

Mayor and Council Session

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Alan Hallman
Mike Rast
Travis Horsley
Mark Adams
Chloe Alexander
3. Welcome
4. Presentation
4.I. Introduction of Commissioner Elect Khadijah Abdur-Rahman
5. Public Hearing -In addition to the public comments made by citizens at the meeting, interested parties may submit written comments to the City Clerk via email or telephonically by 5PM on June 15th. In order for comments to be read into the record at the meeting, all correspondence must include the sendee's name, address, agenda item and position regarding public hearing (pro or con). All sendees must confirm receipt of their public comment with the City Clerk prior to the deadline stated above. Written public comments will be read into record alternating with in-person comments.
5.I. Consideration and Action on the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance - 2nd Reading
Background:
On May 18, 2020, the City made available the initial draft Fiscal 2021 Hapeville Proposed Budget. The City advertised the public hearing in the South Fulton Neighbor newspaper. A copy of the draft line item detail budget is posted to the City website along with a copy of the detailed line items supporting the budget proposal. The 2021 COVID 19 global outbreak has significantly impacted Hapeville, and every other municipalities to varying degrees. Since March of this year, Georgia has been under a Public Health Emergency by Governor's orders. By executive orders, many businesses were stopped and are now under phased reopening. Revenue streams of the budget, particularly Local Option Sales Tax and Hotel Motel Tax, have been profoundly affected.

This FY2021 budget calls for approximately \$15.2M in General Fund expenditures. In comparison, the FY2020 budget has \$14.4M of expenditures. The increase of year over year expenditures is driven by the expected delivery of the previously fire truck, approved in FY 2020 with anticipated delivery of August 2021. Operational cash inflows are initially budgeted at \$12.9M, with the additional \$2.3M covered by City reserves. This budget is meant to be conservative in prior years. Given the changing factors in this economy, City staff expects to re-budget at least twice this year, once after the City has received its approved tax digest from Fulton County and again near January 2021 after realized collections. Some opportunities may lessen the impact of General Fund cash expenditures, and City Manager and staff will continue to work toward improving the City's net financial condition.

In fiscal 2020, the City was successful in focusing on strengthening the position of Public Safety in both staffing and equipment investments. Police officer and firefighter retention are up. The City also completed the restoration of the Academy Theatre. Railway and beautification projects were substantially completed. Currently, as of this budget hearing, City staff is not planning other considerable investments in equipment. The City is planning to effect repairs to roofs at the Police Department and City Hall. With TSPLOST, the City expects to Railroad Silent Crossings to get underway with completion in the calendar year 2021.

The budget is our initial best estimate and our projection for the next 12 months. As assumptions and actual circumstances significantly change, Mayor, Council, and staff will revisit our plans to best steward the resources of the City.

Staff Comments:

Applicant Comments:

Public Comments:

Documents:

1. City of Hapeville_Ordinance - Budget FY 2021
2. FY2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY - EXHIBIT A
3. FY2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHEET DETAIL - EXHIBIT B

6. 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.

7. Consent Agenda

7.I. Consideration and Action to Sign Letter of Intent for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Program

Background:

Upon completion of the Housing Profile document created with the help of the Atlanta Regional Commission, ARC recommended participation in the GICH Program. GICH is a program that helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally based housing and revitalization strategies. This is achieved through technical assistance, collaboration, expert presenters, training, facilitation, consensus building, networking and mentoring. This is a 3 year program of technical assistance and cross-community sharing. Staff are recruiting and will recommend to Council a group of about 18 people (Bankers, Developers, Nonprofit Representatives, etc.) who will be a part of the Housing Team. Some team members will attend retreats, which will happen twice a year for the three year program. The whole team will identify issues and needs, available resources, and potential obstacles while developing new ideas about enhancing community development and learning about best practices and available resources and funding for housing and community development. Previous participants have been able to target distressed neighborhood for revitalization, remove abandoned or dilapidated homes, obtain first CHIP grants, develop a rehabilitation program, etc. Upon acceptance, the City must commit \$3,000-5,000 per year to support travel cost of retreat participants.

Documents:

1. Hapeville Letter of Intent – GICH
- 7.II. Consideration and Action to Enter Agreement with the National Main Street Center, Inc. for Hapeville Main Street Program
Background:
The National Main Street Center, Inc. (NMSC) operates a coordinating membership program, which is available statewide, regional or citywide. Agreement shows City in good standing and allows Coordinating Program (Hapeville) rights to use NMSC's name and trademarks, including Main Street America and Main Street.

Documents:

1. GA_2020 Accredited Member Sublicense Form_FINAL_encrypted_
- 7.III. Consideration And Action On Agreement With Georgia Department Of Transportation (GDOT) For **Project Identification ("PI") No. 0017134**, The Atlanta Regional Connected Vehicle Program - Fy 2020
Background:
The Regional Connected Vehicle program led by the Georgia Department of Transportation in partnership with the Atlanta Regional Commission, is a program to improve certain transportation facilities by developing a regional data exchange platform involving the deployment of current and pioneering traffic sensor/detection technology in targeted areas throughout Metropolitan Atlanta. Applications that are possible with connected vehicle technology are Emergency vehicle preemption, Transit signal priority and Freight signal priority just to name a few.

Phase one of the program will include 1,000 contiguous signalized intersections in the metro Atlanta region which includes the City of Hapeville. The project will be multi-phased with the intention of further deployments in future fiscal years as participation and funding allows. We are asking for support from the City of Hapeville to cover 16% (\$11,200) of the 20% match for the 7 signalized intersections identified in the city's boundaries. The AACID will add the additional 4%. There are a total of 56 total signalized intersections identified in the Aerotropolis CIDs boundaries and AACIDs has committed to contributing 20%. This would be a FY 2021 item and can be funded through TSPLOST dollars.

Please see attached map and funding breakdown.

Documents:

1. Updated Intersections Estimated Cost Breakdown
2. Intersections in Hapeville
3. Agreement
4. Regional Connected Vehicle Program 12192020
- 7.IV. Consideration and Action on Pedestrian Bridge Stair Mural
Background:

At the request of City staff, Dashboard Inc. has provided an option to paint the stairs of the downtown pedestrian bridge with a "lenticular design" mural that spells out "Hapeville" when viewed from different angles. This mural would be in addition to the previously approved public art project for the bridge. The Main Street Board has committed funding of up to \$9,000 for this project utilizing an arts grant from Fulton County and Main Street funds. If approved, the mural would be completed by June 30th to meet the deadline for the grant from Fulton County.

Documents:

1. Copy of Hapeville Bridge

8. Old Business

8.I. Consideration on Amended Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Ordinance - 1st Reading

Background:

The initial ordinance was approved at the April 7 Council meeting; however, Georgia Municipal Association came across an issue with the way the original disability benefit was going to be paid out to joint survivors. When the retiree names a joint survivor, the plan says the joint survivor would receive the full 66 2/3 of the earnings without the reduction for social security benefits since the joint survivor would not receive the disability benefits. The joint survivor gets an enhanced benefit and also gets paid more than the retiree did.

GMEBS' system is unable to handle this situation and they would have to handle these types of applications manually. Generally, their administrative fees include higher charges for manual items. GMA is asking the city to consider amending its plan to take out the addendum included in our plan that allows this enhanced benefit for joint survivors of disabled retirees. Without this addendum, the joint survivor benefit would be calculated as the actual accrued benefit actuarially reduced depending on the difference in age. This is the same exact way the benefit would be calculated for any joint survivor of someone retiring under normal circumstances.

Attached for consideration and action is the amended ordinance. Staff respectfully request that Council waives first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Documents:

1. Hapeville Addendum 5 29 2020_
2. Hapeville AA 5 29 2020
3. Hapeville Cover Letter 5 29 20_

9. New Business

9.I. Discussion on 748 Virginia Avenue Façade Design

Background:

As part of the planning process for the renovation of the gas station at 748 Virginia Avenue, it was discovered that the building was originally constructed in the 1950s in an Art Deco design and updated in the 1970s to the current design. Project architects are requesting direction as to whether to return the building to its original Art Deco form during the renovation. At their June meeting, there was a consensus of Development Authority Board members to return the item to its original appearance.

Documents:

1. 2020_05_20 SD Facade Design_Options

10. City Manager Report

11. 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.

12. Mayor and Council Comments

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).

14. 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.