

Mayor and Council Work Session

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April 21, 2020 6:00PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session videoconference to order at 6:01pm.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Mike Rast

Councilman at Large Travis Horsley

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.I Fulton County District Attorney's Office Initiatives

Ms. Brittany Brown-Becker of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office stated the initiatives of their office. Due to Covid-19, hearings can be heard online, and traditional type housing is not safe, have to transfer to hotels. Ms. Brown-Becker talked about Hapeville's crime data for 2019-2020 and having magistrates only issue recommendations, and then proceeding to Superior Court. Ms. Brown-Becker answered questions from Mayor and Council. Ms. Jocelyn Watkins of the District Attorney's office introduced herself to Mayor and Council.

4.II Audit Results Presentation by Doug Moses Of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Mr. Moses stated there was an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the basic financial statements and all direct and material compliance requirements for the City. He also shared recommendations for improvement in the following areas: cash reconciliation and reporting, credit card transactions, compensated absence liability, and bond covenant. Councilman Adams asked the City Manager, Tim Young what processes do we have in place to keep certain errors from happening again. Also, he asked what was the portion paid out of the storm water fund for personnel/payroll. Mr. Young said he would have to get that number.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to table agenda items 5.I – 5.VI until May 5, 2020 meeting, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5.I Consideration and Action on Special Use Permit to Operate a Personal Care Home at 3234 Dogwood Drive

5.II Consideration and Action on Sherman Road Abandonment Request

- 5.III Consideration and Action on 3264 Spring Haven Avenue Rezoning
- 5.IV Consideration on Text Amendment for the Purpose of Amending Residential Uses in the A-D Zone - 1st Reading
- 5.V Consideration on Text Amendment for Single Family Attached (SFA) Special Provisions - 1st Reading
- 5.VI Consideration on Text Amendment for Curb Breaks - 1st Reading

6. Questions on the Agenda - none

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.I Consideration and Action on Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for HR6467 - The Coronavirus Community Relief Act
- 7.II Consideration and Action to Extend the Sign Ordinance Moratorium to May 19, 2020

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS - none

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.I Consideration on Text Amendment Regarding Monuments - 1st Reading

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to waive first reading, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Alderman Rast made a motion to approve item 9.I, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.II Discussion on Tornado Siren Status

City Manager, Mr. Young stated that tests had been done and the siren is working. Councilman Adams thanked staff for addressing the issue. He wants to make sure a plan is in place that if it breaks down, it will be a priority to fix. Alderman Rast asked is the siren activated for certain wind velocity. Councilman Alexander said she had done research stating that it is active doing thunderstorms of 70 mph wind, and someone has to have spotted a tornado. Mayor Hallman said the primary purpose of the siren is to get a warning to the folks that are outside. Councilman Alexander asked are there any sirens near 75. She never hears them.

9.III Discussion on COVID 19 Impacts to City Finances - End of Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal 2021

Mr. Young said we are looking at a little over a 1.3 million shortfall in run rate. We can probably float through the next year on reserves. Mayor Hallman suggested putting an economic dream team together to throw things up against the wall. Alderman Rast asked what projects can the City defer that was anticipated with hotel/motel revenues. Mr. Young said the state park and the Virginia Avenue old gas station. The art project is tabled right now.

10. City Manager Report – Mr. Young said he’s proud of staff and that most of them are working from home. This may become the new normal.

11. Public Comments – none

12. Mayor and Council Comments –

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for listening and said for all to stay safe and healthy. Councilman Adams said for everyone to stay safe. Councilman Horsley asked the following: could the code be reviewed to promote social distancing, if the remaining Main Street funds could be used for \$1000 grants for small businesses in town, if the tennis court issue had been addressed, could Council get a Flock Safety report for the next meeting, and the progress on Embassy Suites. Mayor Hallman said he's trying to coordinate with the Atlanta Food Bank as they might can be a partner. Alderman Rast asked about the emergency resolution that was passed by Council, whether it was nullified. City Attorney, Ms. Ransaw said the Governor's resolution preempts local government. Alderman Rast added that he appreciates staff setting up meetings. Mayor Hallman thanked the residents for their patience, and thanked staff for an awesome job and the willingness to sacrifice.

13. Executives Session – none

14. Adjourn –

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 7:36PM, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk