



City Council Meeting & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes JULY 16, 2018 Office of the City Clerk

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ *Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.*

II. ROLL CALL

- Council Members
 - o Mayor Jim Gilvin
 - o Mayor Pro Tem Donald F. Mitchell
 - o Jason Binder
 - o Ben Burnett
 - o John Hipes
 - o Dan Merkel
 - o Karen Richard
- Staff
 - o Bob Regus, City Administrator
 - o Coty Thigpen, City Clerk
 - o Sam Thomas, City Attorney
 - o James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
 - o Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
 - o John Robison, Deputy Director of Public Safety
 - o Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation and Parks
 - o Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
 - o Tom Harris, Director of Finance
 - o Shawn Mitchell, Budget Manager

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Service Award - Capt. Terri Osborne (35 years)

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. E-18-03 City Center Leasing Sign Exception

NOTE: This item has been Withdrawn by the Applicant and will be neither heard nor considered.

- B. E-18-04 American Legion/Standard Informational Sign Exception

NOTE: This item has been deferred by the applicant and will be neither heard nor discussed during tonight's meeting. The item has been rescheduled to the July 23, 2018 City Council Agenda.

- C. Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2019 Millage Rate Levy

- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff

Public Comment

- Gary Shubert 181 Westchester Way, Alpharetta, GA, came forward to speak on this item

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance: 1st Reading of Fiscal Year 2019 Millage Rate Levy

- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, introduced this item on behalf of staff
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance aloud constituting a 1st reading

Public Comment

None

❖ *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve the 2019 Millage Rate Levy Ordinance as read by City Attorney*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Binder*
- *The motion was approved unanimously 7-0*

- B. Ordinance - Referendum (Special) Election **(1st reading)**

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING OF A REFERENDUM (SPECIAL) ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE-WIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA MAY PERMIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE DRINK ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M.; TO PROVIDE FOR AND RATIFY THE PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; TO ESTABLISH A VOTER REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, introduced this item and read the Ordinance aloud

Public Comment

None

❖ *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to accept the Ordinance as read by the City Attorney as a 1st reading*

- The motion received a second from Council Member Hipes*
- The motion was approved unanimously 7-0*

C. Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance - Sunday Sales (1st reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4-48 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA, TO ALLOW SUNDAY SALES BY THE DRINK BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M. CONDITIONAL ON APPROVAL IN A REFERENDUM ELECTION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance amendment aloud including an additional amendment that would restrict the sale from 11:00AM-12:30 PM to solely consumption on the premises that will be formally reflected in Ordinance by the 2nd reading

Public Comment

- Don Nahser 305 Karen Drive, Alpharetta, GA came forward to speak on this item

❖ *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance regarding Sunday sales as read by the City Attorney*

- The motion received a second from Council Member Hipes*
- Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell requested a friendly amendment that the Ordinance amendment clearly state that alcohol consumption from 11:00AM to 12:30PM is only allowed for consumption on premises and that open container does not begin until 12:30 pm on Sundays*
- Amendment accepted*
- Council Member Binder offered a motion to table for 2 weeks*
- The motion received a second from Council Member Burnett*
- The motion was approved unanimously 6-1; Merkel voting no*

D. Resolution - Homestead Exemption

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHARLES E. MARTIN, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 49TH DISTRICT, TO INTRODUCE IN THE REGULAR 2019 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA AN ACT OR ACTS TO INCREASE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN CITY OF ALPHARETTA AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FROM \$40,000.00 TO \$45,000.00 AND TO REMOVE INCOME RESTRICTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$10,000.00 TO RESIDENTS AGE 65 OR OLDER AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, explained the item and read the Resolution
- The Resolution is requesting that the General Assembly consider the Homestead changes during the regular 2019 Legislative Session. If approved, the question would come before the City of Alpharetta via a Special Election referendum on the November 2019 ballot.
- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to discuss the financial impact of this item

Public Comment

None

❖ *Council Member Binder offered a motion to approve the Resolution requesting Charles E. Martin, Jr. Representative of the 49th District, to introduce in the regular 2019 session of the General Assembly of Georgia an Act or Acts to increase the Homestead Exemption from certain City of Alpharetta Ad Valorem taxes for municipal purposes from \$40,000 to \$45,000 and to remove income restrictions for additional senior homestead exemption of \$10,000.*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Burnett*
- *The motion was approved unanimously 7-0*

E. Ordinance - Calling for a Referendum (Special) Election (1st reading)

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING OF A REFERENDUM (SPECIAL) ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE-WIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, TO DETERMINE THE APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF A NEW LOCAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM CITY OF ALPHARETTA AD VALOREM TAXES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; TO ESTABLISH A VOTER REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present the item on behalf of staff
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance constituting a 1st reading

Public Comment

None

❖ *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve the Ordinance as read by the City Attorney for the Special Election and referendum for the floating homestead*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Binder*
- *The motion was approved unanimously 7-0*

VII. WORKSHOP

A. GDOT Presentation: GA400 Express Lanes Project

NOTE: Due to an issue that will prevent key GDOT personnel from being available for tonight's meeting, this item has been removed from the agenda and will take place at a future City Council Meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. REPORTS

Council Member Richard provided an update on some upcoming changes to the format of the City's monthly "Community Conversations". Beginning in October, the meetings will include optional presentations from applicants about their potential projects.

Council Member Hipes announced that Alpharetta has most recently been named the 'Most Educated City in the State of Georgia'

Council Member Merkel announced that the Rotary Club recently met at City Hall and donated \$500 toward the effort to save the Log Cabin

X. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

❖ *Council Member Binder offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel*
- *The motion was approved unanimously 6-1; Burnett no*

Respectfully submitted,



Coty Thigpen

City Clerk