



City Council Meeting  
DECEMBER 13, 2021  
Office of the City Clerk

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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 tapes recorded at said meeting are a matter of public record and are available to be heard at the City of Alpharetta's Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

• **Council Members**

- Mayor Jim Gilvin
- Mayor Pro Tem Donald F. Mitchell
- Jason Binder
- Ben Burnett
- John Hipes
- Karen Richard
- Dan Merkel

• **Staff**

- Bob Regus, City Administrator
- Mike Stacy, City Attorney
- James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development and Economic Development
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- Adam Montgomery, Information Security Manager

**III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 12/6/2021)**

**B. Alcoholic Beverage License Applications**

1. PH-21-AB-31 Fresher Brands Alpharetta LLC  
d/b/a Surcheros Fresh Mex  
91 South Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

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

Owner and Registered Agent: Luke Christian

2. PH-21-AB-32 HVM - Alpharetta, LLC  
d/b/a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Atlanta -Alpharetta  
2925 Jordan Court  
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Hotel  
Consumption on Premises  
Liquor, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales

Owner: HVM - Alpharetta, LLC  
Registered Agent: Richard Jones III

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell offered a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- Council Member Burnett seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Z-20-05/CU-20-09/V-20-14 Alcovy Condominiums 82/92 Thompson Street**

*DEFERRED: This item has been deferred by the Applicant and will not be heard by City Council until February 7, 2021. The item will not be heard or discussed during this evening's meeting.*

Consideration of a rezoning from O-P (Office-Professional) and R-12 (Dwelling, 'For-Sale', Residential) to DT-LW (Downtown Live-Work) to allow for the construction of 10 'For-Sale' condominium units on 1.13 acres in the Downtown. A conditional use is requested to increase the residential density to 8.85 dwelling units per acre and a variance to allow a stream buffer encroachment. The property is located at 82 and 92 Thompson Street and is legally described as being located in Land Lot 748, 1st District, 2nd Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. A Resolution Declaring the Results of the City of Alpharetta Non-Partisan General Election Held on November 2, 2021**

- City Clerk, Lauren Shapiro, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council adopt a resolution declaring the results of the City of Alpharetta Non-Partisan General Election, which was held on November 2, 2021.
- The City of Alpharetta approved and adopted an ordinance on June 28, 2021 to hold a General Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 to elect three (3) members of the City Council (Posts 1, 2, and 3) for a full four (4) year term each.

- Fulton County conducted the election on behalf of the City, and the results were as follows:

**City Council – Post 1**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Donald Mitchell (Incumbent) | 3,690 |
| Donna Shaw Murphy           | 2,904 |
| Write-In Votes              | 30    |

**City Council – Post 2**

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Michael Crupi  | 2,165 |
| Abu Jalloh     | 1,143 |
| Brian Will     | 3,048 |
| Write-In Votes | 39    |

**City Council – Post 3**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Douglas J. DeRito | 2,922 |
| Daniel McAlonan   | 2,180 |
| Trey McConnell    | 1,227 |
| Write-In Votes    | 37    |

- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, read the resolution aloud.

**Public Comment:**

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution declaring the results of the City of Alpharetta Non-Partisan General Election, which was held on November 2, 2021.
  - Council Member Merkel seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**B. A Resolution Declaring the Results of the City of Alpharetta Parks Bond Referendum Election Held on November 2, 2021**

- City Clerk, Lauren Shapiro, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council adopt a resolution declaring the results of the City of Alpharetta Parks Bond Referendum Election, which was held on November 2, 2021.
- The City of Alpharetta approved and adopted an ordinance on June 28, 2021 to hold an election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the purposes of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the question of issuing City of Alpharetta General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$29,500,000.00 for the following purposes:
  - (1) \$7,500,000.00 for the additional development of the Alpha Loop;
  - (2) \$2,000,000.00 for the Farmhouse Park design and build-out;
  - (3) \$500,000.00 for the Mid-Broadwell Park build-out;
  - (4) \$3,000,000.00 for the Old Rucker Park design and build-out;
  - (5) \$1,000,000.00 for the Turf Webb Bridge large soccer field;
  - (6) \$3,250,000.00 for the Union Hill Park re-development/trailhead;
  - (7) \$1,250,000.00 for the Waters Road Park design and build-out;
  - (8) \$5,000,000.00 for the Wills Park Equestrian renovation build-out;
  - (9) \$6,000,000.00 for the Wills Park master plan projects; and
  - (10) Paying the costs and expenses incident to the issuance of the bonds.
- Fulton County conducted the election on behalf of the City, and the results were as follows:
 

Yes: 5,028

No: 1,687

- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, read the resolution aloud.

**Public Comment:**

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Binder offered a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution declaring the results of the City of Alpharetta Parks Bond Referendum Election which was held on November 2, 2021.
  - Council Member Richard seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**C. FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant**

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve the submission of the FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant application and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- The FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program is designed to grant funds on a competitive basis to qualified state and local law enforcement agencies to support training for law enforcement officers in one of the following areas:
  - Use of force and de-escalation training (including funding for training classes and equipment/supplies to be used for training in these priority areas)
  - Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training
  - Training to support officer mental health
- The Alpharetta Police Department is seeking to obtain funds for one training initiative to build on other training programs, a multi-purpose training house (non-live fire). The purchase of a multi-purpose training house will provide the training opportunity for officers to conduct continuous use of force/de-escalation training by using realistic scenarios. This multi-purpose training house will allow the instructor to develop and control the scenarios. These scenarios will duplicate actual incidents or can be developed to train officers in handling unexpected problems. These scenarios give an officer real-world experience in handling incidents where de-escalation is necessary to prevent the use of physical force and, when physical force is needed, it is used more effectively and often at lower levels.
- Upon grant award, we will contact the product vendor who is chosen to provide the equipment. This process will comply with City of Alpharetta purchasing requirements based on product cost. The multi-purpose training house requested will be a mobile unit that can be set up and modified by the training staff to allow for the most flexibility in conducting scenarios. There is no additional cost for setup or training from the manufacturer.
- The resources provided by this grant will allow for the purchase of a multi-purpose training house from the selected vendor. The multi-purpose training house, once operational, will immediately achieve our goal of providing realistic scenario-based training focusing on the enhancing of use of force/de-escalation training.
- Costs for the multi-purpose training house is estimated at \$46,130. The total cost of building and equipping the training facility (including the \$46,130 referenced for the multi-purpose training

house) is estimated at \$88,817 and will be requested as part of the FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget. The award of this grant will reduce the costs of this initiative accordingly.

**Public Comment:**

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the submission of the FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant application and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
  - Council Member Merkel seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**D. Consideration of Letter off Support: GTIB Grant Application**

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit a letter supporting the North Fulton Community Improvement District's application for grant funding through the State Road and Tollway Authority to aid in funding the Kimball Bridge Road Corridor Multimodal Gap Connection.
- The North Fulton Community Improvement District (NFCID) is submitting an application for funding through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, operated by the State Road and Tollway Authority, to support the construction and completion of the Kimball Bridge Road Corridor Multimodal Gap Connection. The project will complete the multimodal path connection between the City's Kimball Bridge Road Widening project and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)'s bridge replacement over Georgia 400.
- Adding this connection will enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety across Georgia 400, improving access to existing major businesses and residential communities as well as to potential development and redevelopment sites.
- This connection unlocks access to key activity centers that make Alpharetta the vibrant city it is today, including Avalon, Downtown Alpharetta, and the new North Point Ecodistrict.

**Public Comment:**

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell offered a motion to approve the authorization for the Mayor to sign and submit a letter supporting the North Fulton Community Improvement District's application for grant funding through the State Road and Tollway Authority to aid in funding the Kimball Bridge Road Corridor Multimodal Gap Connection.
  - Council Member Burnett seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Jamie Bendall, 235 Crabapple Chase Court, came forward to share his appreciation and thanks to the two departing City Council Members, Ben Burnett and Karen Richard. He also thanked Mayor and Council for his reappointment to serve as an alternate member on the Planning Commission.

**III. REPORTS**

- A. Council Member Merkel shared that the Season of Celebration will occur one more night, on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Downtown Alpharetta.

- B. Mayor Gilvin and City Administrator, Bob Regus, came forward to present a commemorative obelisk to Council Member Burnett and Council Member Richard for their time, commitment, and for their service as an Alpharetta City Council Member.
- C. All other Council Members joined Mayor Gilvin and City Administrator Regus during the presentation to Council Member Burnett and Council Member Richard and shared their appreciation and gratefulness for both of their contributions during the time they served on City Council.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ❖ Council Member Richard offered a motion to adjourn to executive session.
  - Council Member Merkel seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved (5-2; with Council Member Burnett and Council Member Merkel in opposition).
- Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk