

Mayor and Council Work Session

700 Doug Davis Drive

Hapeville, GA 30354

June 18, 2019 6:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session to order at 6:04pm at 700 Doug Davis Drive, Hapeville, GA 30354.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman Rast

Councilman at Large Travis Horsley

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.I Recognition of Ms. Karrina Lemonnier By Chief Bloodworth (presented after item 5.II to allow time for Ms. Lemonnier to arrive).

4.II Jasber Music Festival Presentation by Steve Bernard. Mr. Bernard, a developer in Forest Park invited everyone to the Jasber Music Festival scheduled for July 6 from 12-10PM. Mr. Bernard said they are super excited with what is going on in Forest Park. He said it's a free event and there will be a featured artist.

4.III Southern Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan Presented by Inga Kennedy was postponed to August 20th Work Session.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.I. Consideration on Amendment B-P (Business Park) Zone – 1st Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson said we do not currently have any property designated as BP Zoning. Staff has made a number of text amendments to the existing B-P zoning that would make it compatible with the kind of development that they foresee occurring in Hapeville. Dr. Patterson confirmed there wouldn't be any spot zoning and stated that the text amendments are more focused on corporate. There were no public comments made. The public hearing was then closed.

5.II Consideration on Veterinarian Text Amendment – 1st Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Dr. Patterson said this text amendment would allow for animal hospitals to keep pets overnight. City Attorney, Ms. Ransaw said she would research whether there is a kennel license requirement. Dr. Patterson then shared the

definitions included in the ordinance. There were no public comments made on this item. The public hearing was then closed.

5.III Consideration and Action on Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

A public hearing was opened to hear staff and public comments. Mr. Young stated that the City could save conservatively \$300,000 by switching to a GMEBS pension plan and hopefully if Council wants to give the go ahead, there will be a consideration and action at the next meeting. The City's auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins are very much behind this change. He also said he noticed incorrect numbers in the line item detail. However, the summary detail and printed packet in City Hall are both correct. He confirmed that the incorrect numbers only appeared in Mayor and Council's packets and not on the website. He apologized for the error. Ms. Ransaw confirmed since the line items were posted correctly on the website and since the public saw the correct numbers, it's deemed as a typographical error within Mayor and Council's packets. Ms. Marsha Lam made a public comment then the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the 2019-20 budget as presented, Councilman Adams seconded. Mayor Hallman thanked staff for sharpening their pencils and working hard on the public safety aspect of the budget. The law enforcement and firefighter business is getting more competitive, and the pool of applicants are getting smaller and smaller. The City has to adjust and be competitive in a shrinking pool of employees to continue to deliver quality services. Motion carried 4-0.

6. QUESTION ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I Consideration and Action to Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreements with CivicPlus for Agenda Management Software, Video Services, and Website Design

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to authorize the Mayor to Sign the agreements with CivicPlus, Councilman Alexander seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams said he is excited to see this come to fruition. This will allow people to be proactive and participate in meetings that they cannot make in person. Also, will allow citizens to view and search minutes more readily. Councilman Horsley asked would there be opportunities for public input during the website redesign process. Mr. Young said the next step is to get some additional comments from Council on likes and dislikes. If any suggestions that DMO brought forth are worth pursuing, then after that there will be public input, etc. Councilman Adams asked would it be possible for CivicPlus to offer their top three designs for comparisons. Motion carried 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I Consideration and Action on Appointments to Planning Commission

Councilman Alexander requested to follow the same process as with the Development Authority appointments. Mayor Hallman said there is a little more need for the Planning Commission appointments as they are struggling to get a quorum. Alderman Rast said he had been told from some

of the members that they cannot continue under the same membership format that they have. The normal procedure to table and interview is a good idea but it is really overdue that these seats are filled. He said he hoped they would move forward tonight with staff recommendations. Dr. Patterson said the meeting had to be moved from last Tuesday to Thursday because of not having a quorum. There are a lot of projects on the docket and proposed changes to the zoning code that she would like to have full membership available. She thinks it is critical.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to allow Lucie Dolan to comment, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Dolan suggested that Council get people if they are qualified. This issue needed to be addressed sooner. She said she thinks there should be guidelines about attendance and serious illnesses. Mayor Hallman said one of the things that need to be addressed as a Council is the need to institute polices within board membership that states how many meetings can be missed. He wants to establish regular training routines so legal can talk about open meetings and guidelines to the members. Alderman Rast said he had viewed the applications and think they are good applications and staff has made a good recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley made a motion to appoint G. Leah Davis and Cliff Thomas to the Planning Commission, Alderman Rast seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8.II Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS) Presentation by Randy Logan and Discussion on Draft Resolution

Randy Logan gave a brief GMEBS presentation. Mr. Logan provided three defined benefit plan scenarios to Mayor and Council (10 year vesting period plan, 5 year vesting period plan and 5 year vesting period plan which included a COLA). Mr. Young stated when he built the budget, he put in certain assumptions and assumed \$750,000 for pension. He recommended going all in and doing scenario three. Mr. Young said he'll bring back to Council for consideration and action.

8.III Discussion on Process to Prepare and Send Agenda Packet to Legislative Delegation

City Attorney, Priya Patel said legal needs to know how many charter amendments Mayor and Council are looking at doing. If it is not too many, can use home rule power and change here and then take to the gold dome. However, if it is a lot, legal will need to revamp the entire charter. Ms. Patel said they can draft up the document and work with legal at the gold dome. Councilman Horsley said his three things are: parking authority creation, clarity on city attorney – whether it's a firm or individual, and clarity on quorum for Mayor and Council. Mayor Hallman added the need for suspension ability if councilmember is criminally charged. Ms. Patel said she will need to prepare the document and then there will need to be a public hearing, a vote, and then send to the gold dome. She said she will start drafting language for a facility authority which would give Mayor and Council the power to create sub authorities. Mayor Hallman asked Council to read the charter and if they see anything that jumps out to bring it forward.

8.IV Discussion on Moratorium for Shareable Mobility Devices (Scooters)

Mayor Hallman said he wanted to get a feel of Council on this topic. He thinks until Council decides on rules and regulations, there should probably be a moratorium to avoid being reactionary; and instead be proactive on dealing with it. He has some safety and clutter concerns about the scooter. However, he did add that scooters can be a valid last mile option. Councilman Horsley recused himself because he had submitted a 1099 for Byrd operation. Councilman Adams said he believes there is a niche for scooters, but he doesn't think we have enough teeth in the matter to hold people

accountable. There have been traumatic injuries related to scooters as well as some deaths. He thinks there should be a moratorium as well. Councilman Alexander said she doesn't see how it can be enforced. Ms. Patel said there has been talk at the gold dome, good open dialogue. GMA is also having sit down meetings with the scooter companies. It might be a good idea to see what comes out of these talks. Ms. Ransaw confirmed that the moratorium wouldn't be a total ban, but a regulation of the use of scooters. Chief Glavosek asked what is it that the Police will be enforcing and what would the person be charged with if there is a moratorium.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to allow Dana Gordon to speak, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion 4-0. Ms. Gordon spoke in favor of the scooters.

Councilman Alexander stated that her issue is with drop off and not picking up. Councilman Adams added that scooters do offer some flexibility for people to have variations of modes of transportation. His issue is safety. He thinks that a 12 month moratorium will give Council more than enough time to see what's done at the gold dome and for Council to create a policy to ensure safety. Consensus is for a 12 month moratorium.

8.V Discussion of City Manager Signing Authority Ordinance Draft

Councilman Horsley asked about split transaction monitoring per fiscal year. He likes the \$10,000 idea but he thinks that we need to double down at time of audit to make sure there aren't any split transactions. Mr. Young said there is a budget that has been passed and approved with line items, that essentially, we shouldn't be going over the budget just because of signing issues. When the City Manager brings budget amendments, the reason should be because Council approved something else or there was an expenditure that the City Manager brought to Council. Mr. Young then confirmed that the pcard project is high on the radar. The consensus of Mayor and Council is to look at increasing the City Manager's signing authority with adding split transaction language. Councilman Horsley suggested having auditors to monitor split transactions.

9. City Manager Report – Mr. Young thanked Mayor and Council for bearing with staff during the budget process. He is working on a list for Tourism Development projects and will bring a finance plan for it. The gravel ordinance will be at the July meeting. Mr. Young then asked Chief Glavosek to share his story. Chief Glavosek said CNN had reached out concerning Officer Hickman going beyond the line of duty to help someone in need.

10. Public Comments –

Charlene Duran
Marsha Lam
Brian Wismer

11. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Alexander said there is a beautiful butterfly garden behind City Hall. Alderman Rast had no comments. Councilman Adams thanked Linda Murray for the Paint the Town event. Councilman Horsley thanked everyone for being involved in their local government. Mayor Hallman gave a shot out to Paint the Town and that he echoed Ms. Duran's concerns about the cleaning of the Carriage House after using it.

12. Executives Session – Councilman Adams made a motion at 7:46PM to go into executive session for litigation and real estate, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Horsley

made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive sessions, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

No action taken.

Councilman Adams made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Horsley made a motion to reconvene into open meeting, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn the executive session, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Adjourn – Councilman Horsley made a motion at 8:13PM to adjourn meeting, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk