

Mayor and Council Work Session
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June 16, 2020 6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Work Session to order at 6:00pm.
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. Presentation
 - 4.I Introduction of Commissioner Elect Khadijah Abdur-Rahman – Ms. Abdur-Rahman introduced herself to all in attendance.
5. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 5.I Consideration and Action on the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading
During the public hearing, City Manager, Tim Young said body cams are being priced and will be brought to Council in July. He added that he expects to get the preliminary tax digest by the end of next week.
 - There were no emailed or in-person public comments for this item. Mayor Hallman said thank you to the City Manager and staff. There will be a Zoom meeting held to adopt the budget ordinance.
6. Questions on Agenda Items – none
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 7.I Consideration and Action to Sign Letter of Intent for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Program
 - 7.II Consideration and Action to Enter Agreement with the National Main Street Center, Inc. for Hapeville Main Street Program
 - 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 – FY2020
 - 7.IV Consideration and Action on Pedestrian Bridge Stair Mural

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - 8.I Consideration on Amended Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Ordinance – 1st Reading
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - 9.I Discussion on 748 Virginia Avenue Façade Design

Economic Development Consultant, David Burt said the architects need to know which way to go and that he wanted to get a consensus from Mayor and Council on whether to go with the 1970 or 1950 version. He said it would be cheaper to go with the 1950 version. Consensus of Mayor and Council is the Art Deco version.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to step back to agenda item 8.I, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to waive the first reading, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

10. City Manager Report – Mr. Young said he was advised that the City would be receiving the property tax digest. He said that Village Walk is progressing, and that the food distribution would be through July. He thanked the Recreation Department. Lastly, he said the City will start doing full collections for water balances.

11. Public Comments – Martha Revelo

12. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Adams said he agrees with the public comment concerning voting issues. There was a tremendous amount of hiccups. He added that COVID is still real, and existing and for everyone to remain safe. Alderman Rast agreed with the public comment concerning voting issues too. He said his daughter did not receive an absentee ballot. He thanked staff for working on budget and said he hopes the hotel industry can pick up. Councilman Horsley asked for an update on silent crossing. He said the mural looks great on InCity Suites and mentioned community policing, that it was nice to see police talking with residents on the street. He added that he left at 8:05AM from his voting precinct but arrived at 6:00AM. There were a lot of problems. Councilman Alexander said she stood in line for 7.5 hours. She said she should not be robbed of her right to vote. The poll workers were not trained at all. Mayor Hallman said it was the perfect storm referring to the voting issues. There were not enough people trained properly and that he had heard plenty of concerns. He thanked all that had participated in the food distribution, and thanked the Recreation Director, Tod Nichols for keeping the doors open.

13. Executives Session – none

14. Adjourn –

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 6:44PM, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk