

Mayor and Council Work Session
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July 21, 2020 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Call to Order: Alderman Rast called the Council Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman - absent
Alderman at Large Mike Rast
Councilman at Large Travis Horsley
Councilman Ward I Mark Adams
Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.I Consideration on Sign Ordinance Revision - 1st Reading

Alderman Rast opened the public hearing to hear comments from staff and the public. Dr. Patterson stated a comprehensive review of the ordinance had taken place. She went over the key highlights (refer to planner's report) of the amended ordinance. There were no emails or in-person public comments for this item. The item stood as a first reading.

4.II Consideration and Action on Text Amendment for the Purpose of Amending Residential Uses in the A-D Zone

2nd Reading

Alderman Rast opened the public hearing to hear comments from staff and the public. Dr. Patterson stated there are two changes: permitting residential development at street level with entrances at street level and replacing the housing use and standards with a new live-work housing use that uses clearer guidelines. There were no emails or in-person public comments for this item.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4.III Consideration on Text Amendment for Single Family Attached (SFA) Special Provisions - 2nd Reading

Alderman Rast opened the public hearing to hear comments from staff and the public. Dr. Patterson said this is just an update of the code. There were no emails or in-person public comments for this item.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4.IV Consideration on Text Amendment for Curb Breaks - 2nd Reading

Alderman Rast opened the public hearing to hear comments from staff and the public. Dr. Patterson said

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 lanes entrances and exits and add safety protections for crossing pedestrians. There were no emails or in person public comments for this item.

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

5. Questions on Agenda Items – none

6. Old Business

6.I Consideration on FY2019-2020 Budget Amendment Ordinance - 2nd Reading

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve, Councilman Adams seconded.

Discussion: City Manager, Mr. Young stated after the audit, some of these numbers would change some. Motion carried 3-0.

7. New Business

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item 7.VI to discuss honoring Representative John Lewis, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

7.I 2020 Property Tax Planning

Mr. Young stated that two weeks ago Fulton County delivered to us our preliminary tax digest. We are essentially almost flat. He said the County provided us a rollback rate which is 16.00 mills and the difference is just under \$50,000. If the City bills at 16.11, we will need three public hearings, but if at 16.00 mills, we will not. His recommendation is to stick with the rollback rate. Lastly, he said the County had made an error.

7.II Consideration and Action on Agreement with the Georgia Department of Revenue Concerning the Use of DRIVES EServices to Place or Remove Holds for Violations Identified by Optotraffic and Authorization for the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to approve, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander asked would someone else have to be appointed if Mr. Trad is no longer there. City Attorney, Mrs. Patel said we can change the letter to include “or the individual that holds his current position in the future”. Councilman Horsley amended his motion to change the language to reflect what the City Attorney said, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7.III Discussion on Fireworks Restriction Resolution

Alderman Rast said that fireworks been discharged most nights and the Police Department is up against tough enforcement; therefore, we’re asking for modifications.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect a consideration and action item for 7.III, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the resolution and submit to the state delegation, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

7.IV Discussion on Support for a Mask Mandate Resolution

City Attorney, Mr. Priya Patel confirmed that the resolution includes outdoor.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect a consideration and action item for 7.IV, Councilman Alexander seconded. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the resolution and submit to the Governor and state delegation, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

7.V Discussion on Body Cameras for the Police Department

Councilman Horsley recused himself from this discussion since he works for the State. Lt. Kemal Ozee presented his research to Council. He said that Axiom offers the best product and features, and then shared the list of features. He did confirm that an officer could turn off the camera; however, there would be a policy for that. Mr. Young said he expects negotiations and will bring back to Mayor and Council at the August 4 meeting.

7.VI Discussion on honoring Representative John Lewis

Councilman Adams initiated the discussion sharing some suggestions of places that could be name after the late Representative John Lewis. Councilman Alexander agreed with Master's Park, especially with the new library. Councilman Horsley said he was thinking King Arnold. Alderman Rast suggested having staff bring recommendations based off of the comments that night and have some public input and will hopefully bring back at the next meeting.

8. City Manager Report – Mr. Young said he has been catching up from being out and had nothing to report.

9. Public Comments – none

10. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Alexander thanked the Police Department for researching bodycams and also thanked Lee and Community Services for the Community Garden project. Councilman Adams thanked Tod, the Rec Center, and Chief Bloodworth for the nice interview on Channel 11 and that he hopes everyone is staying safe during the pandemic. Councilman Horsley said 150,000 lbs. of food given out is really impressive. He added that citizens on Spring Street are interested in requesting speed tables. He asked Chief Bloodworth could the City request mask for the general public. He mentioned having signs encouraging people to wear face coverings.

13. Executives Session –

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to adjourn the public session and to go into Executive Session for Real Estate at 7:07PM, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. No action was taken in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk