



Official City Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

Office of the City Clerk

CITY HALL 2 PARK PLAZA

6:30 PM

Official Minutes

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Please note that, due to ongoing efforts to encourage "social distancing" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom Meetings, as well as in-person.

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 Matthew Thomas, Economic Development Manager

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 5/4/2020)**
- B. Financial Management Report: Month Ending March 31, 2020**
- C. Alcoholic Beverage License Applications**

**PH-20-AB-05 Movie Grill Concepts XXIII, LLC
d/b/a Studio Movie Grill
7730 North Point Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30022**

**Restaurant
Consumption on Premises
Liquor, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales**

**Owner: Movie Grill Concepts XXIII, LLC
Registered Agent: Michael Sard**

- ❖ **Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell 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. NEW BUSINESS

A. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Roswell Regarding Mansell Road Bridge Ownership/Maintenance

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve the IGA with the City of Roswell for maintenance responsibilities regarding the Mansell Road Bridges adjacent to the City Limits of Alpharetta and Roswell and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- Along Mansell Road, east of North Point Parkway, the City limits of Alpharetta and Roswell traverse through two existing bridges over Big Creek. Instead of each City maintaining half a bridge (the portion in their respected City), Alpharetta has always maintained the northern bridge and Roswell the southern bridge. Though each City has been maintaining their respected bridge, there has been no formal agreement outlining which City is responsible for which bridge. The attached IGA will formalize ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the Mansell Road Bridges over Big Creek. Alpharetta will be responsible for maintaining the northern bridge and Roswell the southern bridge. Roswell City Council has approved the attached IGA.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment

- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell offered a motion approve the IGA with the City of Roswell for maintenance responsibilities regarding the Mansell Road Bridges adjacent to the City Limits of Alpharetta and Roswell and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Hipes
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

B. Refresh of Data Center Equipment

- Due to technical difficulties, Director of Information Technology, Randy Bundy, was unable to present this item via Zoom. However, City Administrator, Bob Regus, came forward to present on his behalf.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council award Dell EMC as the vendor to provide the for the data center core components including servers, production storage, and core network switches in the amount of \$178,755.74 GA Statewide Contract #C000000493100 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- This request is for the replacement of the existing Data Center core components including servers, production storage, and network switches that connect this system to the City's primary network systems. These systems are scheduled to be refreshed every 5 to 6 years and are overdue for replacement.
- Because of the recent implementation of Microsoft Azure Cloud services, this procurement is greatly reduced from the previous deployments with cloud services representing close to 50% of our overall production capacity as of now. Over time, this is anticipated to gradually grow to as much as 70%. Thus, the Azure cloud deployment has cut the overall costs for the on-premise replacement costs. We are planning however that we will need to accommodate both increased onsite and Cloud capacity over the next five years. We have carefully analyzed the proper sizing of both environments and are deploying what is needed to meet these requirements.
- Procurement is through the State of Georgia Statewide Contract for Dell EMC equipment.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Burnett offered a motion to award Dell EMC as the vendor to provide the for the data center core components including servers, production storage, and core network switches in the amount not to exceed \$178,755.74 GA Statewide Contract #C000000493100 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

C. Development Authority Revenue Bond Application Additions (Sponsor: Council Member Burnett)

- Due to technical difficulties Economic Development Manager, Matthew Thomas, was unable to present this item via Zoom. However, City Attorney, Sam Thomas, came forward to present on his behalf.
- Staff recommends that Council approve the additions to the Development Authority's Revenue Bond application.
- The Alpharetta Development Authority's current Bond Application requests information about the applicant, applicant project, and financing.
- To further extend a project or investment's impact in the city, we are seeking to place additional questions on the Bond Application that seek to understand a bond applicant's desire for community participation.
- The added questions will request information on whether or not the applicant would like to partner with the City in recreational programs or with Fulton County Schools in supporting athletics, academics, or other educational initiatives.
- This opportunity will help facilitate corporate social responsibility by assisting the City and school system with greater resources to serve the community.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Burnett offered a motion approve the additions to the Development Authority's Revenue Bond application
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

D. Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance to Allow On-Premise Sales and Consumption in Privately-Owned Dog Parks (1st Reading)

- City Clerk, Erin Cobb, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve the first reading of the amendment to the City of Alpharetta's alcohol ordinance to allow on-premise sales and consumption in privately-owned dog parks.
- This ordinance amendment will allow for alcohol to be sold and consumed in privately owned dog parks that meet the following criteria: the park is located on a minimum 2-acre lot within the LI Zoning District; the park has a minimum of 25 due-paying members; the park limits its hours of operation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; the park derives a minimum of 40% of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared food; the park has a full-service kitchen or regularly utilizes one or more food trucks to provide prepared foods to meet its food sales requirements; and the park has food trucks or other sources of prepared foods available for sale during all hours of operation.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the ordinance aloud.

Public Comment:

- Jessica Plette, 11440 Maxwell Road, Alpharetta Road, came forward with a suggested revision of the ordinance regarding hours of operation.
- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to approve the first reading of the amendment to the City of Alpharetta's alcohol ordinance to allow on-premise sales and consumption in privately-owned dog parks
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Binder
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

VI. WORKSHOP

A. Consideration of An Ordinance Providing for Regulations Governing Use of Skateboards (Sponsored By: Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell)

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, came forward to present this item.
- As Alpharetta becomes a more pedestrian oriented environment, the City has increasingly received complaints from residents and visitors regarding safety hazards posed by individuals using skateboards and similar devices on public streets, highways, sidewalks, public parking lots, and/or in public parking garages. There is considerable concern for the safety of the general public and for those using these devices due to the potential for collisions with pedestrians or motor vehicles.
- While the City has attempted to discourage such activity, especially in high-pedestrian and high-vehicular traffic areas, such efforts have garnered little cooperation or success. Lacking an established ordinance to enforce, law enforcement has not been able to further address the issue.
- The proposed ordinance would stipulate that, "No person shall propel skateboards, roller skates or other similar devices upon a public street, highway, sidewalk, public parking lot or parking garage." It would further provide for enforcement of the ordinance and define penalties for violation.
- This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

Public Comment

- Steven Whitt, 3315 Commerce Street, Alpharetta, GA, came forward in support of this item.
- Ashley Whitt, 3315 Commerce Street, Alpharetta, GA, came forward in support of this item.
- Melanie Ley, 2001 Commerce Street, Alpharetta, GA, commented online in support of this item.

B. Unified Development Code Text Amendments – Chickens

- Director of Community Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff has received several requests over the years requesting changes to the

Unified Development Code to permit chickens on property other than AG zoned. Currently only AG zoned property in Alpharetta allows chickens, subject to Fulton County Health Department regulations. Staff researched several jurisdictions and found the following allowances for chickens:

Backyard Chickens and Other Poultry in Other Jurisdictions

City	Minimum Lot Size	Setbacks of Structures	Maximum # Allowed	Other Information
Roswell	.33 (14,374 sf)	25'	6	
Milton	1.01+	25'	12 /acre max 36	
Johns Creek	any	100'	75	
Marietta	15,000	20' from property line and 10' from principal structure	4	Also required to have fenced area for the chickens at a minimum of 25sf per chicken

- Staff contacted several Code Enforcement offices in other jurisdictions and found they had no significant complaints regarding chickens. Staff is recommending the Unified Development Code be amended to allow a maximum of 6 chickens on a 1-acre minimum lot, no roosters, and structures must maintain a minimum setback of 25'.
- This item is presented for discussion and information purposes only. No formal action is requested at this time.

C. Presentation and Discussion: Recommended Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present this item.
- The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the Recommended Annual Operating and Capital Budget (the "FY 2021 Budget") and allow for a question and answer dialogue.
- The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget was distributed electronically to the City Council on April 30, 2020 and is available on the City's website as a downloadable pdf and available for filtering/analysis through the City's financial transparency site powered by OpenGov.
- The Finance Department presented an overview of the FY 2021 Budget at the May 4th City Council meeting.
- This meeting will focus on the operating and capital initiatives included within the FY 2021 Budget. Department Directors will be present to discuss their initiatives and answer questions.
- Public Hearings and City Council action on the FY 2021 Budget and Millage Levy are scheduled for June 1st, 15th, and 22nd.
- Changes to Budget Document since last Workshop: Added 2 projects to the Unfunded Capital List: 92 Milton Avenue Mid-Block Crossing (page 34); Roswell at Old Roswell Street Pedestrian Improvements (page 34).
- This item is presented for discussion and information purposes only. No formal action is requested at this time.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

VIII. REPORTS

- Council Member Merkel commented that he will be researching a type of sidewalk surface that you cannot skateboard on.
- Council Member Richard followed up on the skateboarding ordinance item by stating that the City had *never* received a skateboard park petition that was mentioned earlier during public comment.
- Additionally, Council Member Richard announced that Community Development's GIS Specialist/Planner, Ben Kern, received his master's degree.
- City Administrator, Bob Regus, came forward and gave Mayor and Council a brief update on City procedures.
- Council Member Merkel announced that the Director of Community Development, Kathi Cook's, birthday was yesterday.
- Mayor Gilvin announced that antibody testing is taking place for our Public Safety employees.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With no further business to discuss or items to be heard, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin Cobb, City Clerk