

Mayor and Council Session

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April 7, 2020

6:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:01pm via Zoom Video Conferencing.
2. Roll Call:
 - Mayor Alan Hallman
 - Alderman Mike Rast
 - Councilman at Large Travis Horsley
 - Councilman Ward I Mark Adams
 - Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander
3. Welcome
4. Invocation was given by Mayor Hallman
5. Mayor Hallman stated that the City Clerk had not received questions/comments prior to the meeting.
MOTION: Councilman Horsley made the motion to waive questions on the agenda and public comments, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 6.I Approval of Minutes –March 3 and 23, 2020
 - 6.II Consideration and Action to Approve Arbor Day Resolution
 - 6.III Consideration and Action on Easement Agreement with Raj Patel for Façade Improvements and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Necessary Documents
 - 6.IV Consideration and Action on Agreement with Yehimi Cambron to Complete Mural on 845 N. Central Avenue, East Exterior and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents
 - 6.V Consideration and Action to Enter into an Agreement with South Arts in the Amount of \$5,500 for the 2020-2021 Film Series and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute all Necessary Documents
 - 6.VI Consideration and Action to Enter into an Agreement with Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning for the Bright from the Start Summer Foods Program
 - 6.VII Consideration and Action on Bail Bondsman Renewal Applications

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Horsley seconded. Discussion: Councilman Horsley asked can the amount be prorated since there is no travel and a decrease in other items as well. Mayor Hallman asked Mr. Young to reach out to South Arts to see if the amount could be prorated. Alderman Rast asked will the call be made on summer camp. Mr. Young said we will go through the end of month and see where we are. Councilman Adams asked what is the time frame for item 6.III. Motion carried 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS – none

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I Discussion on Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order

Mayor Hallman said he had seen pretty much everyone playing by the rules; however, there is some congregating for soccer games; may want to give a gentle nudge to those folks. He had received questions from some establishments about serving alcohol – portable alcohol. City Attorney, Mrs. Ransaw confirmed that it has to be a closed drink and that some areas are serving mixed drink kits, but the contents are all sealed.

8.II Consideration and Action on GMEBS Adoption Ordinance and Agreement – 1st Reading

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to waive first reading, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0. MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the ordinance, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked is there no way to do this for existing employees, but new hires could be converted to a different plan. Mayor Hallman said that previous advice was that it would cost the City more to go to defined contributions; but this would be a good question to ask. He said he would have to defer to Mr. Young and staff to continue to monitor this. Mr. Young said he would have to check on whether Fire and Police would have to pay social security if the City went to defined contributions, and if the City would have the matching funds. Councilman Horsley asked is the number for existing retirees' COLA number one and done. Mayor Hallman and Mr. Young confirmed that the number is annual. Motion carried 4-0.

8.III Consideration and Action on Permit and Licenses Fee Resolution

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve, Councilman Horsley seconded. Discussion: Mayor Hallman said he started this because a couple of businesses reached out to him concerning the occupational license fee. Councilman Adams asked how feasible is it to waive the storm water fees. Mr. Young said that he can advise at the next Council meeting the amount. Councilman Horsley said can discount off their occupational tax permit. Councilman Alexander asked what is the deadline for the business license, would those be under the new or old fee. Motion carried 4-0.

8.IV Consideration and Action to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,700,00 for the engineering and construction of a quiet zone along the Norfolk Southern Railway and

authorize Mayor Hallman to sign all necessary agreements related to the construction of the project pending legal review.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked whether the amount came out of TSPLOST. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **City Manager Report** – Mr. Young said City Hall is closed to the public through April and events through April are cancelled; likely longer. Council and Board meetings are going via teleconference and most staff members are teleworking or working alternating shifts. We are keeping our website updated with Governmental updates. The city is waiving late fees for water through April and will likely extend it further. The Occupational Tax payments have been delayed to 6/30/2020. He advised that there be another push for the Census response. There is a stark contrast between North Fulton v South Fulton responses. Lastly, in process of budgeting 2021 and reviewing impact to finances for 2020. Staff should have an update at the 4/21 Council work session. We will take a significant hit in both Sales Tax and Hotel Motel tax.
10. **Mayor and Council Comments** – Councilman Horsley introduced one of his twins. Councilman Adams said to stay strong and positive. Councilman Alexander said to stay positive and safe and that we are all in this together. Mayor Hallman said he had published a video on YouTube so people could hear something from him. He said the economy will take a hit, but he is more concerned with people's health.
11. **Executives Session** – none
12. **Adjourn** – Alderman Rast made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33PM, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk