



City Council Meeting & Public Hearing

OCTOBER 6, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Office of the City Clerk

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:30 PM

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The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

- **Council Members**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Dan Merkel
 - Donald F. Mitchell
 - John Hipes
 - Fergal M. Brady
 - Douglas J. DeRito
- **Council Members Absent**
 - Mayor Jim Gilvin
- **Staff**
 - Chris Lagerbloom, City Administrator
 - Molly Esswein, City Attorney
 - Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
 - Adam Montgomery, Director of Information Technology
 - Brad Denkinger, Chief of Fire

- Charlie Jewell, Director of Economic Development
- John Robison, Assistant City Administrator
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services
- Pete Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- Trent Lindgren, Chief of Police
- Deanna McKay, Public Communication & Engagement Coordinator
- Michael Woodman, Planning and Development Services Manager

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

4. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation: National Arts and Humanities Month – ACT1 Theater 30 Year Anniversary

- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel presented a proclamation to the ACT1 Theater for its 30 Year Anniversary.

5. WORK SESSION ITEMS

A. Alpha Loop Bridge Mural 3 at Rainwater Drive

City Council review and discussion of the proposed Alpha Loop Bridge Mural 3 - Rainwater Location, presented by Arts Alpharetta.

- Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services, Morgan Rodgers, came forward to present this item.
- There were no comments or questions by the City Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 9/22/2025)

Consideration of approval of the City Council meeting minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2025.22

B. Consent Order and Final Judgment: Webb Bridge Road Improvements Project – Parcel 18

Consideration and approval of a Final Order and Judgment in the total amount of \$25,255 for Tax Parcel No. 21-5590-1239-056-4 / Parcel 18 of the Webb Bridge Road Bike & Pedestrian Improvements Project (Property Owners: Windward Community Services Association, Inc.; Georgia Power Company; Hon. Arthur E. Ferdinand, Tax Commissioner; Hon. Kenya M. Johnson, Probate Judge) and with authorization for the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

❖ Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. V-25-23 Timofeeva/145 Pebble Trail

WITHDRAWN: This application has been withdrawn by the applicant and will not be presented to or considered by the City Council.

Consideration of a variance request to allow for a swimming pool replacement on a residential lot without triggering certain stormwater requirements. A variance is requested from Unified Development Code (UDC) Subsection 3.3.1(C) seeking relief from a requirement in the Alpharetta Stormwater Policy Handbook (ASPH) related to impervious area calculations being cumulative over a two (2) year period on a property. The property is located at 145 Pebble Trail and is legally described as being located in Land Lot 1180, 2nd District, 2nd Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Invitation To Bid 26-004: Traffic Signal Upgrade at Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Parkway

Consideration and approval of the award of a contract for ITB 26-004 to GTG Traffic Signals LLC for the complete construction of the traffic signal upgrade at the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$237,965.00 and with authorization for the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.

- Staff recommends approval of the award of a contract for ITB 26-004 to GTG Traffic Signals for the complete upgrade of the existing traffic signal to mast-arms at the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$237,965.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- The current traffic signal heads at the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Pkwy are mounted on wooden poles and span-wires. Span-wires are highly vulnerable to wind and signal heads rotate and sway substantially. This would cause vertical and lateral changes in signal heads position. Rigid mast-arms keep indications fixed and aligned with travel lanes. Additionally, span-wires typically require more maintenance than mast-arms.
- The current project is to remove the existing wooden poles and span-wires and install mast-arms at the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Parkway. All pedestrian lights and traffic signs will be upgraded through this project. During the construction, the contractor will be responsible for traffic control.
- Procurement for this project was initiated through Invitation to Bid (ITB 26-004), which was issued on August 6, 2025, with a response deadline of Sep 4, 2025. There were 29 document takers. A total of 4 complete submissions were received in response to this invitation.
- After evaluating and verifying the submitted bids, staff from the Public Works Department met with representatives of GTG Traffic Signals as the low bidder. The project scope, schedule, and bid package as submitted by GTG were discussed with the contractor during the meeting. GTG is an experienced contractor that has successfully completed similar projects.
- Mast arms lengths and specifications for this project are unique and require custom fabrication, with a current lead time of approximately 27 weeks for delivery. When field work begins, overall construction is anticipated to take only about two months.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member DeRito offered a motion to award the contract for ITB 26-004 to GTG Traffic Signals LLC for the complete construction of the traffic signal upgrade at the

intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Northwinds Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$237,965.00 and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

- Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

B. Contract Amendment and Purchase Approval: Stormwater Repair Contract 24-122 and Fiscal Year 2026 Task Order #1

Consideration and approval of an amendment to contract # 24-122, Stormwater Repair Unit Price Contract for CSTE, Inc. and allocate \$500,000.00 to complete multiple stormwater infrastructure maintenance repairs for Fiscal Year 2026 Task Order 1 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- Staff recommends approval of an amendment to contract # 24-122, Stormwater Repair Unit Price Contract for CSTE, Inc. and allocate \$500,000.00 to complete multiple stormwater infrastructure maintenance repairs for Fiscal Year 2026 Task Order 1 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- This request is for the approval of a contract amendment to contract number 24-122 Stormwater Repair and approval of funding for FY 26 task order one related to stormwater infrastructure improvements. The City of Alpharetta Public Works Department issued an RFP on May 2nd, 2024 for the maintenance of stormwater infrastructure. A contract for that RFP was awarded to CSTE, Inc. on July 29th, 2024 and funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 was approved for FY 25 task order 1. The intent was to award this contract to the selected vendor for one year with the option of four one-year extensions. This verbiage was outlined in the RFP and the original council agenda item approved on July 29th, 2024. However, this verbiage did not make it into the contract and an amendment to the contract has been added to include the following:
- "Agreement "Term" Defined. The second paragraph of Section 5 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "The initial Term of the Contract is for one (1) year starting August 12, 2024, and ending August 11, 2025, as further provided for in the Contract and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13, together with four (4) one-year extensions possible, for a total Term of five (5) years."

- CSTE, Inc. has agreed to this amendment and, with council approval, Public Works staff would like to move forward with issuing FY 26 task order 1. Here is a list of projects that will be completed under task order 1. Allocating \$500,000 to CSTE, Inc will allow the following work orders to be completed: Curb and Gutter replacement throughout the City, stormwater structure and pipe improvements for buried headwall located in Tuxford Subdivision, stormwater structure improvements along Seven Seas and Clipper Court, catch basin tops, sidewalk, and curb and gutter replacements along Rainwater Drive, catch basin throat and top replacements throughout the City, and City owned stormwater pond maintenance.
- The work above will be assigned on a task order basis, meaning not all the work will be authorized at once. In addition, all task order proposals will be reviewed by staff to ensure unit prices and quantities are correct. The contractor will be paid based on the unit price in the contract.
- Stormwater projects tend to identify themselves after a complete or partial failure of the system. These failures do not always provide any type of warning and require fast action to minimize damage to property and loss of life. The requested funds will allow CSTE, Inc. to resolve these issues along with the projects listed above that have already been identified.
- The City of Alpharetta received pricing from all submitting vendors when we issued the original RFP. CSTE, Inc. would be the cheapest submitting vendor to perform the referenced work above according to the pricing provided in the original schedule of items included in the RFP submittal. The pricing breakdown is attached to this agenda for reference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member DeRito offered a motion to approve an amendment to contract # 24-122, Stormwater Repair Unit Price Contract for CSTE, Inc. and allocate \$500,000.00 to complete multiple stormwater infrastructure maintenance repairs for Fiscal Year 2026 Task Order 1 and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
 - Council Member Hipes seconded the motion.

- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

C. Purchase Approval: Police Taser Replacements

DEFERRED: This item was deferred by staff to the October 27, 2025 City Council meeting and will not be heard or considered during this meeting.

Consideration and approval of the purchase of and the award of a contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for replacement tasers, associated equipment, advanced training, and extended warranty through the Axon Taser 10 Certification Program, at a total cost of \$810,912 over a five-year term (FY 2026–FY 2030), and with authorization for the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

D. Purchase Approval: Operational Readiness for Police Officers Training

Consideration and approval to purchase the Operational Readiness for Police Officers - Practical Strategies for Addressing Opioid Use Disorder and Co-occurring Conditions training program through the University of North Georgia (in partnership with ZSchool) in the amount of \$59,400.00 and with authorization for the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

- Chief of Police, Trent Lindgren, came forward to present this item.
- Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the Operational Readiness for Police Officers - Practical Strategies for Addressing Opioid Use Disorder and Co-occurring Conditions training program through the University of North Georgia (in partnership with ZSchool) in the amount of \$59,400.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- The Alpharetta Police Department seeks approval to purchase the Operational Readiness for Police Officers (ORPO) training program, a university-accredited course developed through the University of North Georgia in partnership with ZSchool. This training will provide officers with critical skills to respond effectively to opioid-related crises and is expressly allowable under the Opioid Settlement Agreements.
- In January 2022, Georgia joined opioid litigation brought by states and local subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen) and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and

its parent company Johnson & Johnson. These cases resulted in a combined settlement of \$636 million for Georgia. To date the City of Alpharetta has received approximately \$80k, which has been appropriated in a separate special revenue fund.

- On May 18, 2023, Governor Kemp established the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (GOSAC) to provide recommendations on the allocation of these funds. Investments have been directed toward expanding naloxone training and education for service providers, with a focus on addiction education, naloxone administration, and fostering recovery-oriented approaches.
- The ORPO program is an evidence-based, self-paced online training designed specifically for law enforcement. It equips officers to:
 - Administer naloxone for overdose reversal
 - Safely de-escalate high-stress encounters
 - Apply harm-reduction strategies to reduce overdose deaths
 - Connect individuals to treatment and diversion programs instead of incarceration
- The training aligns with SAMHSA guidelines for first responder and MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment) education, incorporates best practices from PAARI (Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative) and LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), meets the requirements of Exhibit E, Section K of the Opioid Settlement Agreements, which authorizes funding for “evidence-based training for law enforcement and first responders on effective strategies for addressing opioid use disorder.”
- The program is a 4-hour, online, asynchronous course, with four modules covering OUD, co-occurring conditions, de-escalation, naloxone use, harm reduction, and diversion strategies, and uses scenario-based learning with role-play and decision-making exercises
- The department requests \$59,400 from the \$80k of proceeds from Opioid settlements for the purpose of training 132 officers at a cost of \$450 per officer. This investment will ensure the Alpharetta Police Department is fully prepared to respond to the ongoing opioid crisis in Georgia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the purchase of the Operational Readiness for Police Officers - Practical Strategies for Addressing Opioid Use Disorder and Co-occurring Conditions training program through the University of North Georgia (in partnership with ZSchool) in the amount of \$59,400.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.
 - Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

E. Resolution: True North 400 Community Improvement District Expansion

Consideration and adoption of a resolution consenting to the expansion of the True North 400 Community Improvement District.

- City Attorney, Molly Esswein, read the Resolution title aloud.
- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, came forward to present this item.
- Staff recommends adopting a resolution consenting to the expansion of the True North 400 Community Improvement District or defer to a later meeting.
- True North 400 would like to expand its Community Improvement District ("CID"). True North 400's expansion package (attached) was recently certified by the Fulton County Tax Commissioner, and their Board of Directors is seeking the City's consent to expand the True North 400/North Fulton CID boundary.
- The expansion of the boundaries will result in the addition of twenty-nine (29) parcels into the True North 400 Community Improvement District (CID).
- Kristen Winzeler (True North 400) came forward to speak on behalf of this item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to adopt a resolution consenting to the expansion of the True North 400 Community Improvement District and to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

- Council Member DeRito seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Pieter Friedrich (3400 Kimball Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022)
- Violet Purcell (7160 Harbor Landing, Alpharetta, GA 30005)

10. REPORTS

- Council Member Hipes reported on the wonderful update to the City's website and commented about the project map section of the website. Also, this weekend is the Wire & Wood festival with bands performing around downtown.
- Council Member DeRito shared that he would like to meet with the student who spoke during public comment about her concerns on construction and traffic and communicating with residents and students.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

- ❖ Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to recess the meeting.
 - Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel recessed the meeting at 7:04 p.m. for the purposes of pending litigation.
- ❖ Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to reconvene the meeting.
 - Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Council Member DeRito offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Council Member Brady seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

- With there being no further items to consider or discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Merkel adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Shapiro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk