



City Council Meeting & Public Hearing

MARCH 4, 2024

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Office of the City Clerk

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:30 PM

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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>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

• Council Members

- Mayor Jim Gilvin
- Mayor Pro Tem Dan Merkel
- Donald F. Mitchell
- Douglas J. DeRito
- John Hipes

• Council Members Absent

- Brian Will
- Fergal M. Brady

• Staff

- Chris Lagerbloom, City Administrator
- Molly Esswein, City Attorney
- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Adam Montgomery, Director of Information Technology
- John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- Kathi Cook, Director of Community & Economic Development
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Arts Services
- Pete Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works

- Tom Harris, Director of Finance

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

4. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. WACKY WORLD PLAYGROUND DONOR RECOGNITION

- Wacky World Chairman, Jeremy Scott, came forward to recognize The Evans Family for their generous contribution of \$100,000 for the rebuild of Wacky World Playground.

5. WORK SESSION ITEMS

A. Alpha Loop Priorities

Staff presentation and City Council Discussion of priority areas of the Alpha Loop construction.

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- The Alpha Loop from Chelsea Walk to Northwinds is wrapping up, and the anticipated opening is Q2 2024. Currently, the City has funds within the Parks Bond Account in the amount of \$7.5M dedicated to constructing a tunnel under Haynes Bridge Road to extend the Alpha Loop from Northwinds Summit to the future Alpha Link. The CID and the City partnered on the project, and the CID hired a design team and the City would allocate dollars towards construction.
- Unfortunately, the cost of the tunnel far exceeded available funds, and the CID is aware of this. The City has a decision where to allocate the \$7.5M from the Parks Bond Referendum. Attached to the report is an exhibit depicting various phases of the Alpha Loop: planned, under design, under construction, and existing. The \$7.5M can go towards various portions of the Alpha Loop.
- Staff recommends moving forward with the first 5 locations described below:
 - Extend an 8' wide sidewalk down Westside from Village Tavern to Haynes Bridge Road;
 - Roswell Street – Old Milton Parkway to Old Roswell Street (east side);
 - Roswell Street – Devore Road to OMP (west side);
 - Devore Road – End of Maxwell Development to HBR; and
 - Crossing at Grade of OMP (Chelsea Walk to Thompson Street)

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Council Member Mitchell shared that it would be helpful to have flashing pedestrian lights at Old Milton Parkway and Haynes Bridge Road.
- Council Member Hipes asked if there would be any other signals installed to alert drivers in areas where there is a higher volume of pedestrian traffic. He also asked

about the connection from Thomson Street to Chelsea Walk and suggested claiming the area on Kingry Lane that the city owns. He would not be in favor of spending money on the circular bridge near Village Tavern and would encourage the Alpha Loop to be a true trail experience, and not a sidewalk along a roadway.

- Mayor Gilvin shared that he did not see the cost benefit of the connection of the circular bridge. In regards to the pedestrian crossing at Old Milton Parkway, he is a little concerned with having two lights at such a short distance. He would also love to make Kingry Lane a beautification project. He would like to know the dollar amount associated with each project to help weigh the cost benefit of each project task.

B. Shopping Cart Containment Ordinance

City Attorney presentation and City Council discussion of a potential shopping cart containment ordinance.

- Assistant City Administrator, James Drinkard, and City Attorney, Molly Esswein, came forward to present this item.
- There has been an increasing trend of shopping carts being taken from store properties and later abandoned at locations throughout Alpharetta, often along sidewalks, near bus stops, in public parks, and on undeveloped private properties. Abandoned shopping carts are a visual blight as well as potential hazards for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on streets, sidewalks, pathways, flood control property, and private property.
- Mayor Gilvin shared that he believed that this is a step in the right direction.
- Council Member Mitchell asked if each store would determine how to ensure the management and enforcement of their carts.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 2/19/2024)

Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from the meeting of February 19, 2024.

B. City Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 2/26/2024)

Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from the meeting of February 26, 2024.

C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application

Consideration of approval of the following alcoholic beverage license application:

1. PH-24-AB-02 Jalomane, LLC d/b/a Zazza Restaurant and Lounge
124 Devore Road, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Eating Establishment

Consumption on Premises

Distilled Spirits, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales

Owner: Jalomane, LLC
Registered Agent: Vania Mane

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - Council Member Mitchell seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance – Text Amendment Code of Alpharetta

First Reading

Consideration of adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 32, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia to amend rules and regulations for parks owned and operated by the City; to provide for effective dates; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

- City Attorney, Molly Esswein, read the Ordinance title aloud.
- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, came forward to present this item.
- If approved, this Ordinance would amend Section 32-4(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alpharetta to allow for alcoholic beverages to be served, consumed, or transported in city parks or recreation facilities only in designated event venues during city sponsored events or during an event in Union Hill Park for which a permit has been issued by the director of recreation, parks, and cultural services as contemplated by this section.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to approve the adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 32, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia to amend rules and regulations for parks owned and operated by the City; to provide for effective dates; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Merkel seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution: Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Priorities and Annual Action Plan

Consideration of adoption of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Priorities and Annual Action Plan.

- City Attorney, Molly Esswein, read the Resolution title aloud.

- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, came forward to present this item.
- During the 2024 Annual City Council Planning Retreat, the Mayor and City Council identified five top priorities and five priorities to help guide city staff and the Mayor and City Council as they are conducting City business during the next Fiscal Year. City staff took those priorities and developed a written plan to communicate the goals and initiatives for the City over the next fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Merkel offered a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Priorities and Annual Action Plan.
 - Council Member Hipes seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

10. REPORTS

- Council Member Mitchell congratulated Senator Brandon Beach for his efforts to pass legislation that prohibited adversarial companies from buying land near military bases.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

- There was not an executive session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Merkel seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- With there being no further items to consider or discuss, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk