

Mayor and Council Session

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July 7, 2020
6:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:02pm 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 Pastor Dier Hopkins of New Direction Church of Hapeville
6. Presentation:
Recognition of Services Awards – Mayor Hallman recognized Fire Chief Bloodworth and Battalion Chief Bobby Craig for both having 30 years of service with the City of Hapeville.
7. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 7.I Consideration on Text Amendment for the Purpose of Amending Residential Uses in the A-D Zone – 1st Reading
City Planner, Dr. Patterson said the text amendment addresses two parts 1) Permits residential development with entrances at street level, as originally recommended by the Planning Commission and 2) Replaces the artists housing use and standards currently in the Code with a new live-work housing use that uses clearer guidelines for acceptable residents and unit standards. There were no public comments and the item stood as a first reading.
 - 7.II Consideration on Text Amendment for Single Family Attached (SFA) Special Provisions – 1st Reading
Changes to the amendment includes no building permit or certificate of occupancy being issued for single-family attached units unless: (1) The regulations and procedures of the city's subdivision regulations have been met including final approval of the subdivision plat.

(2) The book and page in which any covenants and restrictions are recorded shall be shown on the final plat of the subdivision. Mr. Melvin Traynum spoke during the public comment section to ask a question concerning the existing fence. The item stood as a first reading.

7.III Consideration on Text Amendment for Curb Breaks – 1st Reading

Dr. Patterson said this text amendment updates the requirements for curb breaks at entrance and exit points for off-street parking access. The proposed changes would eliminate minimum curb break requirements, allow exceptions to maximum widths without the need for a Variance from the Board of Appeals, address three lane entrances and exits, and add safety protections for crossing pedestrians. There were no public comments and the item stood as a first reading.

8. QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Mike Simpson

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.I Approval of Minutes – June 2, June 16, and June 23, 2020

9.II Consideration and Action on 2020 Audit Engagement Letter from Mauldin & Jenkins and Authorization for Mayor to Sign

9.III Consideration and Action on Agreement with Muhammad Yungai to complete mural on 3444 North Fulton Avenue, North Exterior and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Alderman Rast seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked about the three management recommendations for improvement and whether staff can say that we're not going to see those three items. Motion carried 3-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS - none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.I Consideration on FY2019-2020 Budget Amendment Ordinance – 1st Reading

Councilman Horsley asked is this exclusive of the sale of Willingham. Councilman Adams asked the \$46,000. Community Service Director, Lee Sudduth said it was for solid waste and probably broke even. The reading stood as a first reading.

11.II Discussion Initiated by Councilman Horsley and Action to Participate in the GEFA Feasibility Studies and to Receive Professional Technical Assistance in Solar Energy and Storage Resiliency
Councilman Horsley said this is a cost free assessment of buildings and would make us eligible for future grants. There are different phases of the program. He confirmed that there are no requirements from the City.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to authorize participation and receive the assistance, Councilman Horsley seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked about the timeline. Motion carried 4-0.

11.III Discussion Initiated by Councilman Alexander on an Official Recommendation as the City of Hapeville that all Residents and Visitors Wear Masks in Public Spaces, Namely, Inside of Businesses or Anywhere Where They will be in Close Contact with other People.

Councilman Alexander said by the end of the week in Fulton County, the number of COVID cases verified as 100,000. Mayor Hallman said he supports the recommendation. Councilman Adams agrees and strongly recommends. He is in the healthcare field and would be in conflict if he didn't support this. Councilman Horsley said he is in favor of a mask mandate. City Attorney, Priya Patel said the worst case scenario could get something from the Governor stating ordinance is null. Or, if a lot of cities do it, it would encourage the Governor to issue a mandate. Mrs. Patel said if we do want a mandate, the City would need to do an ordinance. Mayor Hallman said we can start with a recommendation and get feedback from the citizens. Alderman Rast said to be strong in our language as we can. Mayor Hallman instructed staff to draft something to go on the City's website of the consensus reached.

Mayor and Council reached a consensus on an official recommendation that all residents and visitors of the City of Hapeville are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their home or place of residence, except when eating, drinking, or exercising outdoors.

12. City Manager Report –

Mr. Young said the weekly food distribution will continue through the end of this month. We distributed over \$20,000 of food. He said he had received the preliminary tax digest from the county and would bring forth to Council during the work session. However, he did send questions to the County concerning the commercial numbers. He said he expects recommendations by the end of the week on bodycams and will bring before Council during the work session as well. He's been advised by the Rec Department that we're taking applications for fall football. We will keep a close check on what's going on with our neighboring municipalities. He's a little concerned with contact sports. Lastly, he will be on vacation until next Wednesday.

13. Public Comments – none

14. Mayor and Council Comments –

Alderman Rast said having a mindset of essential items and business is what we're recommending. He thanked staff for their perseverance and leading us into the new fiscal year. Councilman Adams thanked everyone for coming and said to stay safe. Councilman Horsley asked for a status on CDBG. He also said that three different parents had asked about adding a shade covering at the parks. Lastly, he told Ms. Charlotte that he had been enjoying the 1991 videos that were uploaded. Mayor Hallman thanked everyone for coming out and said to be safe. He said we'll continue to work through this. He asked all to please join us in prayer for unity and peace as we go through these trying times. Hapeville is a community that shows love.

15. Executives Session – none

16. Adjourn –

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk