



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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September 17, 2024 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:02 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. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the September 17th Meeting.
4. **PRESENTATIONS:** There were no presentations items at this meeting.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - 5.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment – Second Reading
Ordinance 2024-14.

Staff Comments: No further comments was provided by staff. There were no changes made from the 1st reading. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments made for this item.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment **Ordinance 2024-14**; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**
 - 5.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance-Second Reading
Ordinance 2024-15.

Staff Comments: No further comments was provided by staff. There were no changes made from the 1st reading. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments made for this item.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance-**Ordinance 2024-15**; Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**
 - 5.III. Consideration to Set the 2024 Millage Rate at 17.509 Mills – First Reading
Background:

The City has received its Consolidated 2024 Estimated Digest and the initial 2024 property tax data file from the Fulton County Tax Commissioner. Estimated Gross Assessments for Real, Personal, and Public Utilities are \$593,095,770, up from the 2023 value of

\$492,129,760, an approximate increase of 20.5%.

Due to current economics and pressures of rising costs in supplies and labor, the City of Hapeville has published a proposal to increase its millage from the current 15.209 mills to 17.509 mills, increasing real property tax collections by 38.6%, \$2.2 million over Fiscal 2024. Real and personal property collections for Fiscal 2024-2025 should approximate \$9.16M.

Economic pressures and support of the growth in the City are the driving factors for the millage recommendation. The millage of 17.509 supports the 2024-2025 budget as submitted to City Council

DISCUSSION: Staff Comments: City Manager Tim Young was available to address any questions or concerns from the governing body or the public.

Public Comments:

1. Lucy Dolan – *In Favor*

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

6. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no questions on agenda items at this meeting.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve September 3, 2024, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- 7.II. Consideration and Action to Approve September 3, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.
- 7.III. Consideration and Action to Approve September 5, 2024, Mayor and Council Special-Called Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Alderman Rast motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

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

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Axon Contract.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander motioned to approve the Axon Contract; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

- 9.II. Consideration and Action to approve a temporary roadway traffic adjustment of North Side Dr. in observance of the Halloween Holiday festivities.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve a temporary roadway traffic adjustment of North Side Dr. in observance of the Halloween Holiday festivities; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young provided several updates during the meeting.

- **Sewer Line Repair:** Mr. Young informed the council that the sewer line issue behind Otta's, which occurred about two and a half weeks ago, is expected to be fully repaired by the middle of next week. He noted that it involved significant work due to the depth of the line.
- **Public Hearings:** Mr. Young reminded the governing Body and residents of the two upcoming public hearings for the millage rate, scheduled for Wednesday September 17th and Thursday September 18th 6:00 PM.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - "Happy Days" celebration will take place this weekend, with events from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Friday September 20th and 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Saturday September 21st.

- The Southern Circuit Independent Film series will start Friday September 27th, featuring *Bulls and Saints*, a film about the challenges of an undocumented family returning to Mexico.

AMEND AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Reichert motioned to waived the three minute time limit in the public section for Ms. Charlotte Rentz; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Charlotte Rentz

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Alexander had no further comments at this time.

Alderman Rast expressed his appreciation for attending the commemorative ceremony and unveiling, describing the event as very moving. He commended the Mayor for representing the city well and noted that it was a meaningful memorial event. Alderman Rast expressed gratitude for being a part of the occasion.

Councilman Adams thanked everyone for attending and reflected on the commemorative event, noting that it was standing room only at Christ Church. He acknowledged that the incident occurred before his time in Hapeville but expressed appreciation for learning about the unfortunate event. He also thanked the staff and those involved in saving the lives of the children affected by the tragedy.

Councilman Reichert expressed his gratitude to Ms. Charlotte and the city staff for their efforts. He remarked that serving the city in this capacity is a positive experience. Councilman Reichert emphasized his appreciation for the respectful and collaborative way the city operates. He also conveyed his confidence in working through upcoming challenges with the help of the dedicated staff and thanked everyone for attending.

Mayor Hallman reflected on the memorial event for the daycare center tragedy, recalling the incident from his childhood. He shared that the presence of former firefighter Gene Cummins, who was on duty that day, was a touching moment. Cummins, now in his nineties, responded to the call by leaving his car in the road and rushing to help. Mayor Hallman emphasized the significance of the event, noting that while it was a tragic day, the Georgia 811 "Call Before You Dig" initiative, which arose from the tragedy, has since saved countless lives. He also expressed optimism about future for the memorial site and mentioned that potential funding for the project was present at the event. Mayor Hallman concluded by thanking everyone for attending the council meeting and for their continued support.

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).*

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

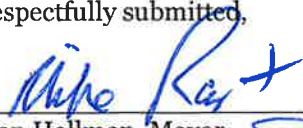
MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive session at 6:50PM; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to convene back into regular session at 7:15 PM, Councilman Adams second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

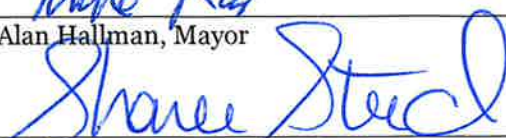
14. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Councilman Alexander motioned to adjourn at 7:16 PM; Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk