

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
June 10, 2024
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Pat Ferris Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr.
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1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to Order

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

4. Announcements

- A. This public meeting is being conducted via the use of real-time telephonic technology allowing the public simultaneous access to the public meeting. You may also attend in person with limited seating available at both the Council Chambers and the Ben Robertson Community Center, if needed. Mayor and Council will be conducting their meeting via real-time telephonic technology using Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live. You can access the meeting via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>
- B. If you are not able to attend a meeting in-person and would like to provide public comment on a specific agenda item, you can email kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov no later than 6:00 PM the night of the regular meeting. Your comments on a specific agenda item will be read aloud or grouped into categories for the record. **Facebook Live is not monitored for public comment.**

5. Presentations

- A. **Promotion Announcement: Sergeant Marlin Adams**
Introduction of newly promoted Sergeant Marlin Adams.

This promotion announcement will occur at the regular City Council meeting on

Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Public Hearing: Ordinance to Adopt the Restated Defined Benefit Retirement Plan

Consideration for approval of an Ordinance to adopt the Restated Adoption Agreement and General Addendum with Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) for the City's defined benefit retirement plan. This is needed in order to comply with IRS guidelines.

Human Resources Director Brian Acker presented an ordinance to adopt the Restated Adoption Agreement and General Addendum with Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) for the City's defined benefit retirement plan. Mr. Acker explained that this ordinance is needed in order to comply with Internal Revenue Service guidelines. This item is revisited every three to four years. The last time it was considered by the Council was in 2021. Mr. Acker emphasized no significant changes have been made to the plan, this ordinance is only a housekeeping item.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: May 28, 2024 Work Session

Approval of the May 28, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the June 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

C. Minutes: June 3, 2024 Executive Session

Approval of the June 3, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Statistics: May 2024

Consideration to receive the May 2024 crime statistics.

Chief Westenberger presented the May 2024 crime statistics [See **Exhibit A**].

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

A. Resolution: City Hall Exterior Structural Repairs

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to repair the front entrance to the Kennesaw Police Department side of City Hall.

Building Facilities Director Robbie Balenger presented a resolution to repair the front entrance to the Kennesaw Police Department side of City Hall. Staff had a structural engineer look at the front entrance who determined that through years of water and ice melt, the steel structure that had held up the sidewalk in that area had rusted away. Mr. Balenger explained the plan to fix the front entrance area as well as to replace two doors within the department. Mr. Balenger stated the contract pricing was obtained through the state.

Councilmember Jones asked several questions about the repair process, plan, and pricing.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

16. Recreation and Culture

A. Amendment: Road Closure for Salute to America

Consideration for approval to amend the street closing time of Shirley Drive during the July 3, 2024 Salute to America event.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair presented an amendment to the closing of Shirley Drive during the July 3, 2024, Salute to America event to accommodate loading in the fireworks. The road will close from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney shared the city had successful events over the weekend. He had a great call with Moody's last week as they reassess our bond rating. Dr. Drobney stated staff should know within the next week or so whether our rating has changed or stayed the same. There is no positive news on House Bill 489. He asked the Council to prepare for the long haul.

20. Mayor's Report

- A. Mayor and Council (re)appointments to Boards and Commissions.** This item is for (re)appointments made by the Mayor to any Board, Committee, Authority, or Commission requiring an appointment to fill any vacancies, resignations,

and to create or dissolve boards and commissions, as deemed necessary.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Gutierrez had no comment tonight.

Councilmember Orochena has been enjoying everyone having fun in the green space in front of the amphitheater.

Councilmember Ferris has not seen the city be as excited about a project as they are about the amphitheater. He reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting is this Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Viars pointed the public to the city's website for more information about the Piedmont Bank Amphitheater. She encouraged everyone to look at it before they attend the concert on Friday night. She also reminded everyone about the Juneteenth event at Swift Cantrell Park this Saturday.

22. Executive Session

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk