



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

CHASE STELL
COUNCILMAN WARD II

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>

January 6, 2026 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Alan Hallman
Mike Rast
Brett Reichert
Mark Adams
Chase Stell

3. WELCOME:

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

5. INVOCATION:

6. PRESENTATIONS:

6.I. Oath of Office – Administered by Honorable Fulton County Superior Court Judge Eric Dunaway.

Background:

- i. Swearing-In for Councilman at Large, Brett Reichert
- ii. Swearing-In for Councilman Ward I, Dr. Mark Adams
- iii. Swearing-In for Councilman Ward II, Chase Stell

Supporting Document(s):

1. Oath of Office Reichert 2026
2. Oath of Office Adams 2026
3. Oath of Office Stell 2026

6.II. Hapeville Police Department 2025 Recognition Awards.

Background:

The Hapeville Police Department will recognize several outstanding employees for their exemplary service, dedication, and bravery during the past year. These annual awards reflect the department's continued commitment to honor those who go above and beyond the call of duty in serving the community. Chief Bruce Hedley will announce recipients of the following awards:

- **Supervisor of the Year**
- **Civilian of the Year**
- **Meritorious Service Award**
- **Police Star Award**
- **Chief's Meritorious Award**

- **Officer of the Year.**

These recognitions highlight the professionalism and valor of Hapeville’s public safety personnel, reinforcing the City’s deep appreciation for their continued efforts

6.III. Recognition of the 2025 Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year by the Exchange Club.

Background:

The Exchange Club of Hapeville seeks to honor exemplary public safety personnel for their outstanding commitment and service to the community. Each year, one member of the Police Department and one of the Fire Department are selected for their dedication, professionalism, and impact. The recipients of the 2025 awards are:

- i. **2025 Police Officer of the Year Award:** Officer Michael Abercrombie
- ii. **2025 Firefighter of the Year Award:** Division Chief/Fire Marshal Jenny Brown

These awards reflect the city's continued appreciation for the selfless work of its first responders.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

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 November 18, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

- 1. Drafted Minutes 11182025

9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve November 18, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve December 9, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Event Request for the “Bayou Bash”.

Background:

The 2026 10th Annual Bayou Bash Scholarship Fundraiser is hosted by the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of Southern University. The events serve as the catalyst through which the chapter generates scholarship funds to provide financial support to prospective and current Southern University A&M College students who reside in the Atlanta area. The success of the annual events is attributed to the financial contributions and continued support of the Metro Atlanta Chapter alumni members, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the Atlanta communities.

Supporting Document(s):

- 1. Online Form Submittal_ Hapeville Event Request Form-Redacted
- 2. BB-2026-Flyer

11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance.

Background:

Attached for Council’s consideration is the proposed 2026 Organizational Appointment Ordinance. This ordinance outlines the official appointments for various key positions within the City of Hapeville for the 2026 calendar year. The appointments include the following:

- **City Attorney:** Andrew J. Welch, III, Lajuana C. Ransaw, and the attorneys at Smith, Welch, Webb & White, LLC
- **City Clerk:** Sharee Steed
- **City Solicitor:** Kim Cornwell
- **Public Defender:** Clarence Dameon Mitchell
- **City's Legal Organ:** South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper
- **Official Publication:** South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper

The ordinance ensures continuity in legal, administrative, and publication functions for the City's governance in the upcoming year. Council is requested to approve these appointments as presented.

Supporting Document(s):

1. Ordinance - Annual Appointment of Officers 2026

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.