



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 REGULAR SESSION

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October 1, 2024 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Alderman Rast at 6:04 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members of Council were present with the exception of Mayor Hallman, which constituted a quorum.
 - ☒ Alan Hallman
 - ☒ Mike Rast
 - ☒ Brett Reichert
 - ☒ Mark Adams
 - ☒ Chloe Alexander
3. **WELCOME:** Alderman Rast welcomed all to the October 1st Meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Reichert led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited in unison by all present.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Jeremiah Odom
6. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - 6.I. Proclamation Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Alderman Rast read a Proclamation honoring Hispanic Heritage Month into the record. *(The signed proclamation will be on display at City Hall.)*
 - 6.II. Proclamation Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Pizza Clinic of Chiropractic.

Alderman Rast read a Proclamation honoring the 40th Anniversary of Pizza Clinic of Chiropractic into the record. He later presented Dr. Pizza, his wife, and staff with a framed proclamation.
 - 6.III. Drawing for 2024 Porsche Driving Experience Certificate sponsored by the Hapeville Coffee and Chrome Car & Motorcycle Show.

Alderman Rast stood in for Mayor Hallman to conduct the drawing for the 2024 Porsche Driving Experience Certificate, sponsored by the Hapeville Coffee and Chrome Car & Motorcycle Show. Alderman Rast announced that Mr. Eddie Teams was the winner of the drawing and noted that Mike Simpson would notify Mr. Teams of his prize.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Request for RHO, LLC (DBA: Folk Art Restaurant), located at 637 N. Central Ave., Hapeville, GA 30354.

Staff Comments: City Manager Tim Young stated that there were no additional comments, as the team had already met and presented the matter to the council. He further

recommended approval of the item under discussion.

Applicant Comments: Rhoda Hill, owner of Folk Art Restaurant, introduced herself and shared her background. She stated that she opened her first Folk Art location in 2012 in Inman Park, near the Carter Center, and expanded to a second location in Decatur in 2019. Specializing in breakfast, lunch, and brunch, Folk Art operates under the motto “folk and good food.” Ms. Hill expressed her excitement to join the Hapeville community, noting the warm reception she has received so far. After more than a year of construction, she is eager to open her doors and continue serving her signature dishes.

Public Comments:

1. Frank Cranford

Applicant Comments cont.: Ms. Hill also addressed the dumpster concern raised by Mr. Cranford. She explained that she has been working with Waste Management, who has been scheduled several times to address the issue. The parking area mentioned is not actually a parking pad, but rather a designated space for the dumpster, which includes a drain. Ms. Hill confirmed that the main dumpster for her location will be relocated from its current position. She also noted that she has a smaller recycling dumpster. Regarding the gym's dumpster, she clarified that it is affiliated with her neighbors, and she cannot speak to their situation. However, she assured that her dumpster will be moved to the designated pad, improving access to the area. Ms. Hill noted that the adjacent parking lot to her building is owned by Wood Co, and she has been in discussions with their real estate agent about leasing parking spaces. If the arrangement goes through, she plans to work with a valet company she currently uses, whose owner is a Hapeville resident, to help manage traffic and parking flow. She acknowledged that many gym patrons are currently parking in the area, particularly in front of the dumpsters, causing issues with Waste Management's ability to collect trash. While this hasn't been a major concern for her yet, as she hasn't generated much trash, it remains a problem. Ms. Hill suggested that her neighbor, who owns the building and leases it to the gym, should address the parking issues in that space.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert motioned to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Request for RHO, LLC (DBA: Folk Art Restaurant), located at 637 N. Central Ave., Hapeville, GA 30354; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

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

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve September 17, 2024, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- 9.II. Consideration and Action to approve September 17, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.
- 9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve September 18, 2024, Mayor and Council Special-Called Meeting Minutes.
- 9.IV. Consideration and Action to Approve September 19, 2024, Mayor and Council Special-Called Meeting Minutes.

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

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

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Fire 2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac Dispositions.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert motioned to approve the Fire 2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac Dispositions; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** During the City Manager's report, Mr. Young allowed the police department to make an announcement regarding an upcoming event.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley praised Corporal Shada Canzater, the department's Community Engagement Officer, for her exceptional work over the past eight months, surpassing expectations. Corporal Canzater explained her role in building trust between the police department and the community through programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, Safety Ville, and National Night Out. She highlighted the upcoming Faith and Blue event on October 11th, which will involve faith-based institutions and the police in a community-building effort through worship and social activities.

Corporal Canzater also introduced the Hapeville Guardian Program Mentorship Program aimed at reducing teen involvement in criminal activity, sharing that it had already helped two teens enroll in school. She outlined additional community initiatives, including "Hats for Hapeville" and Thanksgiving events, and thanked Chief Hedley for supporting efforts to show the department's compassion and commitment to the community. She encouraged residents to follow the department's social media for updates.

City Manager Tim Young provided several updates during the meeting:

- The city fared well during last week's storm, with only two large trees lost—one in Jess Lucas Park and another in Cofield Park. Both are being processed into mulch.
- The fiscal year 2025 began on October 1st, and the team is currently working on property tax billing, with the expectation that tax bills will be sent out within the next two weeks.
- Due to the storm, last Friday's independent film screening was postponed. A new date is yet to be determined.

Mr. Young also highlighted upcoming events:

- A Butterfly Rollout will take place at Academy Theater on Thursday October 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, showcasing restored and new butterfly designs with the artists present.
- Shutter Fest, the city's annual photography exhibit, will be held on Saturday October 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Hapeville Depot Plaza and Art Alley, featuring photography, music, and art displays.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for two weeks, on October 15th, with a break to follow after the election, with the subsequent meeting planned for Tuesday, November 14th.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Maira Sanchez

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Alexander thanked the Police Department for their hard work under Chief Hedley's leadership, especially highlighting the success of community engagement efforts. She also raised concerns about the ongoing parking issues as the city grows, suggesting clearer signage and the possibility of timed or paid parking during peak hours to help businesses and patrons manage traffic better.

Additionally, she questioned whether hotels booking long-term stays, like those by Delta, should be classified as extended stays under city ordinance. Councilman Alexander also suggested requesting Fulton County reassess properties listed significantly higher than their assessed values to encourage more realistic pricing for vacant or blighted properties.

Councilman Adams expressed his gratitude to everyone for attending and echoed Councilman Alexander's remarks regarding the Police Department. He praised the decision to bring Chief Hedley on board, noting the positive impact and significant improvements in the department under his leadership. Adams also expressed hope that Chief Hedley would continue his work with the city and acknowledged the efforts of all city staff for their contributions.

Councilman Reichert echoed the sentiments of his fellow council members, expressing thanks to Alderman Rast for stepping in for Mayor Hallman. He congratulated those receiving proclamations, acknowledging the effort required to achieve such recognition. He also commended the Police Department for their social media engagement, noting its importance in reaching younger audiences. Additionally, Councilman Reichert extended a warm welcome to Folk Art, mentioning the

excitement surrounding its opening. He suggested that the establishment should share information with local social media groups, which have a strong following of about 60,000 members. With regards to the parking issues, he expressed confidence that the city could implement cost-effective improvements, such as landscaping, signage, and paving, to make the area more pedestrian-friendly. Councilman Reichert concluded by expressing his enthusiasm for trying the entire Folk Art menu and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderman Rast expressed his gratitude to the city staff for their hard work during the Happy Days Weekend Festival, noting that it is one of the city's most attended events, second only to the Butterfly Parade. He highlighted the strong attendance on both Friday and Saturday, despite the absence of local bands on Saturday night. Alderman Rast also thanked community services, police, and the fire department for their preparation and planning in response to the approaching storm. He acknowledged that, fortunately, much of the planning did not have to be implemented as the storm shifted east, sparing the local area from significant damage. He concluded by asking everyone to keep the affected residents in North Carolina, Florida, and south Georgia in their thoughts and prayers, as those regions face a challenging recovery.

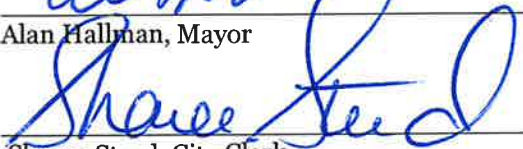
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no executive session held during this meeting.

16. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 6:54 PM; Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor

Sharee Steed, City Clerk