



Official City Council Meeting Minutes

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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 Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- o Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
- o Pete Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- o John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- o Michael Woodman, Senior Planner

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Milton High School's 100th Anniversary

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 1/19/2021)

❖ Council Member Burnett offered a motion to approve the consent agenda

- The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CU-20-08 Peach Coffee Roasters/Henderson Commons

- Senior Planner, Michael Woodman, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve CU-20-08 Peach Coffee Roasters/Henderson Commons, subject to the following conditions (**Changes by the Planning Commission shown in RED**):
 1. 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' shall be added as a conditional use at 735 North Main Street, Building A and limited to no more than 2,000 square feet.
 2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to Peach Coffee Roasters, **which is primarily a coffee shop**; no additional 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' use or subleasing shall be permitted on the approved outparcel.
 3. Building **with drive-thru** shall be substantially like the submitted architecture and materials, with final approval by DRB. New buildings shall be non-painted brick, with final approval by DRB.
 4. Drive-thru lane shall be screened to car height along its east side with a row of taller growing evergreen shrubs, such as Hollies or Tea Olives.
 5. Outside speakers shall not be audible from off-site properties.
 6. Hours of operation shall be **Monday – Sunday 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Friday 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**
 7. To soften the look of the existing painting brick building from North Main Street, pots planted with ornamental trees and shrubs of various sizes and colors shall be provided along the frontage of the main shopping center building. Pots shall be of a material and color that is compatible with the shopping center, with final approval by DRB.
 8. Developer shall assess and replace any dead, dying or missing required landscape material.
 9. Developer shall provide a pedestrian connection from the Highway 9 sidewalk to the front door of the business, including adequate striping through the parking lot, as approved by Staff. Crosswalk striping in the parking lot shall be approved by Staff at land disturbance permit.

10. Developer shall ~~provide right-of-way, if needed, make accommodations~~ for the GDOT Highway 9 project, including right-of-way and permanent and temporary easements. The landscape strip along Highway 9 shall be accommodated with the GDOT Highway 9 project and required landscaping removed as a result of the project shall be replaced at project completion.
 11. ~~Developer shall be allowed to install a code-compliant monument sign in front of the building with the drive-thru approved pursuant to CU-20-08. In addition, the existing monument sign may be removed and upon removal, one additional code-compliant monument sign may be installed on the Henderson Commons development, substantially as depicted on Exhibit C.~~
- This item was heard at the 1/7/2021 Planning Commission meeting. Staff recommended approval subject to ten (10) conditions. There were no public comments. After discussion, Planning Commission recommended approval subject to staff's recommended conditions and accepting some changes requested by the applicant. Vote 6-0
 - The applicant, David Pittman, is requesting a conditional use to allow Peach Coffee Roasters to operate a 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' in a 2,000 square foot building on a pad-ready site within the Henderson 2 Commons shopping center. The proposed use requires approval of a conditional use in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. The subject property is located at 735 North Main Street near the southeast corner of North Main Street and Henderson Parkway
 - The submitted request, if approved, would allow Peach Coffee Roasters to operate a 'Restaurant w/Drive Thru Window' in a 2,000 square foot building on a pad-ready site within the Henderson Commons shopping center. The subject property is located at 735 North Main Street near the southeast corner of North Main Street and Henderson Parkway.
 - The property is part of an 8.6-acre site developed as a shopping center with two (2) commercial outparcels. The zoning of the property is C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial), which allows 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' with approval of a conditional use. Surrounding properties are zoned C-1 to the north, east and west and CUP (Community Unit Plan) to the south. Addington Place Assisted Living Facility is located to the north, Advance Auto Parts to the west, Children's Cottage Montessori to the east and Somerset at Henderson Village to the south. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan designation of the property is 'Commercial'.
 - Henderson Commons shopping center is approximately 8.6 acres and was developed in 2008 with a 32,990 square foot shopping center. Two (2) outparcels were created in the parking lot, including the applicant's proposed location called out in the aerial photo below. Businesses occupying the shopping center include Lumber Liquidators, Leather Creations, and Title Boxing Club, to name a few. A conditional use was approved to allow 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' for Dunkin Donuts at the Stonewood Village shopping center in 2019, which is located at the northwest corner of North Main Street and Cogburn Road.
 - The property is located within the Highway 9 LCI, which was adopted by the Cities of Alpharetta and Milton in 2012. The property is located in the southern portion of the 'Transitional Area' and includes a vision to improve walkability and overall character of the area. This area includes several retail developments that are underutilized and underperforming, including Henderson Commons. In general, drive-thru restaurants do not promote walkability; however, a local coffee shop will generate fewer trips than a Starbucks or national fast food chain restaurant. Additionally, a patio and green space is planned which will promote walkability. The location is near existing residential development.

- While the LCI calls for buildings to be brought up to the street, the property is already pad-graded with surface parking around the perimeter. However, the proposed outparcels buildings are much closer to Highway 9 than the main building in the shopping center and only one (1) row of parking will remain between the coffee shop building and the street. The new buildings will also help screen the large surface parking lot from Highway 9. GDOT's Highway 9 project will improve walkability in the area with the installation of twelve-foot (12') wide sidewalks.
- Peach Coffee Roasters currently has one (1) location in Johns Creek at 10875 Jones Bridge Road. The business is different than most coffee shops as they roast their coffee beans on-site. The business also offers packaged coffee and a frequently changing food menu. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM to 3 :00 PM. The applicant anticipates between nine (9) to twelve (12) employees.
- The Henderson Commons location is proposed in a multi-tenant building, depicted as Building A on the site plan, with a single lane drive-thru on an existing outparcel within the parking lot. The applicant proposes to occupy approximately 2,000 square feet of the 4,200 square foot Building A. There is enough parking to serve the existing and proposed uses on the property. The applicant's public hearing application states that the drive-thru facilities are essential to the business as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- TRAFFIC: It is estimated that the 2,000 square foot coffee shop with drive-thru would generate 178 AM Peak Hour trips and 87 PM Peak Hour trips. However, this trip generation is more closely associated with a chain coffee shop, such as Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts. A local coffee shop, as proposed, would generate fewer trips than national coffee shops and fast-food chain restaurants.
- CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW CRITERIA: City staff has reviewed the applicant's request and compared it to the conditional use standards established in UDC Sec. 4.2.3 (B) which are as follows:
- A conditional use otherwise permitted within a zoning district shall be considered to be compatible with other uses permitted in the district, provided that due consideration is given to the following objective criteria at a public hearing and satisfactory provisions or arrangements are made for:

1. Access into and out of the property with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety, volume of traffic flow, and emergency vehicles, as well as the type of street providing access;

Response: The subject property has access from Highway 9 and Henderson Parkway. The proposed use would not have significant impacts on vehicular and pedestrian access since it is a local coffee shop generating fewer trips than a national coffee shop or fast-food restaurant chain. If approved, a condition is recommended requiring a pedestrian connection from the public sidewalk to the front door of the business, including striping through the parking lot.

2. The extent to which refuse areas, loading and service areas, off street parking, and buffers and screening are provided on the property;

Response: The above-mentioned improvements are sufficiently addressed on the applicant's site plan. The drive-thru facility has sufficient stacking. If approved, a condition is recommended requiring that landscape strip plantings removed as a result of GDOT's Highway 9 project be replaced at project completion.

3. Ensuring that the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity or diminish and impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood;

Response: The proposal should not have significant impacts on surrounding properties or businesses, which are also developed with commercial uses. In addition, the coffee shop will help with the retail synergy within Henderson Commons shopping center, which should improve business activity.

4. Ensuring that the conditional use will not increase local or state expenditures in relation to the cost of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties;

Response: Not applicable.

5. Ensuring that the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area;

Response: The proposal should not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding properties or businesses, which are also developed with commercial uses. The coffee shop would not be supported at this location, if it were a national coffee shop or fast-food restaurant chain generating a higher number of trips. This coffee shop also promotes outdoor seating and encourages walk up customers.

6. Ensuring that the location and character of the conditional use is consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the city, in general; and

Response: The subject property is a shopping center, which typically have restaurants with drive-thru facilities on outparcels. Promoting walkability along Main Street is a goal; therefore, a drive-thru should be carefully considered based upon traffic generated as well as supporting restaurants with outdoor space. This location will incorporate an adjacent green space.

7. Ensuring that the conditional use is appropriately separated from similar uses and conflicting uses, such as residences, government buildings, parks, churches, or schools.

Response: The coffee shop with drive-thru is sufficiently separated from the nearest residential properties, which are located to the south behind the Henderson Commons shopping center. A Dunkin Donuts with drive-thru was approved at the northwest corner of North Main Street and Cogburn Road in the Stonewood Village shopping center, which is approximately 600' away (as measured in a straight-line distance).

- City Staff has reviewed the applicant's proposal and finds that the request is not in conflict with the established review criteria for a conditional use. The proposal should not have significant impacts on surrounding properties, which are also developed with commercial uses. Promoting walkability along Main Street is a goal; therefore, a drive-thru should be carefully considered based upon traffic generated, as well as supporting restaurants with outdoor space. This location will incorporate an adjacent green space.
- The report submitted by the applicant states that property owners within 500' were contacted regarding the applicant's intent. The report states that no comments were received.
- The CZIM was held on October 14, 2020. There were no public comments.
- Attorney Ethan Underwood, 178 S Main Street Suite 310, Alpharetta, GA 30009, with Miles Hansford & Tallant, LLC, came forward to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to approve CU-20-08 Peach Coffee Roasters/Henderson Commons, subject to the following conditions:

1. 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' shall be added as a conditional use at 735 North Main Street, Building A and limited to no more than 2,000 square feet.
2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to Peach Coffee Roasters, which is primarily a coffee shop; no additional 'Restaurant w/Drive-Thru Window' use or subleasing shall be permitted on the approved outparcel.
3. Building with drive-thru shall be substantially like the submitted architecture and materials, with final approval by DRB. New buildings shall be non-painted brick, with final approval by DRB.
4. Drive-thru lane shall be screened to car height along its east side with a row of taller growing evergreen shrubs, such as Hollies or Tea Olives.
5. Outside speakers shall not be audible from off-site properties.
6. Hours of operation shall be Monday – Sunday 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM.
7. To soften the look of the existing painting brick building from North Main Street, pots planted with ornamental trees and shrubs of various sizes and colors shall be provided along the frontage of the main shopping center building. Pots shall be of a material and color that is compatible with the shopping center, with final approval by DRB.
8. Developer shall assess and replace any dead, dying or missing required landscape material.
9. Developer shall provide a pedestrian connection from the Highway 9 sidewalk to the front door of the business, including adequate striping through the parking lot, as approved by Staff. Crosswalk striping in the parking lot shall be approved by Staff at land disturbance permit.
10. Developer shall provide right-of-way, if needed, for the GDOT Highway 9 project, including right-of-way and permanent and temporary easements. The landscape strip along Highway 9 shall be accommodated with the GDOT Highway 9 project and required landscaping removed as a result of the project shall be replaced at project completion.
11. Developer shall be allowed to install a code-compliant monument sign in front of the building with the drive-thru approved pursuant to CU-20-08. In addition, the existing monument sign may be removed and upon removal, one additional code-compliant monument sign may be installed on the Henderson Commons development, substantially as depicted on Exhibit C.

- The motion received a second from Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

B. CU-21-01/V-21-01 C'est Vert Nails & Spa/55 Roswell Street

- Senior Planner, Michael Woodman, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve CU-21-01/V-21-01 C'est Vert Nails & Spa/55 Roswell Street, subject to the following conditions:
 1. 'Spa Services' shall be added as a conditional use at 55 Roswell Street, Suite 110, and limited to no more than 1,918 square feet.
 2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to the C'est Vert Nails & Spa; no additional spa services businesses or subleasing shall be permitted within the approved space.
 3. Spa services shall be limited to facials, waxing, and massage.
 4. Hours of operation shall be Monday – Saturday 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM.
 5. Window signage shall be limited to no more than 10% of the window area. No lighting window trim.
- This item was heard at the 1/7/2021 Planning Commission meeting. Staff recommended approval subject to five (5) conditions. There were no public comments. After discussion, Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval subject to staff's recommended conditions. Vote 7-0
- The applicant, Laurence Patten, is requesting a conditional use permit to allow 'Spa Services' for C'est Vert Nails & Spa, which is a nail salon that provides some spa services, including facial, massage and waxing. A variance is requested to reduce the minimum distance requirement between comparable 'Spa Services' uses. The subject property is located at 55 Roswell Street, Suite 110.
- The submitted request, if approved, will permit the applicant to provide 'Spa Services' (facial, massage and waxing) in conjunction with a nail salon in a 1,918 square foot suite for C'est Vert Nails & Spa. A variance is requested to reduce the minimum distance requirement between comparable 'Spa Services' businesses. The subject property is located at 55 Roswell St, Suite 110.
- The property is zoned C-2 (General Commercial), which allows 'Spa Services' with approval of a conditional use permit. The property, which is currently under construction, received approval on May 18, 2015. The applicant's business is proposed within the ground-floor of a three (3) story office building. Surrounding properties are zoned C-2 to the north, east and south and R-10M to the west and north. The Roswell Street City Parking lot is located to the north and west, Made to the north, 54 Roswell Street to the east, and 61 Roswell Street to the south and west.
- Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 1.4.2 defines 'Spa Services' as, "A business that provides services, which may include non-medical massage, other personal services such as skin, nail, hair treatments, and hair removal/waxing, and may have the sale of associated retail 2 products. Such business shall be located within a retail center, shall not occupy more than 4,000 sq. ft. and shall not be closer than 2,000 ft. to a comparable business."
- The applicant is requesting a variance to the definition of 'Spa Services' to reduce the distance requirements between comparable businesses. There is a 'Spa Services' business, Natural Body Spa at 275 Commerce Street in City Center, that is located approximately 1,200' from the applicant's proposed site. However, Natural Body Spa is a day spa and does not provide nail services and the applicant's business is a nail salon with some accessory spa services.

- C'est Vert Nails & Spa is a new business with a primary focus on nail services with some spa services that are typically found in a nail salon such as, facials, waxing, and massage. C'est Vert translates to 'It's Green' and the applicant's business model is to offer eco-friendly and sustainable nail and spa services with the use of healthy and quality products. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The applicant anticipates between 10 – 12 employees at the proposed location. The applicant's space will accommodate 13 manicure stations, eight (8) pedicure stations, retail display, and two (2) spa treatment rooms.
- **CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW CRITERIA:** City staff has reviewed the applicant's request and compared it to the conditional use standards established in UDC Sec. 4.2.3 (B) which are as follows:
- A conditional use otherwise permitted within a zoning district shall be considered to be compatible with other uses permitted in the district, provided that due consideration is given to the following objective criteria at a public hearing and satisfactory provisions or arrangements are made for:
 1. Access into and out of the property with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety, volume of traffic flow, and emergency vehicles, as well as the type of street providing access;

Response: 55 Roswell Street was developed in compliance with all site access standards.
 2. The extent to which refuse areas, loading and service areas, off street parking, and buffers and screening are provided on the property;

Response: The above-mentioned site requirements will be provided on the subject property.
 3. Ensuring that the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity or diminish and impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood;

Response: The proposed retail service use would complement the other uses along Roswell Street and contribute to the walkable environment in the Downtown. Therefore, approval of the applicant's business should not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the area.
 4. Ensuring that the conditional use will not increase local or state expenditures in relation to the cost of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties;

Response: Not applicable.
 5. Ensuring that the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area; and

Response: The proposed retail service use would complement the other uses along Roswell Street and contribute to the walkable environment in the Downtown. Therefore, approval of the applicant's business should not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding properties.
 6. Ensuring that the location and character of the conditional use is considered to be consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the city, in general.

Response: The proposed retail service use would complement the other uses along Roswell Street and contribute to the walkable environment in the Downtown.

- VARIANCE REVIEW CRITERIA: The City of Alpharetta Unified Development Code Article IV, Section 4.5.3 outlines the criteria set forth for granting a variance. The ordinance specifically states..."a variance may be granted in whole or in part, or with conditions, in such individual case of unnecessary hardship upon a finding that":
 1. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape, or topography; or
Response: Not applicable.
 2. The application of the Ordinance to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship; or
Response: Application of the Ordinance would prohibit a 'Spa Services' business at this location. However, the distance requirement talks about separation between comparable businesses. The applicant's business is a nail salon with accessory spa services typically provided at a nail salon. Whereas Natural Body Spa is a day spa that does not offer nail services. In addition, the applicant's response to the variance review criteria points out that the subject location complies with the distance requirement, if measured along a sidewalk or street. Staff measures the 'Spa Services' distance requirement as a straight-line distance, as the crow flies.
 3. There are conditions that are peculiar to the property which adversely affect its reasonable use or usability as currently zoned; or
Response: There are not peculiar conditions on the subject property that affect its reasonable use as currently zoned. However, the distance requirement talks about separation between comparable businesses. The applicant's business is a nail salon with accessory spa services typically provided at a nail salon. Whereas Natural Body Spa is a day spa that does not offer nail services. In addition, the applicant's response to the variance review criteria points out that the subject location complies with the distance requirement, if measured along a sidewalk or street. Staff measures the 'Spa Services' distance requirement as a straight-line distance, as the crow flies.
 4. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of the City of Alpharetta ordinances.
Response: Approval of the conditional use would not cause a substantial detriment to the public good. The applicant's business is a nail salon, while Natural Body Spa is a day spa that does not offer nail services.
- Staff has reviewed the applicant's proposal finds that the requested conditional use and variance are consistent with the established review criteria. The proposed retail service use would complement other uses along Roswell Street and contribute to the Downtown walkable environment. In addition, C'est Vert is a nail salon, while Natural Body Spa is a day spa that does not offer nail services. The businesses are different, generally offering different types of services. If approved, conditions are recommended limiting the approval to C'est Vert Nails & Spa and limiting any expansion of services.
- The report submitted by the applicant states that property owners were contacted regarding the applicant's intent. The report states that no comments were received.
- The CZIM was held on December 9, 2020. There were no public comments.
- The applicant, Laurence Patten, 198 Parkmont Lane, Dallas, GA 30132, came forward to speak briefly on her application.

Public Comment

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to approve CU-21-01/V-21-01 C'est Vert Nails & Spa/55 Roswell Street, subject to the following conditions:
 1. 'Spa Services' shall be added as a conditional use at 55 Roswell Street, Suite 110, and limited to no more than 1,918 square feet.
 2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to the C'est Vert Nails & Spa; no additional spa services businesses or subleasing shall be permitted within the approved space.
 3. Spa services shall be limited to facials, waxing, and massage.
 4. Hours of operation shall be Monday – Saturday 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM.
 5. Window signage shall be limited to no more than 10% of the window area. No lighting window trim.
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

C. PH-20-18 Unified Development Code Text Amendments – North Point Overlay

- Director of Community Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve PH-20-18 Unified Development Code Text Amendments – North Point Overlay and the ordinance as presented.
- This item was heard at the 1/7/2021 Planning Commission meeting. There were no public comments. After discussion, Planning Commission recommended approval. Vote 7-0
- Staff presented for consideration text amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) Subsection 2.10.2 North Point Overlay Use and Density, to amend the Overlay boundaries and priority areas. The City Council may authorize an increase to the residential density permitted in the underlying zoning district in conjunction with a request for conditional use permit for properties depicted in a priority area.
- There are two (2) parcels of land, the Morrison Property at the northwest corner of Haynes Bridge Road and Morrison Parkway and the KB400 Property at the southwest corner of North Point Parkway and Kimball Bridge Road, where common ownership only includes a portion of the property within the North Point Overlay boundaries. In addition, the area south of the Mansell Road and North Point Parkway intersection is proposed to be added to the Overlay and become a priority area. There are currently three (3) shuttered restaurants and undeveloped properties in this area, which provide an opportunity to implement the vision of the Overlay to become a walkable, mixed-use environment.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the ordinance aloud.

Public Comment

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to approve PH-20-18 Unified Development Code Text Amendments – North Point Overlay and the ordinance as presented
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Binder
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of an Amendment to the Safe Hotel Ordinance (2nd Reading)

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve an amendment to Article VI of Chapter 42 of the City Code to amend regulations promoting safe hotels.
- The Safe Hotels Ordinance required the City Council to review its provisions before January 1, 2021. Staff and legal presented this review as a workshop during the January 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. As a result, City Council determined it in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to amend the Safe Hotel Ordinance and approved the first reading of the ordinance on January 19, 2021.
- There have been no further changes made to the ordinance since the first reading.
- Attached to the Council Packet is the clean version and red-lined version of the proposed amendments.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the ordinance aloud.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve an amendment to Article VI of Chapter 42 of the City Code to amend regulations promoting safe hotels
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Binder
 - The motion was approved (6-1); Council Member Merkel voting in opposition

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board and Commission Appointments: Planning Commission

- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to appoint Valerie Manley as an alternate member of the Planning Commission
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Binder
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

B. Consideration of a Resolution to Provide Certain Benefits to Members of the City's Boards, Commissions and Authorities - Sponsored By: Council Member Burnett & Council Member Merkel

- City Administrator, Bob Regus, came forward to present this item.
- The recommendation is for Mayor and Council to approve a resolution to provide certain benefits to members of the City of Alpharetta Boards, Commissions and Authorities.
- The City of Alpharetta has a number of volunteer boards, commissions, and authorities whose members devote countless hours of service to the betterment of the City and the Community.
- The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services provides a wide variety of classes, programs, and activities for the Community, some of which require the payment of registration and other fees as a condition to participation. Currently the City provides a one hundred percent (100%) waiver of such fees for full-time City employees.
- If the presented resolution is approved then the City would be able to provide the same waiver of fees to members of boards, commissions and authorities and their respective immediate family members.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the resolution aloud.

Public Comment

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Burnett offered a motion to approve a resolution to provide certain benefits to members of the City of Alpharetta Boards, Commissions and Authorities
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

IX. WORKSHOP

A. Tech Alpharetta Update

- Economic Development Manager, Matthew Thomas, came forward to introduce Tech Alpharetta CEO, Karen Cashion.
- Tech Alpharetta CEO Karen Cashion came forward to provide an update of Tech Alpharetta's 2020 accomplishments for calendar year and goals for 2021.
 - o 45-55 tech startups incubate at the Center at any given time
 - o Each of the startups are creating cutting edge, new technology
 - o 14 have graduated from the incubator since 2015
 - o The graduates have created nearly 600 new tech & service industry jobs for the City since 2015 and nearly 1000 new jobs total for the state
 - o The City of Greenville SC studied the incubator as a prototype for creating one

- Tech Alpharetta 2020 Financial Update:
 - o Exceeded 2020 revenue projections
 - o Beat 2020 expense projections
 - o Net Profit
 - o Record level of Sponsorship Revenue in 2020, 188% of projection
- This item was presented for informational purposes only and no vote or action is required at this time.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

XI. REPORTS

- Council Member Burnett appointed Kendrick McLaughlin as his appointee to the Cultural Arts Commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With no further business to discuss or items to be heard, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin Cobb, City Clerk