



CIVILITY PLEDGE

The way we govern ourselves is often as important as the positions we take. Our collective decisions will be better when differing views have had the opportunity to be fully vetted and considered. All people have the right to be treated with respect, courtesy and openness. We value all input. We commit to conduct ourselves at all times with civility and courtesy to each other.

ALAN HALLMAN
MAYOR

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ALDERMAN AT LARGE

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COUNCILMAN WARD I

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COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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August 22, 2023 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Alan Hallman
Mike Rast
Brett Reichert
Mark Adams
Chloe Alexander

3. WELCOME:

4. PRESENTATIONS:

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

6. QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

The public is encouraged to communicate their questions, concerns, and suggestions during Public Comments. The Council does listen to your concerns and will have Staff follow-up on any questions you raise. Any and all comments should be addressed to the Governing Body, not to the general public and delivered in a civil manner in keeping with common courtesy and decorum.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

7.I. Consideration and Action to approve the August 8th, Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 08082023 Drafted Minutes

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.I. Consideration and Action approve event request form- Mid-Semester Cookout

Background:

The Mid-Semester Cookout event is for local underprivileged youths and families in the surrounding areas to provide a fun park day as well as to hand out school supplies, hygiene essentials, and non-perishable foods. The Burghàlie Academy of Visual Arts Management will be on-site, including Studio Manager, Jessica Mesnick. The organizers will be reaching out to food and entertainment vendors. They are planning for a rough total of 100 people throughout the day. No alcohol will be served or allowed. The academy will need access to power, bathrooms, and trash cans. There will be games for the children, although confirmation has not been received on which ones will be on-site.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Mid Semester Cookout

9.II. Consideration and Action to approve the MOU with Hapeville Elementary School.

Background:

Consideration and Action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hapeville Elementary School to allow emergency evacuation of school facilities to The Hoyt Smith Recreation Center.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Rec Center MOU

9.III. Discussion on the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Background:

The City is preparing for the 2023 Property Tax billing. In June, Fulton County issued the preliminary appraisals for residential and commercial properties. The appeal deadline was July 24th. The City will receive its final tax billing file within the next few weeks. We currently need to discuss the millage rate expectations prior to our Public Hearings. Across the region, there is upward pressure on municipalities for property tax collections. Hapeville is no different. Inflation is up. Costs for purchases and maintenance are higher. There is upward pressure on salaries and benefits to attract and maintain personnel. Distributions of Local Option Sales Tax will be lower in this fiscal year than 2022/23. With that as the backdrop, Council must discuss the millage rate in preparation for public hearings in September.

To lead the discussion on history, context, and economic trends, we have asked our financial adviser, Ed Wall, of Piper Sandler, to speak to Council.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 2023-06 City of Hapeville Digest Estimate

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Members of the public wishing to speak shall sign in with the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Time limitations for Registered Comments are three (3) minutes per person. The total Registered Comment session shall not last more than fifteen (15) minutes unless extended by Council. Each member of the public, who fails to sign up with the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting, wishing to address Mayor and Council shall have a total of two (2) minutes. The entire general comment session for Unregistered Comments shall not last more than ten (10) minutes unless extended by Council.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

13. 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).*

14. ADJOURN:

Public involvement and citizen engagement is welcome as Hapeville operates a very open, accessible and transparent government. We do however remind our attendees/residents that there are times allocated for public comments on the agenda. In order for council to conduct their necessary business at each meeting, we respectfully ask that side-bar conversations and comments be reserved for the appropriate time during the meeting. This will allow the City Council to conduct the business at hand and afford our meeting attendees ample time for comments at the appropriate time during the meeting.