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City Council**Meeting Agenda**

August 5, 2024 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)

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

1. Invocation**2. Pledge of Allegiance****3. Call to Order****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****7. Old Business****8. New Business****A. License Review Board: Due Cause Hearings**

Consideration to ratify actions by the License Review Board from their due cause hearings held on July 31, 2024, for ABC Liquor Co, Inc d/b/a Bottle Shop (2774 North Cobb Parkway); RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart (2651 North Cobb Parkway); Damanis Food and Fuel Inc., d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell (2515 North Cobb Parkway); and Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a RaceTrac #052 (1625 Old Highway 41); and to receive the meeting minutes.

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. **Third and Final Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate
- B. **Third and Final Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Bond Millage Rate

11. Consent Agenda

- A. **Minutes: July 8, 2024 Work Session**
Approval of the July 8, 2024, City Council work session minutes
- B. **Minutes: July 8, 2024 Special Called City Council FY 25 Budget Work Session**
Approval of the July 8, 2024, special called FY 25 budget work session.
- C. **Minutes: July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the July 15, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.
- D. **Minutes: July 15, 2024 Executive Session**
Approval of the July 15, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.
- E. **Resolution: New Bank Account for the National Opioid Settlement Funds**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the opening of a new bank account for the National Opioid Settlement funds.
- F. **Bail Bond License: Empire Surety Group**
Consideration for approval of a Bail Bond license for Empire Surety Group, Inc. d/b/a A 24 Hour Bail Bonding located at 2248 Austell Road SW Marietta, GA 30008. Applicant: Robert Corley.

12. General and Administrative

- A. **Resolution: Paid Parental Leave**
Consideration for approval to adopt Section 11.14 in the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual regarding paid parental leave.

13. Public Safety

- A. **Crime Statistics: June 2024**

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

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

- A. **Public Comment: Work Session**
Consideration to approve adding a public comment section to work sessions.

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



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **License Review Board: Due Cause Hearings**

Consideration to ratify actions by the License Review Board from their due cause hearings held on July 31, 2024, for ABC Liquor Co, Inc d/b/a Bottle Shop (2774 North Cobb Parkway); RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart (2651 North Cobb Parkway); Damanis Food and Fuel Inc., d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell (2515 North Cobb Parkway); and Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a RaceTrac #052 (1625 Old Highway 41); and to receive the meeting minutes.

Summary:

In accordance with Section 6-63 (i), the actions of the License Review Board's due cause hearings on July 31, 2024, are being submitted for ratification. On July 31, 2024, the License Review Board held four (4) due cause hearings for ABC Liquor Co, Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop (Licensee: Rajeev Bhardwaj), RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart (Licensee: Sahil Wadhvaniya), Damanis Food and Fuel Inc., d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell (Licensee: Shahid Ali), and Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a RaceTrac #052 (Licensee: Vicent Plaskin). The incidents which formed the basis of the hearings were the furnishing of, providing of, or possessing of alcoholic beverages by an underage person on June 24, 2024, in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-89. RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart also violated § 6-70 due to an employee possessing an expired alcohol server permit. Prior to the hearings, the parties reached consent agreements that were submitted to the License Review Board for approval. The terms of each agreement are as follows: a 30-day suspension of ABC Liquor Co, Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop effective August 2, 2024; a 7-day suspension of RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart effective August 3, 2024; a 30-day suspension of Damanis Food and Fuel Inc., d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell effective August 3, 2024; and a 30-day suspension of Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a RaceTrac #052 effective August 3, 2024. All rights of appeal were waived. The License Review Board approved all respective agreements 2-0-1 (Board Member Robert Thornton absent).

Recommendation:

The City Clerk recommends ratifying the decisions of the License Review Board from July 31, 2024, due cause hearings and receiving the minutes of said meeting.

Fiscal Impact:**Attachments:**

1. 2024-07-31 LRB Minutes - DRAFT

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 2:00 PM

APPEARANCES OF COUNSEL

For the Board:

Sam Hensley, Jr.

For the City:

Jamie Wingler

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tavares Chambless

Donald Perez

and City Clerk Lea Alvarez

ABSENT:

Robert Thornton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Chambless called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and made introductions. Board Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr. explained the meeting procedures; possible penalties including probation, suspension, revocation, or no action; and post hearing procedures. Mr. Hensley, Jr. noted that the City Attorney would be meeting with each licensee prior to their respective hearings to determine if an agreement can be reached and submitted to the Board for approval. All witnesses were sworn in before each hearing.

Board Member Chambless called a recess at 2:14 p.m.

Board Member Chambless called the first case at 2:18 p.m. as an agreement had been reached with RaceTrac #052.

II. DUE CAUSE HEARINGS

[The hearings were taken out of order by Assistant City Attorney Jamie Wingler].

**A. Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. D/B/A RaceTrac #052
1625 Old 41 Highway
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Licensee: Vincent Plaskan**

The parties announced that they had reached a consent agreement.

Assistant City Attorney Jamie Wingler stated that on June 24, 2024, the Kennesaw Police Department conducted compliance checks in the City of Kennesaw. On this date, the underage agent entered Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. D/B/A RaceTrac #052, located

within city limits, presented his ID to the store clerk, and purchased Twisted Tea for \$16.42. The store clerk at RaceTrac #052 hit the “Over 40” button to complete the purchase. The store clerk was issued a citation for the furnishing of, providing of, or possessing of alcoholic beverages by an underage person in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-89.

