

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>

July 1, 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

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Easterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

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

4. Announcements

- A. 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

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

6:32 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:33 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: June 10, 2024 Work Session

Approval of the June 10, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the June 17, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: Joe's Up Top

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for Joe's Up Top LLC d/b/a Joe's Up Top located at 3900 Legacy Park Blvd Suite B100 Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Business License Manager LaMaya Edmonds presented an alcohol license for Beer, Wine, Liquor and Sunday Sales for Joe's Up Top, LLC d/b/a Joe's Up Top located at 3900 Legacy Park Boulevard, Suite B100. The applicant has completed the full license application and the required workshops. Ms. Edmonds shared that signs have been posted at the location, and the license has been properly advertised.

Mayor Easterling mentioned that the business would be where Bar North was located, to which Ms. Edmonds responded he was correct.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to approve an alcohol license for Beer, Wine, Liquor and Sunday Sales for Joe's Up Top, LLC d/b/a Joe's Up Top located at 3900 Legacy Park Boulevard, Suite B100 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

A. Resolution: Terry Lane Playground Expansion

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with GameTime, Inc. for the installation of playground equipment at Terry Lane Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with GameTime, Inc. for the installation of playground equipment at Terry Lane Park. Mr. McNair mentioned that this installation would expand the park to 2,750 square feet and will include new swings, a climbing dome, and a new spinner.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve [**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31, 2024**](#), authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with GameTime, Inc. for the installation of playground equipment at Terry Lane Park as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Councilmember Ferris is glad to see the expansion. He asked Mr. McNair if the city has a plan in place for additional improvements to the other pocket parks. Mr. McNair said yes. Since he has been here, Parks and Recreation has covered most of the pocket parks. There are plans to expand Kennesaw Station and Adams Park.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

6:37 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared the respective histories of some of Kennesaw's lakes, including Wooten Lake and Bozeman Lake [See **Exhibit A**].

MARTY HUGHES [Assistant City Manager]: Mr. Hughes read an email sent to kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov from Brittany Haugen regarding speeding concerns on North Main Street [See **Exhibit B**].

6:39 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Assistant City Manager Marty Hughes did not have any reports or updates to provide.

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

Councilmember Gutierrez shared it was a hectic week as his fiancé will be moving in soon, and he has been working on a ton of home projects to prepare.

Councilmember Ferris is looking forward to Salute to America. He said it will be hot, so bring water! Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones praised the Kennesaw Police Department and its officers' professionalism. He asked for the community to keep Davis McCollum's family in their prayers as he recently passed away.

Councilmember Orochena had a wonderful time at the Georgia Municipal Association's annual conference in Savannah. She learned a lot and is grateful for the opportunity to get additional training.

Councilmember Viars is excited about Salute to America and the second event at our new amphitheater.

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 6:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Monday, July 8, 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

KENNESAW HISTORY

Kennesaw Lakes

Children on Wooten Lake

c. 1947



Since the weather has been so hot recently, I wanted to focus today on several lakes around Kennesaw. All are just outside of our city limits. The first is Wooten Lake, which I have covered before. The lake is named after Elmon Wooten, a farmer who built it back in 1946. He also owned a grocery store downtown in the building later home to the Whistle Stop Café.

Nearby Frey Lake takes its name from the family who farmed in the area that is now Pinetree Country Club and Kennesaw State University. Bozeman Lake was built by Joseph L. Bozeman Sr., the father of longtime resident and local historian Joe Bozeman. In 1957, the Bozeman's sold their land and lake to the county. Two years later, the Freys did the same. Using this land, the county worked on developing the Cobb County Recreation Area, a project that included improving the lakes. The development is now Pinetree Country Club.

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the July 1, 2024,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

Lea Alvarez

From: Brittany Haugen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:48 PM
To: kennesawcouncil
Subject: Fwd: Speeding on Main Street

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Good afternoon,

My name is Brittany Haugen. I am a resident at 2990 N. Main St NW. My family and I absolutely love living in the city of Kennesaw and have been doing so most of our lives.

Along with many others, I have concerns with the speeding on Main Street. We have contacted the police multiple times, and usually see an increase in police activity on the street for a week or so, but then it slows down. We understand the police physically cannot be everywhere at once, so many of us were wondering what the city plans on doing about this issue. With the growth of our city comes more pedestrians and safety needs to be a priority.

In addition to being a resident, I, like most of neighbors, am also an involved community member. My sister and I walk through downtown with our children multiple times a week, to each other's houses, as well as friends' houses on Main Street. In addition, our neighbors walk their dogs, to Adams Park for games, to play at Swift Cantrell, to pick up their child at daycare, to dinner and ice cream downtown, etc. We have seen mailboxes get hit, many fender benders, a dog get hit, and cars flying through the city every couple minutes. I feel like we hear that things will be addressed but haven't heard plans for anything else. Are there any traffic calming plans in the works? The flashing pedestrian signs are great in their locations, but is it possible to extend them further down each side of Main Street? Can we do speed humps, paint the speed limit on the street, do a hanging flashing light?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope we can all work together as a community to help with this safety issue. I appreciate all that every one of you do for our city!

Brittany Haugen

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Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

7/1/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

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