



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
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ALDERMAN AT LARGE

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Join in person at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354 Or, visit the City's Website for live stream at <https://hapeville.org/562/Agendas-and-Minutes>

July 15, 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 The William Bryant Blues Band.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Proclamation Honoring the William Bryant Blues Band

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Request for ATL Lounge & Restaurant, LLC, located at 856 Virginia Ave, Hapeville, GA 30354.

Background:

ATL Lounge & Restaurant LLC has successfully completed all the required steps in the City's alcohol license application process and is now seeking formal approval from the Mayor and Council. This includes the submission and review of all necessary documentation, completion of departmental inspections and reports, and fulfillment of the public notice and advertising requirements. With all procedural elements finalized, the application is now ready for consideration and action by the governing body.

Staff Comments:

Applicant Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. ATL Hookah Lounge & Restaurant, LLC Application
2. Business Registration
3. State Document_Redacted
4. City Planner's Report
5. Code Enforcement's Report

6. Fire Report
7. AD491670_Redacted
8. Menu- Lunch
9. Menu-Dinner

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 June 17, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 06172025 Drafted Minutes
- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve June 17, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
- 9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Supporting Amicus Brief in Chang v. Milton Certiorari Appeal.

Background:

Counsel for the City of Milton seeks a resolution from the City of Hapeville to show support and to opt into a multi-city Amicus Brief that will be submitted to the Georgia Supreme Court.

This involves litigation where the City of Milton was the subject of a +\$35 million damages award due to the existence of a masonry planter located along the shoulder of a Milton roadway. Prior to the regrettable collision that is the subject of the litigation, the planter had existed in the City's right of way for decades with no issue.

Cities are concerned that, without assistance from the Supreme Court, a rule of law may develop in Georgia where benign fixed objects along the shoulders become sources of tremendous liability exposure. That is why an unprecedented number of Georgia cities (58 cities in the amicus brief, alone) joined in a multi-city amicus asking the Supreme Court to take the case. Through our combined efforts, the Supreme Court has agreed to do that. Preparation of the multi-city brief is underway and will be presented to the city attorney for review prior to filing.

The City of Milton is appreciative of anything the City of Hapeville can do to help in this regard.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Resolution supporting Amicus brief in Chang v. Milton certiorari appeal (002)

10. OLD BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request for "Taking the Town Charity Block Party".

Background:

Staff received an event request for the T3 Charity Block Party, a fundraiser benefiting Covenant House Georgia, scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 2 PM to 8 PM. The organizers are requesting use of the Scout Hut and Cofield Park, which has a capacity of 30 people. They are expecting approximately 150 attendees. This event also coincides with the city's Wings & Strings Festival, which will limit staff availability. Staff is requesting that the Mayor and Council make a decision on whether to approve this event.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Taking the Town Charity Block Party Application
2. T3 Sponsorship Proposal
3. T3 Charity Block Party 2025

4. TTTCBP Flyer 1
5. TTTCBP Flyer 2

11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request for "12th Annual Represent Yourself 5K Walk/Run".

Background:

This will be the 12th Annual Represent Yourself 5K Walk/Run. The James M. & Erma T. Freemont Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Proceeds from the 5K will benefit scholarships and other educational and financial literacy projects that the foundation provides. The Freemont Foundation has awarded over 90 scholarships since 2014 due to the generosity of community support. Our 5K course is a USATF-certified course (AJC Peachtree Road Race Official Qualifying event). We are planning to host the race this year on September 27th, starting at 9:00 a.m. The race starts at Jess Lucas Park and ends at the office of Freemont Dental - 606 S. Central Avenue (*please view the map*). Management will be on site. We have a mobile DJ, DJ BadAtl. We plan for a total of 100–200 people throughout the day. No alcohol will be served or allowed. We will need access to power, bathrooms, and trash cans. Volunteers are expected to arrive at 6:00 AM, and registration will begin at 8:00 AM. The race will be preceded by a Kids Fun Run for children under 12 years of age. The banner will be placed on the S. Central Avenue-facing fence of Jess Lucas Park on September 2nd.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Application
2. 2025 Represent Yourself 5K
3. 2025 Banner 5K

11.III. Consideration and Action to Approve Life Safety and Inspection Vault (L.I.V) Contract.

Background:

This contract is with Life Safety and Inspection Vault (LIV), a third-party reporting system. The reporting system streamlines the process when vendors perform work on life safety systems within the City of Hapeville. There is no cost for this service to the City. When the vendor uploads the report to LIV it will cost them Fifteen dollars per report. The City will have instant access to the report and will be notified of any deficiencies that have occurred at that business. Legal has reviewed and approved contract language. Staff requests Council approval of the agreement.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Signed MSA - Hapeville GA (005) (002)

11.IV. Consideration and Action To Approve a Resolution Calling for the Imposition of a One-Percent Municipal Option Sales Tax within the City of Hapeville to fund Water and Sewer Projects and Costs by Fulton County.

Background:

House Bill 160 expands the availability of the Municipal Option Sales Tax ("MOST") to the City of Hapeville. The purpose of this tax must be for a water capital outlay project, a sewer capital outlay project, a water and sewer capital outlay project, water and sewer projects and costs, or any combination thereof.

Supporting Document(s):

1. MOST Checklist Resolution (002)

11.V. Consideration and Action on the Appointment of the Community Housing Team to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Program

Background:

The City of Hapeville has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply for the 2025 Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Program. As part of the application process, the City is required to select members of the community to serve on the Community Housing Team. These selected individuals should intend to actively participate in GICH retreats and related activities and be committed to addressing Hapeville's housing challenges. Community Housing Teams typically consist of 10 to 20 members and include a broad range of representatives, such as:

- Local government officials (including at least one elected official)
- Business community members, especially from banking, real estate, and development sectors
- Nonprofit housing organizations
- Public housing authorities
- Faith-based organizations
- Development authorities
- Chamber of commerce
- School system representatives
- Major employers
- Law enforcement agencies

Included in your packet are applications from individuals who have expressed interest in serving on the Community Housing Team. These applicants will help represent the diverse perspectives and expertise needed to support a well-rounded, community-driven housing strategy.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Brittany Williams_Redacted
2. Charlotte Rentz_Redacted
3. Jacquie Smyth_Redacted
4. Jerome Newell_Redacted
5. Michal Jensby_Redacted
6. Nsombi Woods_Redacted
7. Sophie Brooks_Redacted
8. Raymond Farr_Redacted
9. Vernisha Walker_Redacted

- 11.VI. Consideration and Action to Amend Ordinance updating Chapter 2. Section 2-5-1, Departments Created, and Chapter 4. Section 4.02, Employment Categories. - Second Reading

Background:

The City has contracted for an outside review and rewrite of the Personnel Policy Manual. There will be several modification suggested over the next few months. In reviewing the current Ordinance, it became clear that City operations have developed more active departments than were written into the ordinance many years ago. Several departments currently operating were not separately defined in the previous iteration. As a result, certain department heads lack formal recognition within the ordinance as the designated leaders of their respective departments.

Staff therefore recommends updating Chapter 2, Section 2-5-1 "Departments Created" and Chapter 4, Section 4.02 "Employment Categories" to more accurately align documented departments with current operational functions. This update will also include renaming the Community Services Director to Public Works Director to reflect the scope and responsibilities of the position.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Ordinance Update - Departments and Heads

- 11.VII. Discussion 2025 Hapeville Digest Estimates.

Background:

Fulton County provided the 2025 Values from the Fulton County Board of Tax Assessors on June 16. Staff is evaluating the values as it relates to 2025 tax billing and the 25/26 budget for revenues. City Manager will give a refresher on how we use the data to create budget estimates and millage recommendations.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Digest - Millege - Revenue Budget Packet

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.