



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
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COUNCILMAN WARD I

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COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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January 7, 2025 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Alan Hallman
Mike Rast
Brett Reichert
Mark Adams
Chloe Alexander

3. WELCOME:

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

5. INVOCATION:

6. PRESENTATIONS:

6.I. Introduction of Deputy Chief Brock Robertson.

Background:

Chief Robertson, a second-generation firefighter, began his career with the Hapeville Fire Department in December 1998. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005 and earned his Paramedic certification in 2006. For the past seven years, he has served as a Battalion Chief, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to the organization. His dedication and leadership continue to be invaluable assets to the department.

6.II. HB 581 – Its Impact and the City of Hapeville - Presented by Mr. Ed Wall

Background:

During the final week of the 2024 legislative session, four separate bills were consolidated into: House Bill 581 (HB 581). This comprehensive legislation introduces significant changes to property taxes and local sales tax options aimed at reducing the reliance on property taxes by shifting some of the tax burden to sales taxes. Specifically, HB 581:

1. Establishes a floating homestead exemption for property taxes tied to inflation.
2. Creates a new Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST), a 1% sales tax that functions similarly to a LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) but replaces property tax revenue with sales tax revenue.
3. Simplifies the process for calculating and adopting property tax millage rates and rollback millage rates.

Our Financial Advisor, Ed Wall, is here this evening to present how the combined legislation impacts the City of Hapeville

Supporting Document(s):

1. Hapeville HB 581

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2024-Bridge Budget Amendment - Second Reading

Background:

Fiscal Year 2024-Bridge Budget was adopted on June 18, 2024. This adopted budget called for \$4.5M in General Fund expenditures, with revenues listed as \$1.86M and \$2.6M supplemented by an apportionment from the City's Fund balance.

FY2024 Proposed Amended Bridge Budget calls for approximately \$3.9M in General Fund expenditures, with revenues listed as \$2.3M and \$1.6M supplemented by an apportionment from the City's Fund balance.

A review of the City's expenditures and budget realignment has allowed Finance to project the following summarized departmental increases to the General Fund budget. Explanations of these projected increases are included in the attached budget document.

- Department 1540 – Human Resources – \$32K requested for increase in funding for Medicare/Stipend expenditures for Retirees
- Department 2650 – Municipal Court – \$28K requested for additional costs related to additional court cases and closures
- Department 4100 – Public Works – \$74K requested for additional expenditures related to supplies, repairs & maintenance, and site improvements -

The proposed 2024 Bridge Budget is our best estimate and projection for the Period July 2024 – September 2024. This budget is the final submitted budget before we transition to our full fiscal year, which started October 1, 2024.

Staff is requesting your consideration to approve FY2024 Amended Bridge Budget Requests.

The updated 2024-Bridge Budget will be uploaded to the City's Website after Mayor and Council Approval.

Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. FY2024-(July 2024 - September 2024)_Proposed Budget Amendment Requests_Sum Only_(All Funds)_(Exhibit A)_CM 01-07-2025-Upd
2. FY2024-(July 2024 - September 2024)_Proposed Budget Amendment Requests_Sum & Details_(All Funds)_(Exhibit B)_CM 01-07-2025-Upd
3. City of Hapeville_Budget Ordinance - FY2024 (July - September)-(CM - 01-07-2025)

8. 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.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the December 3, 2024, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Drafted Minutes 1232024
- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the December 3, 2024, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
- 9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve the Qualifying Fee Notice.

Background:

Setting and publishing qualifying fees for elections is mandated by state law under O.C.G.A. 21-2-131. Attached is a resolution establishing the qualifying fees for the November 4, 2025,

General Election. The qualifying fee for the Councilman At-Large, Councilman 1st Ward, and Councilman 2nd Ward seats is \$234.00 each. These fees are calculated as 3% of the total gross salary for the respective positions.

Staff is requesting approval of the attached resolution to proceed with setting and publishing the qualifying fees as required.

Supporting Document(s):

1. A Resolution Fixing and Publishing Qualifying Fees for General Election (Nov) 2025

10. OLD BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance.

Background:

Attached for consideration and action is the 2025 organizational appointment ordinance.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Ordinance - Annual Appointment of Officers 2025

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Board Appointments Ordinance.

Background:

Within the agenda packet are board applications for the Council's review. The applications consist of incumbent board members seeking reappointment. Staff is requesting that the Council nominate and appoint these individuals to renew the expired positions for the current terms. Staff will bring forth candidates for the remaining open appointments at a subsequent council session.

Supporting Document(s):

1. L. Davis Board Application
2. J. Love Board Application
3. J. Smyth Board Application
4. J Allen Board Application
5. Board Appointment Ordinance

- 11.III. Consideration and Action on Financing Bank and Financing Terms – Fire Department Ambulance Vehicle.

Background:

At the March 1, 2022 Council meeting, Mayor and Council approved the Fire Department proceeding with an order to replace the 2003 Freightliner FL60 Wheel Coach Ambulance with the purchase of a new 2023 F450 Type 1 Ambulance from Custom Truck and Body Works for an estimated total cost of \$236,237. The delivery of the Ambulance was previously delayed by the manufacturer due to the production of the chassis. The order is complete, and delivery is expected January 2025. This vehicle will be added to FY24-25 amended budget.

Finance staff recently submitted Request for Proposals to four (4) banks (TRUIST Bank, Regions Equipment Finance Corporation, Cadence Equipment Finance and Magnolia Bank/GMA) for vehicle financing. After receiving proposals from all four banks, Magnolia Bank/GMA submitted the best financing opportunity for the City of Hapeville. Staff recommends Magnolia Bank/GMA to finance requested purchase item for six (6) years at an APR of 4.75%. The proposal documents are included in your packets.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Financing Bank Terms - TRUIST Bank - Exhibit-A
2. Financing Bank Terms - CADENCE Bank - Exhibit-B
3. Financing Bank Terms - Magnolia Bank - Exhibit-C
4. Financing Bank Terms - Regions Bank-Upd - Exhibit-D
5. FIRE DEPARTMENT - AMBULANCE INVOICE-CUSTOM TRUCK & BODY WORKS - Exhibit-E
6. Financing Bank - Terms - Comparison-Upd - Exhibit-F

12. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

13. 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.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. 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).*

16. 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.