with placing the signage on the portals. Ms. Senter noted that since the signs are already there and fabricated. The build-out to add signage could be a 60-day process.

The presentation ended with Ms. Senter detailing the following steps: draft the RFP in July, which would be reviewed by legal and placed before Council for review. The RFP will be issued in September, with the project award in December and fabrication and installation in the first quarter of next year.

This was a discussion item only; No action was taken. **Council reached a consensus to have staff proceed forward with the wayfinding and placemaking sign project.**

- 11.V. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Preview.

DISCUSSION: City Manager, Tim Young specified to Council that Staff is diligently working on the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget. He noted that the preview draft would be available for public view within two weeks, and the first reading of the budget will be on the June 6th meeting agenda. He indicated he wanted to give the Governing Body and the public a view of the current budget status, highlighting key requests, issues, and proposed initiatives. Mr. Young explained that the current budgeted expenditure for this year for the general funds is \$19,552,000. However, in the draft 22-24 budget, with \$21.8 million in expenditure. Mr. Young noted the key figures driving that increase of \$2.3 million, with one of the most significant items being a wholesale upgrade to the Police Department fleet. He further stated

that currently, The Police Department has about 28 vehicles that are 2013 and younger, with six of them being currently replaced and two additionally on their way. That would still be 21 vehicles that need to be replaced. Due to this Staff is requesting to replace all those vehicles. That would be \$1.5 million of expenditure.

Additionally, he stated that Staff is looking at an increase in expenditures of about \$500,000 for Public Works. The primary source is the completion of building the new Public Works site on South Central Ave. He points out that there is some latitude there, depending on the Council's decision, where the construction can be extended. Mr. Young plans to meet with the Community Service Director, Lee Sudduth, to discuss this further. He stated that he would update Council regarding their discussion. Mr. Young noted that if construction is pushed out to the corresponding building on Perkins, he could match up the tax revenues. He reiterated that would be Council's decision and that Staff would make a further recommendation at the next meeting.

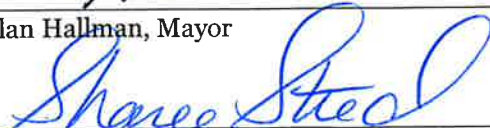
This was a discussion item only; No action was taken.

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young spoke about the Following items:
- The Spin the District cycling race over the weekend was a successful and wonderful event.
 - The Splash Pad is on track and will be opening on June 1st. Staff will conduct community engagement input to name the new splash pad.
13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
1. Susan Bailey
 2. Melvin Traynum
 3. Linda Williams
14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**
Councilman Alexander thanked the Atl District for listening to the feedback from the community and hosting a successful event. She stated that the event seems to get bigger and better each year.
Alderman Rast made no comments at this time.
Councilman Adams echoed the sentiments of Councilman Alexander regarding the Spin the District event. He stated that he spoke with ATL District, who informed him that there were 17 countries represented and 34 States—expressing that the event was a tremendous success, with 300 participating riders.
Councilman Reichert thanked the Police Department for participating in the Hapeville Elementary "Lunch with Law Enforcement." He stated that events like the aforementioned give kids a positive look on the City Law Enforcement. Councilman Reichert noted that the school would host a Career Day and encouraged Staff to attend if possible. He also thanked the Community Service Department for additional work involving the clean sweep.
Mayor Hallman echoed the remarks of the Council. He stated that although he was out of town this weekend, he heard great things about the Spin the District event. Mayor Hallman noted that the ATL district did a great job with that event. Mayor Hallman congratulated Alderman Mike Rast, who celebrated his youngest daughter's wedding this past weekend.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An Executive Session was not conducted at this meeting.
16. **ADJOURN:**
MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn at 7:00PM, Alderman Rast provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk