



Official City Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020

CITY HALL 2 PARK PLAZA

6:30 PM

Official Minutes

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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 Sam Thomas, City Attorney
- o James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
- o Erin Cobb, City Clerk
- o Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- o Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- o Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- o Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
- o John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- o Randy Bundy, Director of Information Technology
- o Cris Randall, Director of Human Resources
- o Michael Woodman, Senior Planner
- o Eric Graves, Senior Transportation Engineer/Planner

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 4/1/2020 & 4/6/2020)

- ❖ Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve the consent agenda
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Burnett
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

V. WORKSHOP

A. Bridge Improvements over GA 400

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item along with Vice President of Kimley-Horn, Eric Bosman, and Planner/Landscape Architect at Kimley-Horn, Winston Mitchell.
- The GA 400 Express Lanes Project will mean the bridges over GA 200 along Kimball Bridge and Webb Bridge Roads will need to be replaced. In addition, a new bridge over GA 400 will also be constructed, Tradewinds. Each bridge has a different width the City can work within. The width was dictated through the Environmental Studies performed in association with the GA 400 Express Lanes Project.
- Representatives of Kimley Horn previously presented to City Council the aesthetics of Webb Bridge and Kimball Bridge. The exhibits presented tonight encompass the comments heard with respect to those aesthetic elements when they were presented at the February Workshop. The aesthetic elements of the proposed Tradewinds bridge over GA 400, however, were presented to City Council for the first time. Kimley Horn has been working with Public Works, Admin, and Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell on the bridge elements along Tradewinds.
- This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

B. Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 46, Article II of The City Code

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison, came forward to present this item.
- The proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 46, Article II of the Code of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia as it regulates temporary no parking zones. The effect of the amendment would be to provide authority for Alpharetta Police Officers to order the involuntary removal (towing) of automobiles that have been parked in temporary no parking zones that are established for special events and/or to meet other City needs.
- While the need for such involuntary removal is infrequent, there are several reasons why granting the authority to our Police Officers is important. These include:

- o For events such as the farmers market, Taste of Alpharetta, and other street events the presence of a vehicle on the street prevents elements of the event to be setup in accordance with the planned layout. This can be especially problematic if the vehicle is located in a manner that prevents the setup of an event element that is reliant on electrical service.
- o Once the event site is opened to the public, the vehicle cannot be moved, and the driver is stuck. This creates a conflict during the event with which our police officers must deal.
- o If the vehicle is damaged during the event, the owner would likely seek compensation from the City. While our legal liability would likely be questionable due to the vehicle being left in a posted area, we would still incur unnecessary expense if the owner files legal action.
- o There are also potential safety concerns.
- Staff worked with the City Attorney to draft the recommended ordinance, which provides the minimum changes necessary to provide for the necessary authority.
- This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

C. Preliminary Discussion: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

- The Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present this item.
- The Finance Director provided an overview of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget, including forecasted impacts from COVID-19 and associated social distancing policies, and allowed for a question and answer dialogue.
- This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

VII. REPORTS

- Council Member Richard recognized staff and board members of the Design Review Board for a successful meeting using Zoom.
- Council Member Burnett thanked members of Council who responded to his request for adding questions to the Development Authority tax abatement checklist. Additionally, this item will be added to the April 27th City Council Meeting agenda as a workshop item.
- Council Member Merkel commented on the Governor's latest press conference where he announced a list of businesses that will be permitted to open this Friday. Additionally, thanking the Mayor for his leadership during this time.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented on how the City staff has been able to maintain business throughout the pandemic. Additionally, adding that the sun

always shines in the City of Alpharetta!

- Council Member Richard asked for clarification from City Attorney, Sam Thomas, regarding who is responsible to enforcing the Governor's new orders. Mr. Thomas's understanding that the responsibility lies within the Governor's office and the Georgia State Patrol.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With no further business to discuss or items to be heard, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Cobb".

Erin Cobb, City Clerk