City Council Meeting
JANUARY 18, 2022
Office of the City Clerk

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 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
  - Mayor Jim Gilvin
  - Mayor Pro Tem Dan Merkel
  - Donald F. Mitchell
  - Brian Will
  - Douglas J. DeRito
  - John Hipes
  - Jason Binder
- Staff
  - Bob Regus, City Administrator
  - Mike Stacy, City Attorney
  - James Drinkard, Assistant 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
  - Michael Woodman, Planning + Development Services Manager
  - Bret Schroeder, Code Enforcement Manger
  - Eric Graves, Senior Transportation Engineer / Planner

- Phillip Seabolt, Fire Marshal
- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Kevin Carbone, Alpharetta's American Ninja Warrior

B. Georgia State Gymnastics Championship – Outstanding Performance Award presentation to the Alpharetta Gymnastics Academy

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 1/3/2022)

B. Alcoholic Beverage License Applications

1. PH-21-AB-38 City Eats, LLC
   d/b/a City Eats Kitchen
   210 South Main Street, Suite A
   Alpharetta, GA 30009

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

   Owner: City Eats, LLC
   Registered Agent: Art Stephen Przbyl II

❖ Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to approve the consent agenda
- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CU-21-15 Reserve 116 Event Venue / 4150 Old Milton Parkway
Consideration of a conditional use to allow a Special Event Facility in a 1,960 square foot space for Reserve 116. The property is located at 4150 Old Milton Parkway, Suite 116 and is legal described as being located in Land Lot 90, 1st Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

- Planning + Development Services Manager, Michael Woodman, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve CU-21-15 Reserve 116 Event Venue / 4150 Old Milton Parkway, subject to the following conditions:

1. 'Special Event Facility' shall be added as a conditional use at 4150 Old Milton Parkway, Suite 116 and limited to no more than 1,960 square feet.
2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to Reserve 116 Event Venue; no additional 'Special Event Facility' use or subleasing shall be permitted within the approved space.
3. Special event facility shall be limited to no more than 100 people, with final maximum occupancy subject to Fire Marshall approval.

4. Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday – Thursday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Friday – Saturday 6:00 AM – 1:00 AM and Sunday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM.

5. ~~Valet parking shall be provided for events hosting 60 or more people. Valet operation shall not overflow onto Old Milton Parkway. If valet operation is deemed deficient by the City Transportation Planner, operator shall work with Staff to develop an alternative service plan.~~

6. If a parking problem is identified by the City, Reserve 116 Event Venue shall be required to correct the problem by reducing the capacity of events, providing an off-site parking agreement for parking within 500' of the facility, and/or providing valet services, as approved by Staff. Signage indicating 'No Parking' in adjacent parking lots shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the event facility.

- This item was considered at the 1/6/2022 Planning Commission meeting. Staff recommended approval subject to 6 conditions. There were no public comments. After discussion, Planning Commission recommended approval subject to staff's recommended conditions and a change to the condition regarding valet parking (Planning Commission changes shown in RED above). Vote 6-0.

- The applicant, Reserve 116 Event Venue, is requesting a conditional use to operate a 'Special Event Facility' in a 1,960 square foot suite within The Shops at Old Milton center. A maximum capacity of up to 100 people is requested. The subject property is located at 4150 Old Milton Parkway, Suite 116 near the northeast corner of Old Milton Parkway and Park Woods Circle.

- The submitted request, if approved, would allow Reserve 116 Event Venue to operate a 'Special Event Facility' in a 1,960 square foot suite in The Shops at Old Milton center. A maximum capacity of up to 100 people is requested. A conditional use is requested to allow a 'Special Event Facility'.

- The property is zoned CUP (Community Unit Plan) and is subject to the Park Bridge Master Plan Pods B & C, which allows 'Special Event Facility' with approval of a conditional use. Surrounding properties are zoned CUP, except the property across Old Milton Parkway to the south is zoned O-P (Office-Professional).

- The Shops at Old Milton is approximately 5.1 acres and was developed in 2007 as a 2-story, approximately 50,000 square foot shopping center. Businesses occupying the center include Jerusalem Bakery, Spices Hut, FedEx Office Print & Ship Center and Epic Fencing Club, to name a few. Two (2) restaurants currently operate at the center, as well as several retail service businesses, including a beauty shop, barber shop, tutoring services, copy/shipping center, retail sales and indoor recreation. The development has 242 parking spaces, which is sufficient to serve the existing and proposed uses.

- Reserve 116 Event Venue is a new business offering boutique special event services and space. The applicant proposes to use Suite 116, which is located on the 1st floor of the center.

- Valet parking will be available for events hosting over 60 guests. The facility would accommodate weddings, birthdays, bridal and baby showers, corporate events, corporate networking events, educational trainings and or seminars, as well as fundraiser galas, etc. Event planners will be available in house and catering, such as food & drink, DJ, photography, etc., will be outsourced. Hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Friday – Saturday 6:00 AM – 1:00 AM and Sunday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM. The applicant anticipates approximately three (3) employees.

- Using the applicant's maximum capacity of 100 people and an average vehicle occupancy of two and a half (2.5) people per car, it is estimated that a full event would generate 40

vehicles.

- Staff reviewed the applicant's proposal in consideration of the review criteria for a conditional use. The proposal should not have significant impacts on surrounding properties, which are mostly developed with non-residential uses. In addition, there is sufficient parking available in the center and the use should improve synergy with other businesses operating in the center and nearby. If approved, a condition is recommended requiring that the business remediate any parking problems identified by the City and to have valet parking available for events over 60 people.
- The CZIM was held on December 8, 2021. There were no public comments.
- The applicant, Lele Wright (44 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta, GA 30009), came forward to speak on behalf of this application. Ms. Wright shared that she will not have an alcohol license, but if alcohol is provided during contracted events, then the caterers will be required to have an alcohol license.

Public Comment:

- Doug Horvath, residing at 1610 Silverleaf Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005, came forward to speak on this item.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve CU-21-15 Reserve 116 Event Venue / 4150 Old Milton Parkway, subject to the following conditions:

1. 'Special Event Facility' shall be added as a conditional use at 4150 Old Milton Parkway, Suite 116 and limited to no more than 1,960 square feet.
2. Conditional use approval shall be limited to Reserve 116 Event Venue; no additional 'Special Event Facility' use or subleasing shall be permitted within the approved space.
3. Special event facility shall be limited to no more than 100 people, with final maximum occupancy subject to Fire Marshall approval.
4. Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday – Thursday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Friday – Saturday 6:00 AM – 1:00 AM and Sunday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM.
5. If a parking problem is identified by the City, Reserve 116 Event Venue shall be required to correct the problem by reducing the capacity of events, providing an off-site parking agreement for parking within 500' of the facility, and/or providing valet services, as approved by Staff. Signage indicating 'No Parking' in adjacent parking lots shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the event facility.
    - Council Member DeRito seconded the motion.
    - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

B. **PH-21-21 Atlanta Signs Unified Development Code (UDC) Text Amendment – Sign Code Change, Tenant Panels**

Consideration of text amendments to the Unified Development Code requested by Atlanta Signs to increase the number of tenant panels allowed on a monument sign in a shopping center from no more than 4 to the number of leasable tenant spaces up to a maximum of 12 tenant panels.

- Planning + Development Services Manager, Michael Woodman, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council deny the request for Unified Development Code text amendments related to monument sign tenant panels in shopping centers.
- This item was considered at the 1/6/2022 Planning Commission meeting. There was one (1)

public comment from a sign company professional stating that four (4) tenant panels may be too few, but twelve (12) may be too many. Some of the Planning Commissioners expressed a desire that Staff further research the topic to recommend if a change to the number of tenant panels is needed. After discussion, Planning Commission recommended to deny. Vote 6-0.

- The applicant, Atlanta Signs, is requesting consideration of text amendments to Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 2.6 Sign Code, to amend the maximum allowable tenant panels allowed on a monument sign in a shopping center. The current regulation allows up to four (4) tenant panels on a monument sign in shopping centers. The applicant proposes allowing up to twelve (12) tenant panels on a monument sign.
- Earlier today on January 18, 2022, the applicant submitted an amended application and now, the applicant proposes the following amendment to Unified Development Code (UDC), Section 2.6 Sign Code, related to monument sign tenant panels in a shopping center:

  2.6.12 Requirements for non-residential zoning districts.

  A. Signs Permitted in Strip Shopping Centers (less than 50,000 sq. ft. enclosed leasable space).

  1. Primary Free-standing Sign (Monument Sign). One (1) primary monument sign no greater than ten (10) ft. in height with no more than forty-two (42) sq. ft. of copy area shall be permitted in a strip shopping center. The monument sign may have up to ~~four (4) tenant panels~~ twelve (12) tenant spaces or less, limited to the number of leasable tenant spaces up to a maximum of twelve (12) actual tenant space, which shall be calculated as part of the copy area. This sign shall be set back 20 ft. from the public right-of-way.

- The applicant states that the UDC text amendments are needed to accurately convey businesses and services to the public, avoid consumer confusion in locating businesses and to not damage businesses and property owners by limiting advertising.
- Staff believes the applicant's proposed change could be a public safety issue as the overall monument sign area of 42 square feet would not change. This would lead to smaller tenant panels that are less discernable to motorists. In addition, vehicle navigation is more commonly used to locate businesses that are unfamiliar to the customer.
- Staff looked at sign code regulations in surrounding and nearby jurisdictions, as it relates to monument signs in shopping centers. Most jurisdictions do not specifically address tenant panels and do not limit tenant panels to a maximum number. However, except for the City of Milton, the other jurisdictions that were looked at allow monument signs that are greater in sign area and mostly greater in height than Alpharetta's sign regulations.
- The CZIM was held on December 8, 2021. There was one (1) public comment asking about the number of proposed tenant sign panels.
- The applicant, Dave West (5017 Gunners Run NE, Roswell, GA 30075), came forward to speak on behalf of this application.
- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, read the Ordinance title aloud.

Public Comment:

- Doug Horvath (1610 Silverleaf Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005) came forward to speak on this item.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to deny PH-21-21 Atlanta Signs Unified Development Code (UDC) Text Amendment – Sign Code Change, Tenant Panels.

- Council Member Hipes seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).
- There was discussion about the following during the motion:
  - Council Member Binder shared that he appreciated the applicant's diligence with this request and would suggest asking for an exception for this specific instance instead of a full UDC Text Amendment.
  - Council Member Mitchell shared that monument signs are not as necessary for advertising as they were 20 years ago.
  - Council Member Hipes shared that part of the attractiveness in locating a business in Alpharetta is because of the aesthetics throughout the city; our residents appreciate our aesthetics.

C. **PH-21-17 Unified Development Code (UDC) Text Amendments – Downtown Overlay Sign Code**
Consideration of text amendments to the United Development Code (UDC) to add regulations for signage in the Downtown Overlay.

- Director of Community Development and Economic Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve text amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 2.6 Signs, as it relates to signage in the Downtown Overlay by prohibiting sign cabinets, prohibiting face illuminated signs, and by adding design regulations applicable to external illumination, monument signs, wall signs, perpendicular or hanging signs and window signs.
- This item was considered at the 1/6/2022 Planning Commission meeting. There were no public comments. Planning Commission suggested clarifying 'unique material' in Subsection 2.6.12(G)(6). After discussion, Planning Commission recommended approval. Vote 6-0
- Staff organized a committee to research appropriate Downtown sign regulations. The committee consisted of sign company professionals, Design Review Board (DRB) members and Staff. The results of the research were presented to the DRB on April 16, 2021 and updated to reflect feedback provided at that meeting.
- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, read the Ordinance title aloud.
- Council Member Hipes shared that he would like to see the code address screening or visual barriers in terms of temporary construction signage.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments for this item.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve PH-21-17 Unified Development Code (UDC) Text Amendments – Downtown Overlay Sign Code.

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

D. **E-21-07 Wellstar Sign Exception**
DEFERRED: This item has been deferred by the Applicant. This item will not be heard or considered by City Council during tonight's meeting.
Consideration of a sign exception to allow additional wall signs, to increases the height of monument signs and to allow internally illuminated monument signs and wall signs. The property is located at 2450 Old Milton Parkway and is legally described as being located in Land Lot 749, 1st District, 2nd Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Speed Zone Ordinance Extension – *Second Reading*

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- No changes have been made to this item since the January 3, 2022 City Council meeting.
- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, announced the Ordinance aloud.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments for this item.

❖ Council Member DeRito offered a motion to approve the existing Speed Zone Ordinance and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (6-0; as Council Member Mitchell was not present during the vote).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITB 22-006 FR 22 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- The City maintains over 200 miles of concrete sidewalk.
- Locations of sidewalks are broken into 4 tiers. Within each tier, the condition of the sidewalk was rated on the following scale:
  - Good: No vertical displacement and cracking less than 25% of the segment
  - Fair: Vertical displacement no greater than 1" and cracking 26%-50% of the segment
  - Poor: Vertical displacement of 1-2" and cracking 51%-75% of the segment
  - Very Poor: Vertical displacement greater than 2" and cracking greater than 76% of the segment
- Over 228 miles of sidewalk were evaluated, and over 80% of our sidewalk is in fair or good condition. The breakdown is below:
  - Good: 388,014 lf *(NOTE: lf = linear feet)*
  - Fair: 595,797 lf
  - Poor: 173,651 lf
  - Very Poor: 48,535 lf
- This project will focus on areas within the downtown overlay district, along Haynes Bridge Road, and Georgia Lane. The project will include demolition, haul off, disposal of demoed debris, sodding, grassing, traffic loop detection replacement and new sidewalk panels and updated handicap ramps. With this project, approximately 5,700 linear feet of sidewalk and 39 handicap ramps will be repaired or replaced with ADA-compliant requirements. Only conditions of very poor and or poor are included in the current scope of work.

- The City received a total of five (5) bids. The apparent low bidder, Excellere Construction LLC. is an experienced contractor and has worked on numerous projects with similar scope of work in Georgia and for the City of Alpharetta. Their bid came in at $498,000.00.
- Once a contract with Excellere Construction LLC has been finalized and executed, construction may begin immediately. The anticipated completion date for the work is no more than 120 days from notice to proceed. Funding received from the American Recovery Act (ARA) will be utilized to complete this project.
- Mayor Gilvin asked Director Sewczwicz and his team to take a look at a sidewalk section on Westside Parkway, just north of the exercise park, across from Avalon, where a square section of sidewalk has collapsed.

Public Comment:

- Doug Horvath, residing at 1610 Silverleaf Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005, came forward to speak on this item.
- Council Member DeRito offered a motion to approve funding in an amount not to exceed $498,000.00 to Excellere Construction LLC for the FY 22 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement project and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
    - Council Member Binder seconded the motion.
    - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

B. City Project Management Services, RFQ 22-1002

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council award RFQ 22-1002 for City Project Management Services to Atkins North America, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- The purpose of this contract is to provide the City with a firm experienced in project management, right-of-way acquisition, construction management, and construction inspection services to assist the City with larger scale projects.
- A total of three statements of qualifications (SOQ) were received by the City on December 16, 2021. These SOQs were then reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of Department of Public Works staff. Each member of the committee scored the SOQs independently based on the three evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ: Project Manager Qualifications (35%), Construction Management & Inspection Lead Qualifications (35%), and Technical Experience & References (30%). The resulting scores were as follows:
    1. 91.75 - Atkins North America, Inc.
    2. 85.88 - Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC
    3. 67.63 - Comprehensive Program Services, Inc.
- The evaluation committee met with members of the Atkins team on January 5, 2022 to discuss the City's expectations of the firm selected for this contract. The Atkins representatives answered questions asked of them by staff and assured staff that they could provide the services as set forth in the RFQ document. Therefore, the evaluation committee has recommended award of RFQ 22-1002 City Project Management Services to Atkins North America, Inc.
- There is no fiscal impact to the City in awarding this contract as there is no baseline amount of work guaranteed. The funding for services obtained through this contract will come from the total programmed funds for the associated project.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

❖ Council Member DeRito offered a motion to approve the award of RFQ 22-1002 for City Project Management Services to Atkins North America, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

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

C. **IGA Between Fulton County and the City of Alpharetta for the Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure within Lakeview Park**

- Director of Community Development and Economic Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that the Mayor and Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Alpharetta, Georgia for repair of roadways and environs at the Lakeview Development and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- This development was formerly called Tech 360 and is now referred to as Lakeview.
- The Lakeview Park development has specific streetscape design requirements such as large planting strips to encourage tree-lined streets and shallow building setbacks, creating storefront pedestrian boulevards. These requirements have necessitated locating the waterline within the roadbed of Lakeview Park. Fulton County Public Works policies currently do not allow waterlines under roads due to their capacity to make repairs to the roadway.
- To address the County's concern, this agreement limits the county's responsibility to repairing the utility service, backfilling the trench and capping the repair with concrete, as required by the City's standard detail. The asphalt topping will then be the responsibility of the City of Alpharetta. A separate agreement is already executed with TPA, the developer of Lakeview Park, and its successors and assigns to complete any restoration necessitated by repairs to County facilities.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County and the City of Alpharetta for the Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure within Lakeview Park.

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

D. **On-Call Planning Services Contract Award**

- Director of Community Development and Economic Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that the Mayor and Council award a contract to Starr Whitehouse and Kimley-Horn & Associates under the terms and conditions of the City's On-Call Planning Services contract and authorize Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- Community Development occasionally utilizes consultant planning services, which may include assistance with code revisions, urban planning, landscape architecture, and public outreach. Projects range from small exhibits for public spaces to major area plan revisions and may

include state or federal grant-funded studies with costs exceeding $50,000. City and consultant are required to follow granting agency requirements in those instances. The City seeks statements of qualifications for on-call planning services every five (5) years.

- Starr Whitehouse and Kimley-Horn & Associates will provide professional services and design services on an as needed basis and costs will be determined when their services are needed.

Public Comment:

- Doug Horvath (1610 Silverleaf Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005) came forward to speak on this item.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve the award of a contract to Starr Whitehouse and Kimley-Horn & Associates under the terms and conditions of the City's On-Call Planning Services contract and to authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents.

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

E. South Main Street LCI Supplemental Study Contract Award

- Director of Community Development and Economic Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council award a contract in the amount of $200,000.00 to HKS under the terms and conditions of the City's South Main Street LCI Supplemental Study contract and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- On February 22, 2021, Mayor and City Council authorized Staff to submit an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Program seeking grant funding for the South Main Street LCI Supplemental Study. ARC awarded the City $160,000.00 to complete the Study, with the City committed to a 20% match in the amount of $40,000.00.
- The goal of the South Main Street LCI Supplemental Study is to develop a plan to improve the South Main Street area including pedestrian, bicycle and transportation elements, and public space activation. The analysis and recommendations will look at the LCI area's economic and development characteristics to prepare a strategy that supports the plan recommendations, ensures the proposed plan is realistic and provide guidance for future actions. With the involvement of community stakeholders in the study area, the study will evaluate and address a Community Vision, Area and Existing Plan Assessment, Economic and Development Strategy, Transportation Strategy, and Placemaking Strategy.
- The City issued the South Main Street LCI Supplemental Study RFP (#22-106) on September 16, 2021 with proposals due on October 21, 2021. Three (3) consultant teams responded to the RFP and all three (3) teams were shortlisted for interviews. The HKS project team was the top scoring consultant team, which combined the RFP response and interview. Staff recommends awarding the contract to HKS.
- Director Cook shared that this plan will be created based on input from the community.
- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel thanked Director Cook for finding the opportunity to turn $40,000.00 into $200,000.00.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve the contract award in the amount of $200,000.00 to HKS under the terms and conditions of the City's South Main Street LCI

Supplemental Study contract and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

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

F. **Memorandum of Understanding between Food Well Alliance, Inc., the Atlanta Regional Commission, and the City of Alpharetta, Georgia**

- Community Services Manager, Amanda Musilli, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Food Well Alliance, Inc., the Atlanta Regional Commission, and the City of Alpharetta, Georgia for the City Agriculture Plan and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- On October 15, 2021, the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department applied for the City Agriculture Plan grant offered by Food Well Alliance and the Atlanta Regional Commission. On December 4, 2021 a Community Food Forum was hosted at Old Rucker Farm to gauge community interest, and on December 8, 2021 a meeting with city department leaders was hosted to confirm the support and commitment from all city departments in fulfilling a comprehensive city agriculture plan, if awarded.
- On December 17, Food Well Alliance notified the City of Alpharetta that we have been awarded this grant, which includes a comprehensive city agriculture plan and $75,000.00 to implement a portion(s) of the plan.
- This plan will be developed based upon the community's vision.
- City Attorney, Mike Stacy, shared that any staff time would be over and above the $75,000.00.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Food Well Alliance, Inc., the Atlanta Regional Commissison, and City of Alpharetta, Georgia for the City Agriculture Plan and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Doug Horvath (1610 Silverleaf Way, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022) came forward to speak on sidewalks and accessible routes, lawns as an acceptable surface material, a faulty Certificate of Occupancy, and personal liability.

B. Birdel Jackson (1055 Chaswood Trail, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005) came forward to speak on police policy. As a member of the Race Relations Dialogue and the North Fulton NAACP, Mr. Jackson commended the Mayor and City Council for listening to the police policies issues. Mr. Jackson shared that he was not present during the meeting to complain, but to share how he appreciated the City's efforts in applying for a grant for a police training facility.

X. REPORTS

A. **Council Member DeRito's appointments to the City of Alpharetta's Boards and Commissions**

- Council Member DeRito appointed the following individuals to serve on the City of Alpharetta's

Boards and Commissions:

- Craig Reynolds – Board of Ethics
- Clay Jones – Natural Resources Commission

XI. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to adjourn to executive session.
  - Council Member Will seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

- Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk