

Mayor and Council Session

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June 2, 2020

6:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:04pm at the Hoyt Smith Conference Center, 3444 N Fulton Avenue, Hapeville.
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
5. Invocation was given by Mayor Hallman.
6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 6.I Consideration and Action on Special Use Permit to Operate a Personal Care Home at 3234 Dogwood Drive
City Planner, Dr. Patterson stated that the Planning Commission had a number of concerns such as a limited number of parking spaces, only one way to drive in and out, and whether there would be issues with drop offs. Also, a limit per person per 80 square feet. Applicant, Claudette Eley answered questions concerning the parking issue and the shared drive. No public comments were made during this public hearing.
MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 6.II Consideration and Action on Sherman Road Abandonment Request
Dr. Patterson said we've been working with Chick Fil A as they have been looking at consolidating a series of properties that would cross Sherman Road in order to but a larger restaurant in that would be a bigger tourist draw. Chick Fil A is requesting that the City abandon the road but maintain the utility easement. The road is about 400 feet long and no continuous sidewalk. From a planning perspective, it is seen as being consistent with some of the redevelopment proposals and making the City an attraction. It is believed to be a benefit and therefore, support closing the road. It was confirmed that the City is not giving away land. Chick Fil A Manager, Joseph Latimer said they are really close with narrowing the final design. He said traffic engineers are involved so it can be the safest it can be.

A public comment in favor of the request was made by Deborah Martin and a comment in opposition was made by Larry Martin. The following people emailed or called in comments in support of the item: Ann McElfresh, John Holder, Brett Reichert. An email received by Andrew Shaw was in opposition of the request.

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

6.III Consideration and Action on 3264 Springhaven Avenue Rezoning

Dr. Patterson gave background about the parcel. It used to be a multiple property single family homes and it has been vacant; activities have been on the property. This property was rezoned to village some years ago which was a transitional zoning district. This is a different kind of design and have been very successful in other communities. Dr. Patterson detailed the considerations looked at when reviewing the application. A P-D zone would create a single family home community. This is an opportunity and is seen as being positive for all. A representative for the applicant said the average square footage of the homes would be 1200-2000 square feet depending on how the market responds. There will be a number of different floor plans and a lot of diversity. The homes will be a greater value than just a typical home. Community Services Director, Lee Sudduth confirmed that past sewer issues were not a capacity issue.

Public comments were made in-person by Carolyn Routh, Donna Ellington, Melvin Traynam, all in favor of the rezoning. And Deborah Martin and Larry Martin made comments in-person in opposition of the item. The following people emailed or called in comments in support of the item: Brett Reichert, Darryl Hilton, Susan Bailey, Katrina Bradbury, TerriAnn Neundorfer, Jan Bolien, Maryalyce Winant. The following people emailed or called in comments in opposition of the item: Anne Newman, Jan Hudson, Sharon Bryden, and Ann McElfresh.

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

6.IV Consideration on 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading

City Manager, Tim Young estimates a drop in revenue of almost \$2 million and said there is nothing to guide us on this type of loss. The City will probably experience better but will plan for the worst. We are looking at getting bodycams for the officers. We expect the Willingham property to sell. He added that we've had two very good years with healthcare. Councilman Adams thanked Mr. Young for looking into bodycams. Mayor Hallman said we are dealing with so many unpredictables and that we are not alone.

7. QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.I Approval of Minutes –May 5, 2020 and May19, 2020

8.II Consideration and Action on Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Bright from the Bright from the Start Program Addendum

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Alexander made a motion to amend the agenda to add Academy Theatre's request for outdoor theatre, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Lorenne Fey with the Academy Theatre confirmed that the music during the event would come through frequency so it wouldn't be too loud. She also said they can get 30 cars in. City Manager, Mr. Young said the City has a smart team and will look at it to see what can be done.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to allow music, extend open container area in parking lot and the closing of the ramp, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS - none

11. City Manager Report –

Mr. Young said 75,000 pounds of food and over 1400 cars and walk ups had been distributed food. The skatepark is open and that the City plans to reopen with social distancing June 8.

12. Public Comments –

Allison Stalvey, Patty Waller, Carol Cobb, Ashley Ward, and Annette Newman

13. Mayor and Council Comments –

Councilman Alexander said the skatepark is amazing and it's a positive collaborative environment. Councilman Adams said the skatepark is amazing and he appreciates the citizens that wrote either for or against public hearing items; didn't take it lightly. Councilman Horsley extended a thank you to public safety for the social distance parade for graduation. Thanked Lee Sudduth for dedication for skate park. Question from a resident asking if there would be a kid hour. Lastly, he thanked the Rec Center for the food distribution and the Admin team for the budget. Mayor Hallman said thank you so much for the skate park. It is great for the youth to have things to do like that. And the participation in the parades show the beauty of the city.

14. Executives Session – none

15. Adjourn –

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk