



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 SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

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<https://hapeville.org/562/Agendas-and-Minutes>

September 5, 2024 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 5:33 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, which constituted a quorum.
 - ☒ Alan Hallman
 - ☒ Mike Rast
 - ☒ Brett Reichert
 - ☒ Mark Adams
 - ☒ Chloe Alexander
3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - 3.I. Consideration on the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance-First Reading

Background:

The City of Hapeville is in the process of transitioning from a June 30th fiscal year end to a September 30th fiscal year end. In order to be in compliance with Georgia Department of Audit and Accounts, the City is required to create and have the governing body approve a three-month budget (July 2024 – September 2024) or Bridge Period Budget before transitioning to the new fiscal year of October – September. The Bridge Period Budget has been created and our governing body has approved.

On August 6, 2024, our Finance Director presented the initial budget discussion of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. During this time, total General Fund expenditures exceeded total General Fund revenues and staff requested our millage rate be increased to offset the shortfall. Staff were directed by our Mayor & Council to take a deeper dive into our general fund expenditures, come back and share detailed information related to the impact an increased millage would have on the Citizens of Hapeville. Our City Manager directed all department heads to thoroughly review their departmental budget requests and provide detailed explanations to justify the budget and millage increase requests. On August 20, 2024, our City Manager presented a second budget discussion to our Mayor & Council of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, provided a clearer picture to justify increasing the millage to have total projected revenues to cover total projected expenditures.

The City advertised the public hearing in the Fulton County Neighbor newspaper on September 4, 2024, and is expected to advertise again on September 11, 2024. A copy of the draft budget is posted to the City's website, along with a physical copy of the detailed budget for public viewing at City Hall.

FY2025 budget calls for approximately 18.5M in General Fund expenditures. In comparison, the FY2024 budget had \$19.03M in expenditures, which is a decrease of 510K. Operational inflows are projected at 18.5M with no supplement by an apportionment from City Fund

Balance. The anticipated revenues primarily consist of real and personal property tax, local option sales taxes and hotel/motel taxes.

After meeting with department heads, reviewing the City's year-to-date actual expenditures and current budget has allowed Finance to project the following summarized increases to the General Fund budget over current budget. An explanation of these projected increases is included in the attached budget document.

- 1510 – Finance & Accounting Department - \$84K – Includes additional audit cost for Bridge Period and related fees
- 1540 – Human Resources - \$88K – Includes projected cost for personnel policy rewrite for compensation Study and Salary Schedule review and projected cost for Laserfiche
- 1565 – Information Technology – \$179K – Additional IT Support & Meraki License
- 3510 – Fire Department – \$438K – Includes projected increased personnel cost
- 7520 – Economic Development Department – \$67K – Includes projected cost for development plan review, meetings and state of the City videography service including special Council events
- 9100 – Other Financing Uses/Transfers – \$199K – Includes \$81K of projected transfers to 290 Trade & Tourism Fund for budget shortfall and \$118K in Reserve for Contingency

In fiscal year 2024, the City was successful in focusing on vehicle replacement in the Police department and two (2) new garbage trucks purchase in our Solid Waste department.

The proposed 2025 budget is our initial best estimate and projection for the next 12 months. As financial positions and actual circumstances change, Finance will continue to review, assess, and request budget amendments.

DISCUSSION: Staff Comments: Finance Director Randy Brewer stated that he had no additional comments but was available to answer any questions from the Council. He acknowledged that the budget had been thoroughly reviewed and welcomed any inquiries they might have. City Manager Tim Young added that this year's budget primarily focuses on reinvesting in the staff, city, and infrastructure. He noted that there are no significant new initiatives, aside from what is already outlined in the budget.

Public Comments: There were no public comments made on this item.

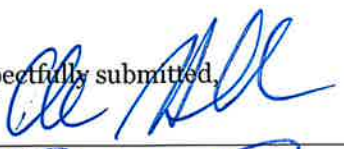
No action was taken; this stood as a first reading for this item.

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

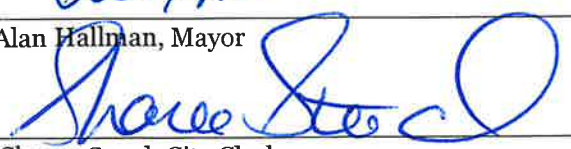
5. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 5:44 PM; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk