



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

MIKE RAST
ALDERMAN AT LARGE

BRETT REICHERT
COUNCILMAN AT
LARGE

MARK ADAMS
COUNCILMAN WARD I

CHLOE ALEXANDER
COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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June 18, 2024 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:04 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, with the exception of Councilman Reichert, which constituted a quorum.
 - ☒ Alan Hallman
 - ☒ Mike Rast
 - ☒ Brett Reichert
 - ☒ Mark Adams
 - ☒ Chloe Alexander

3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the June 18th Meeting.

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- 4.I. Proclamation Honoring the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association Meeting.

Mayor Hallman officially read into the record a proclamation recognizing and honoring the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association Meeting.

- 4.II. Departmental Presentations -Public Works, Community Services, Recreation.

PUBLIC WORKS- COMMUNITY SERVICES: Community Service Director Lee Sudduth provided an overview of the Community Services divisions, including Public Works, Highways and Streets, Solid Waste, and Water and Sewer. He highlighted the administrative personnel and field staff, emphasizing their extensive responsibilities, such as maintaining parks, streetlights, garbage collection, and water systems. Sudduth detailed various statistics, such as managing 34 acres of green space, 2,200 residential garbage customers, and 24 miles of water lines.

He discussed the general fund, noting that personnel costs, along with equipment and debt service expenses, constitute a significant portion. Mr. Sudduth also mentioned the high electricity bills for streetlights and the costs of repairs and maintenance for buildings and infrastructure. He explained that the enterprise funds, funded by user fees, cover water and sewer services and solid waste sanitation.

Mr. Sudduth highlighted specific projects funded by bonds, including sewer and water line upgrades, which have been crucial for improving the city's aging infrastructure. He expressed optimism that the city would save money by managing waste disposal internally.

RECREATION: Recreation Director Tod Nichols provided an overview of the Recreation Department's budget and operations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. He highlighted the department's commitment to serving the recreational needs of all city residents and detailed

the various facilities managed by the department, including parks, sports fields, and event spaces. Mr. Nichols emphasized the significant role of full-time staff and seasonal workers, as well as the contributions of over 150 volunteers. He explained the budget, noting that personnel costs make up the majority, and described the funding sources, including the general fund and hotel-motel tax. Mr. Nichols also mentioned the department's responsibilities for maintenance, event management, and community engagement activities.

The presentations provided were for informational purposes only, and no further action was taken.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 5.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2024 (July – September) Budget Ordinance-Second Reading. **Ordinance 2024-13**

Staff Comments: Staff had no additional comments.

Public Comments: There was no public comments for this public hearing item.

MOTION: Alderman Rast motioned to approve the 2024 (July – September) Budget Ordinance-Second Reading. **Ordinance 2024-13**; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

6. QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were questions on agenda items at this meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve May 14th, Joint Special-Called Meeting Minutes.
7.II. Consideration and Action to Approve May 14th, Joint Special-Called Executive Session Minutes.
7.III. Consideration and Action to Approve June 4th Council Meeting Minutes.
7.IV. Consideration and Action to Approve June 4th Executive Session Minutes.
7.V. Consideration and Action to Approve June 6th, Joint Special-Called Meeting Minutes.
7.VI. Consideration and Action to Approve June 6th, Joint Special-Called Executive Session Minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

8. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business items at this meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- 9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request - Gas Bros Grand Opening Community Event.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the Event Request - Gas Bros Grand Opening Community Event; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

- 9.II. Discussion and Action to give authorization for the city to start a formal assessment to install a pedestrian crosswalk at Virginia and South Central.

DISCUSSION: Community Service Director Lee Sudduth discussed the challenges and considerations for installing a pedestrian signal at the crossing from the restaurant to the printmaker shop. He noted that the area has a tight radius, which was slightly improved in the early 2000s. The long crosswalk poses issues due to limited space. Engineers are exploring options, including placing a signal on an existing pole, but this may conflict with the location of a new sign. A fence on the opposite side also complicates matters and would need removal.

Mr. Sudduth emphasized that while a pedestrian signal is desirable, it would require significant changes, such as cutting the road and adding new traffic signals, without

narrowing the streets and causing vehicular accidents. The current signal system runs on a timer, not triggered by pedestrians or vehicles, which poses another challenge. One potential solution is to disallow left turns from South Central onto Virginia to improve pedestrian safety. Engineers are also considering adding pedestrian signals, which would involve extensive paving and electrical work.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to authorize Community Service Director Lee Sudduth to begin a formal engineering assessment of that pedestrian crosswalk; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

- 10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager Tim Young spoke about the following items:
- There will not be a council meeting on the first Tuesday in the month of July due to the 4th of July Holiday. The next council meeting will be on July 16th.
 - City offices will be closed June 19th for the Juneteenth Holiday, although essential services such as trash pickup and public safety will still be operating.
 - City offices will also be closed on July 4th and July 5th for the Independence Day Holiday.
 - Several city officials and staff will be attending the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah from June 21st – June 25th, with some returning on Monday or Tuesday.
 - The 2024 Council Retreat will be held on Saturday July 13th at Trees Atlanta.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Melvin Traynum

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for allowing her to join the meeting virtually.

Alderman Rast had no comments at this time.

Councilman Adams thanked the audience for attending the Council meeting.

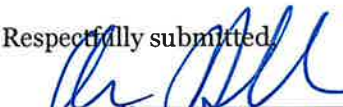
Mayor Hallman thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting, wished them a meaningful Juneteenth holiday, and a good 4th of July holiday. He encouraged everyone to enjoy time with friends and family and to appreciate the values of the country. He expressed gratitude for the community's participation in their local government.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session took place during this meeting.

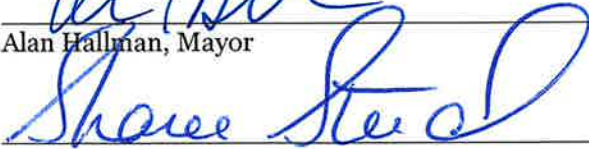
14. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 7:02 PM; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk