

Mayor and Council Session

700 Doug Davis Drive
Hapeville, GA 30354

March 3, 2020 6:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:03pm at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

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. Pledge of Allegiance led by Simon Rockett

5. Invocation was given by Pastor JR Atkins

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.I Consideration and Action on Amending the Food Truck Regulations in the A-D Zone – 2nd Reading
Dr. Patterson said this would bring the code up to date. Pastor JR Atkins spoke during the public comments section.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander asked is there an application online for this in which staff confirmed there is an application online. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Questions on Agenda Items: none

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.I Approval of Minutes – February 4 and 18, 2020

8.II Approval of Executive Session Minutes – February 4 and 18, 2020

8.III Consideration and Action to Purchase Extrication Equipment to Replace the Current Equipment in Fire Department

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to pull 8.II from the consent agenda, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Alderman Rast made a motion to approve item 8.II, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0-1 (Councilman Horsley abstained since he did not attend the February 4 and 18 executive sessions).

9. OLD BUSINESS – none

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.I Consideration and Action on Request from Dominique Magazine to Use Jess Lucas Park on September 5, 2020 from 12-6PM for the Inaugural Men's Festival and to Hang Banner on Park Fence

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the request, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10.II Consideration and Action on Organizational Chart Ordinance – 1st Reading

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to waive the first reading of the ordinance, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the ordinance, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Alderman Rast asked would Parks and Rec have flex hours built in their schedules. Mr. Young said yes and confirmed that job descriptions will be created. Mr. Young said funding would come from the TPD fund for the Depot Manager and others would be General Fund. Councilman Horsley asked was the relationship between the Historic Society and the Depot a contract. Ms. Rentz said it has always been a handshake. Mayor Hallman said it's a good opportunity to take a look at the arrangement. Motion carried 4-0.

10.III Consideration and Action on Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with Electrify America, LLC
Councilman Horsley said that this initiative was created out of the diesel gate scandal involving Volkswagon, and that he had met with the COO of Electrify America. It's possible to charge a vehicle in 15 minutes, if the vehicle accepts that kind of charge. This could probably bring new clientele in Hapeville.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the agreement with Electrify America, LLC, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked which area was looked at for the spaces and that he thought it was five spaces. Councilman Alexander asked would the company be interested in spacing out. Also, she mentioned that during the summer at Georgia Tech, the only parking spots open are the charging station spots. She said that a lot of people may be upset if the spots are vacant majority of the time. Motion carried 4-0.

10.IV Discussion Initiated by Councilman Alexander to add a handicap parking spot on N. Central for easier access to Chapman Drugs

Councilman Alexander said that this had been brought up multiple times and she had talked to the Community Services Director, Lee Sudduth. There's an open spot on N Fulton but because of the incline it wouldn't work. She wants to have an open conversation about it and hopefully find a solution.

Councilman Horsley gave a couple of suggestions to include partnering with the Masonic Lodge to be able to park in an area near the lodge that is wide enough to fit a vehicle; however, it's on an eight degree incline. His other suggestion included making an indentation in the sidewalk estate in front of Thai Heaven and the bakery. It would allow enough room to have a ramp and would cost only one space. Mr. Young said staff would continue to study and see what it cost.

10.V Discussion Initiated by Councilman Alexander to remove or retrofit the pews of the Historic Christ Church to accommodate additional uses

Councilman Alexander said removal of the pews would open it up for more weddings. Mayor Hallman said at his church, they offered for people to buy the pews. They were sold in a fundraiser.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to remove the pews and sell as a fundraiser and keep two pews, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

11. City Manager Report:

Mr. Young said we're preparing for spring and opening season. The budget process is starting. He is looking at getting full estimates on roofs and will try to do them all next year. Mauldin Jenkins will be at the next meeting to give a presentation and that census information can be obtained from the City Clerk. Lastly, he recognized staff members, Adrienne Senter, Lee Sudduth, Tod Nichols, and Christa Gilbert for receiving promotions. Mayor Hallman added that the City Manager's contract had been renewed for another year.

12. Public Comments:

Melvin Traynum
Lorenne Fye
Charlotte Rentz
Linda Williams

13. Mayor and Council Comments-

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone that came out to the Black History show. She said she hasn't heard anything negative about it. Alderman Rast congratulated the staff on their new promotions. Councilman Adams congratulated staff as well and said Happy Women's month. Councilman Horsley said he had met with Mr. Sudduth about making some areas school zones. He also mentioned the following: putting up signs indicating home of Jeff Foxworthy, Arches celebrating their 4th Anniversary and that Jakes Espresso opens soon. Mayor Hallman also congratulated staff and thanked Councilman Alexander for the Black History program. Lastly, he thanked everyone for coming out.

14. Executive Session - none

15. Adjourn –

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk