



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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August 5, 2025 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:05 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 August 5th meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Rev. Johnnetta Johnson

AMEND AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to amend the agenda to add “Ring Ceremony – 12U Baseball Championship” and “Recognition of Detective Narrell Workman” under section 6; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

6. PRESENTATIONS:

6.I. Ring Ceremony – 12U Baseball Championship.

Recreation Director Tod Nichols and Athletics Coordinator Octavian Dwight presented championship rings to the 12U Baseball Team. Mr. Nichols congratulated the team, coaches, and parents for their dedication, hard work, and remarkable achievement. Each player was individually awarded a championship ring in recognition of their successful season and team effort.

6.II. Recognition of Detective Narrell Workman.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley honored Detective Narrell Workman for her exceptional work on a February 2025 homicide case. Despite being newly promoted, Detective Workman led the investigation, securing witness statements, video footage, and ultimately a full confession from the suspect. Her dedication resulted in the arrest and charging of the individual for felony murder and aggravated assault. Chief Hedley commended her persistence, professionalism, and commitment to keeping Hapeville safe.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public hearing items on agenda 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 the July 15, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve July 15, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
- 9.III. Consideration and Action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hapeville Elementary School and the Hoyt Smith Center as an alternate site to evacuate students and staff due to an emergency.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

10. OLD BUSINESS: There were no old business items at this meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County to Conduct the Municipal General Election for November 4, 2025, and Authorize Payment of Invoice.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County to Conduct the Municipal General Election for November 4, 2025, and Authorize Payment of Invoice; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0**

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Enter into an Agreement with Trees Atlanta to Facilitate the Hapeville Front Yard Tree Program.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Trees Atlanta to Facilitate the Hapeville Front Yard Tree Program; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0**

- 11.III. Consideration and Action to Surplus Fire & EMS Services Vehicles.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to surplus Fire & EMS Services Vehicles.; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0**

- 11.IV. Consideration and Action to Approve the Purchase of an Extractor and Dryer for use by the City's Fire and EMS Department.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert made a motion to approve the Purchase of an Extractor and Dryer for use by the City's Fire and EMS Department; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0**

- 11.V. Consideration and Action to Approve a change order for Vertical Earth Paving in the amount of \$273,087.49 for the Paving of Rainey Avenue, Myrtle Street, and Gordon Circle.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve a change order for Vertical Earth Paving in the amount of \$273,087.49 for the Paving of Rainey Avenue, Myrtle Street, and Gordon Circle; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0**

- 11.VI. Discussion of the Departmental Budgets.

DICUSSION: City Manager Tim Young provided a detailed overview of the departmental budget process and current financial outlook for FY 2024-2025. He explained that projected revenues are estimated at approximately \$19.5 million, which includes both standard income from property taxes and local option sales taxes, as well as planned loan financing for certain capital equipment purchases. The budgeting process began in June with department heads submitting initial budget requests. Once the preliminary digest was received later that month, departments were asked to revise their budgets to align with the flat—or slightly declining—revenues shown in the digest data. After reviewing the numbers again in July, the City

Manager noted that most department budgets will remain essentially flat compared to the previous year.

Due to the limited revenue growth and decreased personal property tax receipts (which included a one-time \$1.7 million payment from Delta last year), the City Manager is recommending a salary freeze across all departments for FY 2024–2025. While not ideal, he emphasized this is necessary to avoid cutting into essential city services. The city is also exploring cost-saving measures such as financing equipment purchases and re-evaluating needs within departments like public safety—for example, assessing whether the current number of FLOCK cameras can be reduced without compromising effectiveness.

A key challenge outlined was the loss of hotel/motel tax revenue, particularly from Delta Airlines' long-term training contracts with local hotels, which results in an estimated \$1 million annual loss in city General Fund collections. Although the city is limited in its ability to address this issue locally due to state statutes, efforts are underway to advocate for legislative changes. Additionally, while residential housing numbers slightly increased, the overall average assessed property value declined, resulting in a relatively flat digest. As a result, the City Manager advised against increasing the millage rate, noting it would not provide sufficient revenue to justify potential confusion among residents over perceived tax increases.

He concluded by noting that further review of departmental budgets will take place during upcoming work sessions and reiterated the need to prepare for potentially long-term shifts in city revenue streams.

No action was taken; this was a discussion item only.

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager Tim Young thanked the Police Department and everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out. Despite some rain, the event was a great success. It was heartening to see the community come together in such a meaningful way. Mr. Young further stated that events like this are essential because they help break down barriers and reinforce that our officers are not people to fear—they are people who care deeply about this city and the residents they serve. National Night Out provided an opportunity for positive interaction, building trust and relationships that are essential to a safe and thriving community.
13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 1. Melvin Traynum
14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Reichert emphasized his appreciation for all those recognized during the evening's presentations and extended gratitude to everyone who helped make recent events and upcoming initiatives possible.

Councilman Adams thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed agreement with Councilman Reichert's sentiments.

Alderman Rast extended congratulations to the individuals honored during the evening's presentations.

Councilman Alexander echoed Councilman Reichert's remarks and specifically thanked Public Safety for their continued service to the community.

Mayor Hallman echoed all prior sentiments, commending the city's outstanding staff for their dedication and service. He highlighted the importance of prioritizing staff support in budget considerations and extended appreciation to the volunteers who coach youth sports. He emphasized the positive impact of youth sports in building self-esteem and self-worth in children. Mayor Hallman concluded by thanking all attendees for participating in the City's local government process.
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 Reichert made a motion to go into recess; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive session at 7:19 PM; Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to convene back into regular session at 7:40 PM, Councilman Adams second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

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

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 7:41 PM; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor

Sharee Steed, City Clerk