



City Council Work Session  
APRIL 17, 2023  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Office of the City Clerk  
ALPHARETTA CITY HALL  
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 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 video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City 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 work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

##### • Council Members

- Mayor Jim Gilvin
- Brian Will
- Donald F. Mitchell
- Douglas J. DeRito
- John Hipes
- Jason Binder

##### • Council Members Absent

- Mayor Pro Tem Dan Merkel

##### • Staff

- Chris Lagerbloom, City Administrator
- Melissa Tracy, City Attorney with Jarrard & Davis
- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- Adam Montgomery, Interim Director of Information Technology
- Cris Randall, Director of Human Resources
- John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- Kathi Cook, Director of Community and Economic Development
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services

- Pete Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- Tom Harris, Director of Finance

### III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

### IV. WORK SESSION ITEMS

#### A. FY 2024 City Council Priorities and Annual Action Plan

- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, came forward to present this item.
- The 2023 City Council Priorities and Annual Action Plan was drafted based on the conversations and discussions that were identified as priority items during the 2023 City Council Planning Retreat.

#### CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Council Member Hipes shared that Public Safety should be focused city-wide, not just in the downtown.
- Mayor Gilvin shared that the priorities are not in any particular order and all of the items are priorities.
- Council Member Binder suggested swapping the first column (Downtown Alpharetta) and another one of the points and to add more detail to the safe and welcoming community column to show that we are focused on all of Alpharetta. Additionally, would like to see the 5-year capital plan as one of the strategies noted on the annual action plan.

#### B. Union Hill Park Conceptual Site Plan – Discussion

- Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services, Morgan Rodgers, came forward to present the concept plans for Union Hill Park.

#### CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Council Member Mitchell asked about the repurposed concrete, as he believed that it does not look as nice as stone or other materials.
  - Anthony Giacobelli (representing Dix.Hite Partners) shared that for this park, they were going with a more adventurous look and conceptually wanted to use the broken up concrete as an art installation or even find a use a step pavers. There is a way that you can break up concrete so it looks as though it was done methodically and not just broken up with a sledge hammer.
- Council Member Binder shared that he did like the concept, but he wanted to see more of the equipment in the concept plans (playground and skatepark) and would like to see a play area for younger kids who might not be old enough to use a skatepark.
- Council Member DeRito asked about the utilization of this park and if we have considered adding pickleball in this park. Additionally, he wants to make sure that we are putting the best uses in this park.
  - Director Rodgers shared that a group plays badminton in the parking lot, connected to the greenway, want to keep the pavilion open as much as possible.

- Mayor Gilvin shared that the public input for this park that wanted pickleball was from residents who lived in Forsyth County.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- With there being no further items to discuss, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the Work Session at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk