



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

April 1, 2025 6:00 PM

#### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:01 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, except for Alderman Rast, thereby constituting a quorum.
  - ☒ Alan Hallman
  - ☒ Mike Rast
  - ☒ Brett Reichert
  - ☒ Mark Adams
  - ☒ Chloe Alexander
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Rev. Federico Apencena
6. **PRESENTATIONS:** There were no presentation items at this meeting.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public hearing items at this meeting.
8. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no questions on agenda items at this meeting.
9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - 9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve March 18th, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
  - 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve March 18th, 2025, Executive Session 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 AED Cabinets for 24/7 Indoor and Outdoor Access.

**MOTION:** Councilman Reichert motioned to approve the AED Cabinets for 24/7 Indoor and Outdoor Access with the edit to the quoted price from \$31,704. 50 to the actual quoted price of \$25,843. 60; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Fire Pay Resolution. -**Resolution 2025-03**

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams motioned to approve the Fire Pay Resolution (**Resolution 2025-03**); Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

11.III. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request for "Keep Momma Moving" Walk-A-Thon".

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams motioned to approve the Event Request for "Keep Momma Moving" Walk-A-Thon. Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager Tim Young provided updates on several matters.

- **Butterfly Parade Recap:**
  - Mr. Young, on behalf of City staff and Main Street, expressed sincere appreciation to all volunteers, participants, and organizers involved in the Butterfly Parade. He acknowledged the extensive planning that went into the event and thanked everyone for their contributions. He also noted the exceptional weather on parade day, describing the event as one of the most successful parades to date and a proud moment for the City of Hapeville.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Friday, April 11:** Final Southern Circuit Film screening for the season – *North Putnam*.
  - **Friday, April 11:** Criterium Race – "Spin the District" event, 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
  - **Friday, April 19:** Hapeville Opening Day Parade
- **Delta Hotel/Motel Tax Legislative Update:**
  - Mayor Hallman and City Manager Tim Young recently met with representatives from Delta in what was described as a cordial yet positional discussion. During the meeting, Delta maintained that their actions remain within legal bounds. However, City leadership believes they have a strong case and presented several compelling points. It was noted that a final resolution will likely come through the state legislature and legal counsel. Importantly, the City's engagement has prompted Delta to become more actively involved in ongoing conversations. Additional meetings with legislators and state officials are scheduled later this month as efforts continue to address the issue. Mr. Young concluded by acknowledging that, although progress may take time given the complexity of the organizations involved, the City is moving in a positive direction and remains hopeful for a favorable outcome for Hapeville.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Cheryl Christofferson
2. Stephanie Carnegie

14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilman Alexander** expressed her appreciation for the improving weather and shared that she had a wonderful time at the recent Butterfly Parade, noting that the event continues to improve each year. She also commended the ongoing efforts at the Depot Museum, mentioning that although she hasn't visited frequently, she has been following the developments and is excited about the diverse programming and the strengthening of broader community connections.

**Councilman Adams** echoed Councilman Alexander's comments, stating that he thoroughly enjoyed the Butterfly Parade. He remarked that the event continues to grow significantly each year and noted that this year's turnout was notably larger than that of the inaugural parade. He extended his thanks to all attendees, as well as to City staff and the Main Street team for their efforts in organizing the successful event.

**Councilman Reichert** echoed the comments of his fellow Council members, expressing appreciation for the efforts behind the Butterfly Parade and recent film series event. Although he was unable to attend due to illness, he shared that he had heard only positive feedback about both events. He concluded by extending his condolences to City staff member Rolando on the recent loss in his family.

Mayor Hallman echoed the positive remarks shared by Council, praising the Butterfly Parade as a wonderful and successful event. He extended his gratitude to City staff for their hard work and planning efforts, noting that preparations for the next year's parade are likely already underway. He described the parade as an event that continues to receive widespread praise and as one that highlights the City of Hapeville both literally and figuratively.

He also attended the recent Southern Circuit film screening, remarking that it was likely the best-attended event in the series to date, with extra chairs needed and standing-room-only conditions. Mayor Hallman reminded the community that the Car Show will resume on the second Saturday of the month at the park, encouraging residents to attend regardless of their level of interest in cars, as it's a fun, social event.

In closing, he reflected on the recent meeting he and City Manager Tim Young had with Delta representatives. While acknowledging that there wasn't significant movement on the issue, he believed there was a deeper understanding reached regarding the long-standing sacrifices made by Hapeville, the Tri-Cities area, and Clayton County for the airport's expansion. He expressed hope for greater community involvement from Delta in the future and noted that, while the issue may extend beyond Delta's control, it has brought to light broader concerns related to the hotel/motel tax system. He stated that additional meetings and legislative actions are forthcoming.

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).*

**MOTION:** Councilman Alexander made a motion to go into executive session at 6:27 PM; Councilman Adams provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Reichert made a motion to convene back into regular session at 6:27 PM; Councilman Alexander second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**AMEND AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Reichert made a motion to amend the agenda to reopen the “**Public Comments**” section; Councilman Adams provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS *cont.*:**

1. Bernard Oresti

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive session at 6:32 PM; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Alexander made a motion to go into recess; Councilman Adams provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

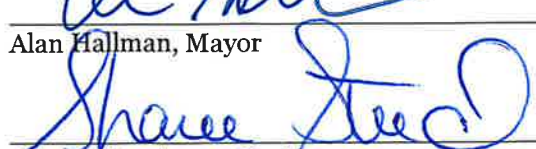
**MOTION:** Councilman Alexander made a motion to convene back into regular session at 7:00 PM; Councilman Adams second. **Motion carried 3-0.**

16. **ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Reichert motioned to adjourn at 7:01 PM; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Alan Hallman, Mayor

  
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Sharee Steed, City Clerk