



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

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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>.

August 4, 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:

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Request for Bertha@2 D/b/a *Hammers ATL, LLC*, at 898 Virginia Ave. Hapeville, GA 30354.

Background:

Bertha@2, also known as *Hammers ATL, LLC*, is under new ownership and has successfully completed all requirements of the City's alcohol licensing process. All required departmental reviews and inspections have been completed with no outstanding concerns, and the required public notice has been published in accordance with City regulations. The application is now before the Mayor and Council for final consideration and approval of the requested alcohol license.

Staff Comments:

Applicant Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. ALC Application _ Redacted
2. menu 1
3. menu 2
4. Code Enforcement Report
5. Fire Marshall Report
6. AD568573_jnl

7.II. Consideration of a Text Amendment to the Code of Ordinances for the Tree Preservation Ordinance - First Reading

Background:

Consideration of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, including Article 29 (Tree Conservation), Division 3 (Tree Replacement and Protection), Section 93-29-7 (Preservation, Replacement, and Removal of Landmark Trees), and Division 4 (Implementation, Enforcement, and Penalties), Section 93-29-13 (Tree Preservation Trust Fund), for the purpose of updating the Tree Conservation Ordinance, including revisions to enforcement provisions and penalties associated with unauthorized tree removal.

The Planning Commission considered this item on May 12, 2026, and recommended approval. Staff supports this recommendation.

Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. Amended Ordinance for Chapter 93 Zoning TEXT AMENDMENT FOR TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE
2. Planners Report Landmark Tree Fine Cap
3. Legal Ad Affidavit - Tree Preservation Ordinance_Text Amendment
4. Minutes - 05-12-2026_draft

7.III. Consideration of a Text Amendment to the Code of Ordinances for Regulations Related to Vape Shops - First Reading

Background:

Consideration of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Article 1 (Title, Definitions, and Application of Regulations), Section 93-1-2 (Definitions), and Article 3.2 (Conditional Uses), Section 93-3.2-6 (Special Use Permit Criteria and Standards), for the purpose of establishing regulations for vape shops.

The Planning Commission considered this item on June 25, 2026, and recommended approval with changes. Staff supports this recommendation.

Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

Supporting Document(s):

1. Amended Ordinance for Chapter 93 Zoning; Special Use Facility and Permits 6.3.26 LCR
2. Planners Report Vape Shop June 2026 Revised with PC comments
3. Legal Ad Affidavit - Vape Shops Ordinance_Text Amendment
4. Minutes - 06-25-2026_draft

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 June 16, 2026, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 06162026 Drafted Minutes

10. OLD BUSINESS:

10.I. Discussion of Proposed 2026 Employee Handbook.

Background:

In 2024, the City of Hapeville initiated a comprehensive rewrite of the 2018 Employee Handbook. After multiple rewrites, internal and external reviews, Human Resources, in partnering with City Staff, has worked to rewrite and update the handbook to better reflect current policies, procedures, and organizational needs.

Human Resources and City staff respectfully request that the Mayor and Council review the proposed changes, provide feedback and recommendations, and allow for any final revisions prior to consideration and approval of the fully revised Employee Handbook.

Upon approval, each employee will receive a copy of the updated handbook and will be trained on the policies and procedures contained within it.

Supporting Document(s):

1. FINAL REDLINE of HAPEVILLE PERSONNEL POLICY 7.9.26 LCR v8 7-31-2026
2. Summary of Handbook Changes
3. Summary of Handbook Changes v2
4. Employee Handbook 2018 rev

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Telecom and Right-of-Way Program Agreement with Google Fiber.

Background:

Google Corporation is reaching out to Georgia municipalities to lay fiber and offer broadband services to residents and businesses. For some time, Georgia Municipal Association's Local Government Services and Google have been working on a model Right of Way and Franchise fee agreement for municipalities.

Attached is the GMA/Google model agreement that we are bringing before council for approval. Franchise fees will be two (2) percent of gross revenues, paid after each quarter.

Google will follow the City's permitting process and start providing retail services if the City adopts the agreement.

Supporting Document(s):

1. City of Hapeville, Georgia - Google Fiber - ROW Agreement
- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Enter into an Agreement with Trees Atlanta to Facilitate the Hapeville Front Yard Tree Program.

Background:

The City of Hapeville maintains a Tree Bank to support the protection, planting, maintenance, and regeneration of trees and other forest resources within the City, as well as to fund related educational initiatives. The Tree Bank is funded by contributions from developers, builders, contractors, homeowners, and others as recompense for the permitted or unlawful removal of trees within the City.

The Hapeville Front Yard Tree Planting Program has proven to be a tremendous success. During the 2025 program, residents participated in the initiative, resulting in the planting of 38 new trees throughout the community and significantly expanding Hapeville's urban tree canopy. Building on that success, 2026–2027 will mark the City's second year participating in the program in partnership with Trees Atlanta.

If approved, the initiative will provide for the planting of up to 40 trees in private front yards throughout the City between October 1, 2026, and March 31, 2027. The agreement authorizes the use of up to \$15,000 from the Tree Bank to support the program. Trees Atlanta will launch an online application portal, allowing eligible property owners to apply to receive up to two (2) front yard trees per household.

Supporting Document(s):

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.