



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

May 20, 2025 6:00 PM

### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:06 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, thereby constituting a quorum.
  - ☒ Alan Hallman
  - ☒ Mike Rast
  - ☒ Brett Reichert
  - ☒ Mark Adams
  - ☒ Chloe Alexander

3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **AMEND AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda to add “**Proclamation Honoring National EMS Week**” presentation under section 4; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS:**

- 4.I. Proclamation Honoring National Police Week- May 11 – 17, 2025.

Mayor Hallman read a proclamation honoring National Police Week, observed from May 11–17, 2025. He expressed appreciation to Police Chief Bruce Hedley and the entire Hapeville Police Department for their dedication and service to the community.

4. II Proclamation Honoring National EMS Week- May 18-24, 2025.

Mayor Hallman read a proclamation honoring **National EMS Week**, observed from **May 18–24, 2025**, and expressed sincere appreciation to Fire **Chief Nick Condrey** and the **EMS team** for their dedication, professionalism, and vital service to the Hapeville community.

\* Councilman Adams recognized May 6–12 as National Nurses Week and expressed gratitude to the dedicated nurses in Hapeville and beyond. He noted that hospitals rely heavily on the care nurses provide, emphasizing that patients are often hospitalized for nursing care rather than physician care.

He also acknowledged that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, urging the community to recognize and support individuals who may be suffering in silence. He stressed the importance of helping to destigmatize mental health, noting that it has become an epidemic across the United States. He encouraged offering support and compassion to those affected.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 5.I. Consideration and Action on a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Funeral Home at 744 South Central Avenue.

**Background:**

Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a funeral home at 744 South Central Avenue, Hapeville, Georgia 30354, Parcel Identification Number 14-0098-0006-002-4. The property is zoned V, Village, and is subject to the zoning regulations outlined in Section 93-11.1-4 (Conditional uses) of the City of Hapeville Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant: Tony Kumming, Rollings Funeral Service, LLC d/b/a Airport Mortuary Shipping Service

The Planning Commission reviewed this item at their meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, and issued a recommendation for approval. Staff supports their recommendation.

**Staff Comments:** City Planner Dr. Lynn Patterson addressed Mayor and Council, explaining that the request in question is strictly a change in ownership for a property historically used as a funeral home for approximately 40 years. In accordance with city procedures, applicants are required to come before Council when a change in ownership involves continued use, to address any potential concerns.

Dr. Patterson reviewed the evaluation criteria, noting there is no anticipated negative impact on surrounding properties or land use. Although the property is slightly short on parking for its size, the nature of the operations—primarily shipping with limited public gatherings—and the availability of public parking in the area alleviate concern.

She confirmed the use is consistent with the property's designation as medium-intensity mixed-use and compatible with adjacent village district properties. No nuisance or hazardous characteristics are expected, and there are no anticipated issues related to traffic, access, lighting, or screening. The Planning Commission has reviewed the application, and staff recommends approval.

**Applicant Comments:** Mr. James Mulkin spoke on behalf of Rollins Funeral Service, the applicant, and responded to the question posed during the discussion.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comment(s) during this hearing.

**MOTION:** Alderman Rast made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Funeral Home at 744 South Central Avenue.; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

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 May 6, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.  
7.II. Consideration and Action to Approve May 6, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Reichert 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 Reduce the Speed Limit on the North Central Ave Corridor.

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams motioned to approve a Reduce Speed Limit on the North Central Ave Corridor; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

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

- **Public Safety Recognition**
  - Attended the Rotary Club's Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year ceremony.
  - Hapeville honorees:
  - *Police Officer of the Year*: Sgt. Shadha Canzater
  - *Firefighter of the Year*: Capt. Jennifer Brown
  - Both will be recognized at the June 3rd City Council meeting.
- **Memorial Day Service**
  - Scheduled for Monday, May 27th at 10:00 AM at Hoyt Smith Center.
  - **Splash Pad Opening**
    - Opens for the season on Sunday, May 26th.
- **Art District Sign Installation**
  - Scheduled for May 27th at 748 Virginia Avenue.
  - Expect lane closures during installation.
- **Captains of Concrete Competition**
  - Scheduled for May 31st at Hapeville Skate Park.
- **Atlanta Postal Credit Union**
  - Received its Certificate of Occupancy today.
  - Grand opening celebration anticipated in the next couple of months.
- **Audit Completion**
  - The audit for the short fiscal period is complete.
  - The audit report will be presented at next month's council meeting.
- **Fire Department Recruitment**
  - Welcoming seven new incoming firefighters.
  - They begin training in approximately two weeks.
  - Plans to introduce them at the next council meeting before training begins.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Bernard Ovesti
2. Charlotte Rentz
3. Mark Dunn and Jennifer Fess
4. Earl Moorman

**12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilman Reichert** thanked staff, as always, for their continued hard work. He gave special recognition to the efforts at the Depot Museum, highlighting the successful launch of the new residency program. He noted that the program was recently featured in *Atlanta Magazine*, which has approximately 400,000 monthly readers. The article brought positive attention to the City of Hapeville and its cultural initiatives. He extended his appreciation to Charlotte and Samantha for their coordination and dedication, commending them on the recognition and impact their work has had.

**Councilman Adams** thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting and expressed his appreciation for the continued engagement and participation of the community.

**Alderman Rast** stated that he is looking forward to the City's annual Memorial Day service on Monday at 10:00 a.m., and to hearing from the featured speaker during the event.

**Councilman Alexander** thanked the residents and business owners for consistently taking the time to attend meetings and share their concerns, noting that many issues would go unnoticed without their input. She expressed appreciation for their engagement and involvement.

**Mayor Hallman** informed the public of the passing of former Hapeville Police officer Dicky Adams, who had recently retired. He expressed gratitude to HR Manager, Stacie Johnston for accompanying him and Alderman Rast to the service, noting that Mr. Adams' family was deeply appreciative of their attendance. He reflected on Mr. Adams' legacy, including that his father once served as a Councilmember, highlighting the family's strong ties to the city.

Mayor Hallman also announced that he would be unable to attend the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony, which he described as one of the most moving events hosted by the City—honoring those who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. He encouraged the public to attend the 10:00 a.m. service at the Recreation Center, noting it would be a meaningful and rewarding experience. He thanked all attendees for their participation and ongoing support of local government.

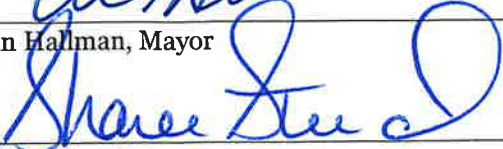
**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session meeting was not conducted at this meeting.

**14. ADJOURN:** With no further business, Mayor Hallman called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Councilman Alexander motioned to adjourn at 6:57 PM; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Alan Hallman, Mayor

  
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Sharee Steed, City Clerk