



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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May 19, 2026 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:12 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, thereby constituting a quorum. Councilman Adams, arrived shortly after the meeting began at 6:14 PM.
 - Alan Hallman
 - Mike Rast
 - Brett Reichert
 - Mark Adams
 - Chase Stell
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the May 19th meeting.
4. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - 4.I. Proclamation Honoring National Police Week — May 10–16, 2026.

Mayor Hallman presented a proclamation recognizing May 10–16, 2026, as National Police Week in the City of Hapeville. The proclamation honored the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers nationwide and recognized the dedication of the Hapeville Police Department. The proclamation further acknowledged the Hapeville Police Department's important role in protecting life, property, and public safety within the community. Police Chief, Bruce Hedley accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department.
 - 4.II. Proclamation Honoring National EMS Week — May 18–24, 2026.

Mayor Hallman presented a proclamation recognizing May 17–23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Hapeville. The proclamation recognized EMS professionals for their commitment to providing lifesaving care. It acknowledged the many individuals who make up the emergency medical services system, including EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, nurses, physicians, dispatchers, and volunteers. The proclamation highlighted the importance of timely emergency care and the ongoing training required of EMS professionals. The national theme for EMS Week, “Improving Outcomes Together,” was also recognized.
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 21, 2026, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
 - 7.II. Consideration and Action to Approve May 5, 2026, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
 - 7.III. Consideration and Action to Approve May 5, 2026, Executive Session Minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Reichert motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Adams 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 to Approve a Change Order in an Amount not to Exceed \$240,000 for the T SPLOST Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Project.

Public Works Director, Lee Sudduth clarified that additional sidewalk panels and ADA ramps requiring replacement had been identified during construction. Mr. Sudduth reported that more than 2,000 linear feet of sidewalk work had already been completed and stated that the project has received positive feedback from residents. The governing body discussed the visibility and importance of continued ADA accessibility improvements throughout the City.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve Change Order in an Amount not to Exceed \$240,000 for the T SPLOST Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Project; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Initial Project List to Fulton County for a Potential T SPLOST III Renewal in November of this year.

Public Works Director, Lee Sudduth noted that the project list was intentionally broad to provide flexibility for future transportation-related improvements, including paving trails, sidewalks, safety projects, and operational improvements. Council discussed the ongoing need for interstate sound barriers along I-85 and the continued difficulties the City has experienced in obtaining support from the Georgia Department of Transportation and federal agencies.

Council noted that residents living near the interstate continue to experience excessive traffic noise and expressed frustration that similar sound wall projects have been completed in surrounding communities while Hapeville has not received assistance. Mr. Sudduth explained that previous attempts to pursue federal funding and GDOT cooperation have been unsuccessful despite prior discussions with congressional representatives and state officials.

Additional Mayor and Council discussion was held regarding railroad crossing safety, pedestrian access across the railroad corridor, and challenges associated with Norfolk Southern Railroad. Discussed the difficulty of obtaining railroad cooperation for pedestrian improvements and silent crossings, as well as the liability concerns associated with pedestrian access near rail lines. Staff noted that Hapeville's existing silent crossings required years of coordination and significant funding to complete.

MOTION: Alderman Rast motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Initial Project List to Fulton County for a Potential T SPLOST III Renewal in November of this year; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

9.III. Discussion of Potentially Obtaining a Boundary Survey of the Hapeville Elementary School Stadium Complex.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reichert initiated a discussion regarding the potential need for a boundary survey of the Hapeville Elementary School stadium complex. The discussion focused on ownership and property boundaries of the former Hapeville High School stadium, track, and surrounding facilities, which are currently associated with Fulton County Schools.

Councilman Reichert noted that residents have expressed ongoing concerns about the deteriorating condition of the stadium seating and related facilities. He stated that because the site now serves as an elementary school campus, Fulton County Schools no longer maintains the stadium as an athletic facility. Councilman Reichert emphasized the property's historical significance. He suggested exploring whether the City could eventually acquire ownership or management rights to preserve, improve, and repurpose the facility as a community asset.

City Attorney Lajuana Ransaw advised that existing GIS mapping may not accurately reflect the legal property boundaries and explained that a comprehensive boundary survey would

require extensive title research and review of historical property records. Staff presented preliminary survey estimates ranging from approximately \$16,600 to \$29,500.

City Manager, Tim Young, indicated that the cost of the survey itself was not the primary issue. He explained that before pursuing a survey or potential acquisition, the City should first determine the estimated cost of rehabilitating and maintaining the property. City Manager Young noted that ownership of the property would also create responsibility for future repairs, operations, and capital improvements. He emphasized the importance of conducting due diligence and evaluating those costs alongside other City priorities, particularly as Council considers future budget needs and millage rate discussions. He recommended that staff develop preliminary cost estimates for potential improvements to the stadium and track facilities so that Council could better evaluate the long-term financial implications of ownership.

The governing body discussed the financial implications of commissioning the survey and whether it would be prudent to proceed before further discussions with Fulton County Schools. Several members expressed concern about incurring the expense without first determining the school system's interest in addressing ownership and maintenance issues. City Manager, Tim Young, reported that initial communication with Fulton County Schools had taken place and that school officials indicated they may already be reviewing certain property boundary matters. Following discussion, Council reached a consensus that additional conversations with Fulton County Schools should occur before pursuing survey services.

Council discussed the property's long-term value to the community, including its historical significance, recreational potential, and possible future public uses. Council noted that City ownership or management could support improvements such as track rehabilitation, stadium restoration, expanded recreation programs, and enhanced community gathering space.

This was a discussion item only- ***No action was taken***

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young, reminded the public of the upcoming Memorial Day Service scheduled for Memorial Day at Point Smith Center. He also announced that the City splash pad would open on Memorial Day, with regular operations occurring Tuesday through Saturday throughout the summer season.

City Manager Young further reported that installation of the new mini-pitch soccer field course at the tennis court facility would begin the following day. He also noted that staff would soon begin preparations and discussions related to the upcoming FIFA World Cup activities and budget planning season.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Hunter Tracy
2. Melvin Traynum

12. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Stell reported that he attended Career Day at Hapeville Elementary School, where he spoke with students about local government and asked students to share ideas for improvements they would like to see in Hapeville. He shared several student suggestions, including a leash-free dog park, additional traffic control devices, more restaurants, reduced litter, and lower taxes. Councilman Stell also mentioned receiving inquiries regarding the possibility of additional soccer field space at the City sports complex. Recreation Director, Todd Nichols, responded that staff is evaluating improvements to an existing field behind the senior center for future soccer use.

Alderman Rast thanked the Police Department for its continued monitoring of Jess Lucas Park and expressed appreciation for staff's responsiveness to public safety concerns within City parks.

Councilman Adams thanked residents for attending the meeting and commended City staff for organizing a successful recent community event at Jess Lucas Park. He noted the event was well attended and complimented staff on their efforts.

Councilman Reichert echoed appreciation for the recent community event and discussed the importance of remaining attentive to residents who may need assistance during the upcoming summer heat season, particularly individuals experiencing issues with cooling or water access.

Mayor Hallman echoed the Council's appreciation for City staff and recognized the success of the recent community event. He also thanked Mr. Traynum for raising concerns regarding park operations and stated that staff would continue reviewing potential improvements to park management procedures. Mayor Hallman further commented on the value of respectful discussion among Councilmembers and staff during City meetings and expressed appreciation for the professionalism demonstrated by City leadership and employees. Mayor Hallman also announced that he would be presenting a proclamation recognizing longtime Hapeville resident Gloria Holder for her 100th birthday celebration. He thanked City Clerk, Steed-Gamble for coordinating with the family regarding the presentation.

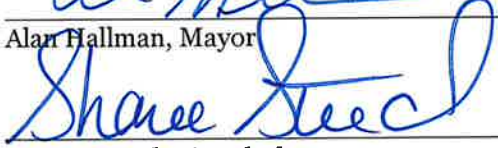
13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session meeting was not conducted at this meeting.
14. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, Mayor Hallman called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 7:10 PM; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk