



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 WORK SESSION

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April 21, 2026 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. Councilman Adams, arrived shortly after the meeting began at 6:08 PM.
 - Alan Hallman
 - Mike Rast
 - Brett Reichert
 - Mark Adams
 - Chase Stell

3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the April 21st meeting.

AMEND AGENDA:

MOTION: Alderman Rast made motion to amend the agenda by switching Presentation Items 4.1 and 4.2; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.**

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- 4.I. **Announcement of Promotion:** Deputy Police Chief, Justin McGinnis - Presented by Chief Bruce Hedley.

Police Chief, Bruce Hedley announced the promotion of Justin McGinnis to Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Hedley stated that Deputy Chief McGinnis has served with the Hapeville Police Department since 2004 and has advanced through the ranks from police officer to deputy chief. He highlighted Deputy Chief McGinnis' extensive experience in patrol, investigations, hiring and backgrounds, internal affairs, professional standards, accreditation, and certification. Chief Hedley noted that Deputy Chief McGinnis recently completed the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Training Program and will oversee daily operations of the department.

Deputy Chief McGinnis thanked Chief Hedley for his leadership and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to continue serving the City.

- 4.II. **Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Certification Presentation-** Presented by Guest Speaker Chief Bruce Carlisle, Toccoa Police Department.

Chief Bruce Carlisle presented the Hapeville Police Department with certification recognition through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Carlisle explained the significance of certification and noted that only approximately 15 percent of Georgia law enforcement agencies currently hold certification status. He commended Chief Hedley, Deputy Chief McGinnis, and the department staff for completing the certification process in 19 months. The department received a plaque recognizing the achievement, and Deputy Chief McGinnis was recognized for his role as certification manager.

4.III. Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April as Safe Digging Month.

Mayor Hallman presented a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Safe Digging Month in the City of Hapeville. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation accepted the proclamation. Mayor Hallman noted that the initiative has special significance to Hapeville due to the 1968 daycare explosion caused by a natural gas leak resulting from damage to underground infrastructure. The proclamation encouraged residents and contractors to contact 811 before beginning excavation activities.

4.IV. Mauldin & Jenkins, September 30, 2025, Audit Results.

Representative Josh Carrol from Mauldin & Jenkins presented the City's September 30, 2025 audit results. The auditors reported that the City received an unmodified, or clean, audit opinion with no findings or management comments. The auditors noted that the City's finance department maintains strong accounting practices and that no audit adjustments were required. Discussion was also held regarding general fund balance trends and the impacts of the City's fiscal year change.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public hearings item(s) during this meeting.

6. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no questions on agenda item(s) at this meeting.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve April 7, 2026, Mayor and Council Meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert made a motion to approve the consent agenda items; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** There were no old business item(s) at this meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.I. Consideration and Action on Financing Bank and Financing Terms for Financing Vehicles / Equipment for the Fire, Police, and Code Enforcement Departments.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve Regions Equipment Finance Corporation as the financing Bank and Financing Terms for Financing Vehicles / Equipment for the Fire, Police, and Code Enforcement Departments; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

9.II. Consideration and Action to approve an agreement between Fulton County and the City of Hapeville in the amount of \$120,000 for CDBG grant funds.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert motioned to approve an agreement between Fulton County and the City of Hapeville in the amount of \$120,000 for CDBG grant funds; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young congratulated the Police Department on achieving certification and commended staff for their work in securing a clean audit. He also recognized the Recreation and Public Works Departments for the successful Opening Day event held on April 18. Additionally, City Manager Young announced upcoming Georgia Cities Week activities, scheduled for April 20-24, including Coffee with the Chiefs, Earth Day planter giveaways, Touch-a-Truck events at local schools, and the Employee Appreciation Luncheon and kickball game.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comment(s) during this meeting.

12. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Stell thanked Recreation staff for a successful Opening Day event and noted his participation in throwing the ceremonial first pitch. He also commended Public Works Director, Lee Sudduth and staff for their quick response to a water leak issue and announced continued Community Garden Day events on the last Saturday of each month.

Alderman Rast reminded residents of the upcoming Community Yard Sale scheduled for the weekend on Saturday April 25.

Councilman Adams thanked Recreation staff for Opening Day and recognized the Finance Department and City Manager for another clean audit.

Councilman Reichert echoed previous comments, congratulated the young singer who performed the National Anthem at Opening Day, and praised Public Works staff for their responsiveness to

community concerns. He stated that the level of accessibility and customer service provided by City staff reflects positively on the City of Hapeville.

Mayor Hallman commended City staff for their dedication and responsiveness, congratulated the Police Department on its accreditation achievement, and congratulated Deputy Chief McGinnis on his promotion. He also expressed appreciation for the Recreation Department and all City staff who contributed to the success of community events and City operations.

13. **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 Adams made a motion to go into recess; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to go into executive session at 6:52 PM; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to convene back into regular session at 7:19 PM, Alderman Rast second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM:


- 13.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Exercising the Purchase Option for the M&X Building, Previously Approved by Council, and Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager as Signatories for the Closing Documents.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve Resolution Exercising the Purchase Option for the M&X Building, Previously Approved by Council, and Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager as Signatories for the Closing Documents; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

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

Councilman Reichert motioned to adjourn at 7:20 PM; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk