



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

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COUNCILMAN WARD I

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COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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February 4, 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. Proclamation Recognizing and Honoring Eagle Scout Kye Marrero.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Proclamation Recognizing Kye Marrero On Achieving The Rank Of Eagle Scout

6.II. **Championship Ring Ceremony:** Celebrating the 5-Year-Old Boys Atlanta Youth United League Champions.

6.III. **Championship Ring Ceremony:** Celebrating the Girls Atlanta Youth United Seven-year-old Division Champions and their 5–8-year-old Grand Champions.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

7.I. Consideration of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to Clarify language for City Exemptions. – First Reading

Background:

In July 2019, the Ordinance 2019-16 was signed authorizing the call for a special election, which resulted in House Bill (HB) 612. The bill increased the county homestead exemption, expanded exemptions to seniors 65 and up, and created new opportunities for veterans and the disabled.

- City Homestead exemptions increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- Low-income requirement for aged 65+ was removed and the age exemptions is \$10,000 to \$20,000
- Veterans can now get a \$20,000 exemption, no age requirement. – This was not an option prior to HB 612.

- 100% Disabled can now get a \$20,000 exemption, no age requirement

Staff is requesting an ordinance amendment to change the City ordinances to mirror HB 612.

Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. Hapeville Homestead Exemptions Ord.
2. AD460334

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. 12032024 Drafted Minutes

- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the January 7, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 01072025 Drafted Minutes

- 9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve the January 7, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 10.I. Discussion of current obstacles and future requirements for Re-Certification of the Norfolk Southern quiet zone in Hapeville.

Background:

Every 4 1/2 to 5 years, the Federal Railroad Authority requires those agencies that have active quiet zones active to go through an affirmation process by conducting traffic counts at the rail crossings. This discussion will address our current calculations, challenges and needs for future improvements to the railroad crossings.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Hapeville_GA_QZ_Affirmation_2025_THR212001

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve A Resolution to Declare the Need for New Public Facilities and for Other Purposes.

Background:

The City has determined that there is a need for additional public facilities for municipal buildings, administrative office space, and a new fire station facility. The City intends to pursue acquisition of real property sufficient to meet the needs for new public facilities and to undertake necessary measures associated with the potential property acquisition. Approval is requested to authorize the City's employees, agents, or both to take all actions necessary for the acquisition of property to meet the City's need for new public facilities.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Resolution to Declare Need for Public Facilities

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve a CDBG award from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$ 84,971 for the construction of a bicycle pump track in John Lewis Memorial Park.

Background:

This CDBG award is to provide facilities and environments that primarily serve low to moderate-income persons. Bicycle pump tracks have been growing in popularity with cities such as East Point, Roswell and Powder Springs. With the ever-increasing organizations that provide bikes to those in need, this pump track will provide a place for kids and adults to ride and improve their overall health and well-being. After bidding and award, construction should begin sometime early this summer.

Supporting Document(s):

1. CDBG Award

11.III. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request for Delta Scholarship Fund 5k.**Background:**

The Delta Care & Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, is pleased to present a proposal for the 13th Annual Delta Scholarship 5K Run. This event serves as a crucial fundraiser, with all proceeds supporting the Delta Scholarship Fund, which provides educational scholarships to Delta Air Lines employees and their eligible dependents worldwide.

In 2023, the Delta Scholarship Fund awarded over 700 scholarships, totaling \$1.5 million, made possible by the generosity of Delta employees and community supporters. The organization aims to continue this tradition of community engagement and support in 2024.

The proposed 5K course is USATF-certified and serves as an official qualifying event for the AJC Peachtree Road Race. Details about last year's race are available here: Delta Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run.

The event is planned for May 3rd, starting at 7:30 AM, with the race beginning and ending at the Delta Community Credit Union. A course map has been attached for reference.

The Delta Care & Scholarship Fund respectfully requests approval to proceed with the necessary arrangements for this event. The support of the City Board will help ensure the continuation of valuable educational opportunities for Delta employees and their families. Thank you for your consideration.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Online Form Submittal_ Hapeville Event Request Form_Redacted
2. Delta JPG - Redacted
3. Delta Scholarship Fund 5k-map certified

11.IV. Discussion on HB 581: Provisional Rollback Rate Impact and Implementation.**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.

City Council has decided to not "opt-out" of the floating homestead exemption. The next stage in the process for Fulton County Municipalities that are participating is to provide an "Estimated" Rollback Rate to the Tax Commissioner by March 1, 2025. City Staff is working on the estimate now for presentation at the February 18th meeting. City Manager will discuss the information that we have and the steps we intend to provide our best "estimate" for a 2025 rollback rate.

Supporting Document(s):

1. FC -Procedural - Tax Commissioner

2. ACCG - Prop Tax Changes - Rollback
3. ACCG- Rollback References

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.