Mr. Wingler noted this establishment had a prior history of alcohol violations. An underage sale was made and heard before the License Review Board on December 11, 2008, which resulted in the revocation of the license. Further, an underage sale violation and a failure to obtain an alcohol server permit violation was heard before the Board on August 11, 2021, where the establishment received a 14-day suspension. For the most recent violation, Mr. Wingler recommended a 30-day suspension to which RaceTrac #052 agreed.

Attorney Kyle Baker from Taylor English Duma LLP made a statement on behalf of RaceTrac #052 and introduced the Executive Team members who were present at the hearing. Mr. Baker shared that RaceTrac #052 does not dispute the allegations. He presented a binder to the Board Members that included the facts and circumstances regarding the violation. Mr. Baker stated the clerk was hired by RaceTrac #052 on June 17, 2024. On the date of the violation, the clerk requested the underage agents’ identification (ID), reviewed it, and then applied the “Over 40” key at the register. The clerk had finished training one week prior to the incident and was terminated after RaceTrac’s investigation into this incident pursuant to RaceTrac’s policies and procedures.

Mr. Baker mentioned the policies and procedures in place prior to mitigate the risk of underage sales and the several changes that RaceTrac #052 had made to address the violation. First, RaceTrac #052 is the first location nationwide to permanently disable the “Over 40” key on all registers. Now, everyone must present an ID. He pointed out this would result in a loss of customers, but that RaceTrac is committed to improving the issue at hand. Second, RaceTrac has deployed new software that will monitor birthdate input by employees and flag possible fictitious birthdates being entered. Third, all employees received additional professional responsible alcohol sales and service training as well as third-party ServSave Training. The General Manager will also complete EVINDI’s RASS training in August. Moving forward, all employees will be required to complete ServSave training prior to beginning employment. Next, for the remainder of 2024, only the manager on duty is allowed to make alcohol sales. Finally, they will not only double their BARS secret shopper program through 2024 but have also implemented a “customer” mystery shopping program. Any legal aged customer who is not asked for their ID receives a free fountain drink.

The Board Members asked the Executive Team several clarifying questions. Board Member Perez asked if the new software they are implementing looks at anything else besides repeat birthdates. Executive Director of Compliance and Safety Angela Pimental shared that they are in the beginning stages of development but will continue to expand it once they get their legs under them. Board Member Perez asked about the difficulty in having an on-duty manager making every alcohol sale. Executive Director of Operations Scott Munn mentioned it will be difficult, but that it is RaceTrac’s responsibility to execute.

Motion by Board Member Perez to suspend the license for 30-days, seconded by Board Member Chambless. Vote taken, approved 2-0-1 (Board Member Thornton absent). Motion carried.

Board Member Chambless called a recess at 2:35 p.m.

Board Member Chambless called the next case at 2:43 p.m. as agreements had been reached with remaining establishments.

B. ABC Liquor Co, Inc D/B/A Bottle Shop
2774 North Cobb Parkway
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Licensee: Rajeev Bhardwaj

The parties announced that they had reached a consent agreement.

Assistant City Attorney Jamie Wingler stated that on June 24, 2024, the Kennesaw Police Department conducted compliance checks in the City of Kennesaw. On this date, the underage agent entered ABC Liquor Co, Inc D/B/A Bottle Shop, located within city limits, presented his ID to the store clerk, and purchased White Claw for \$10.59. The store clerk completed the purchase and was issued a citation for the furnishing of, providing of, or possessing of alcoholic beverages by an underage person in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-89.

Mr. Wingler noted this establishment had a prior history of alcohol violations. An underage sale was made and heard before the License Review Board on March 30, 2017, and received a 9-day suspension. Further, an underage sale violation was heard before the Board on June 4, 2018, where the establishment received a 14-day suspension. For the most recent violation, Mr. Wingler recommended a 30-day suspension to which the Bottle Shop agreed.

Licensee Rajeev Bhardwaj made a statement to the Board. He mentioned that it is store policy to scan ID. While the security camera footage caught the ID scan, the process still failed. As a result, he has decided to not allow the acceptance of vertical, under-21 IDs. He reminded the Board that his business is small and does not have accessibility to resources like large corporations such as RaceTrac do.

The Board Members asked Mr. Bhardwaj several questions. Board Member Perez asked how long the store had been open. Mr. Bhardwaj responded since 2013. Board Member Chambless asked about the employee. Mr. Bhardwaj stated he let the store clerk go the same day as the violation and that the employee had worked for him for about one and a half years. Board Member Chambless followed up his question with how Mr. Bhardwaj planned to train his employees moving forward. He said that all pertinent information about alcohol sales is located at the register. His remaining employees will not accept vertical IDs any longer.

It was discussed that Mr. Bhardwaj would be traveling out of the country beginning August 2, 2024, so he would not be present to accept the decision letter from the

License Review Board. Mr. Wingler stated for the record that the Bottle Shop's suspension would begin on August 2, 2024, and that the 30-day suspension period would end August 31, 2024.

Motion by Board Member Perez to suspend the license for 30-days beginning August 2, 2024, and ending August 31, 2024, seconded by Board Member Chambless. Vote taken, approved 2-0-1 (Board Member Thornton absent).

C. Damanis Food and Fuel Inc. D/B/A Stop 2 Go Shell
2515 North Cobb Parkway
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Licensee: Shahid Ali

The parties announced that they had reached a consent agreement.

Assistant City Attorney Jamie Wingler stated that on June 24, 2024, the Kennesaw Police Department conducted compliance checks in the City of Kennesaw. On this date, the underage agent entered Damanis Food and Fuel Inc. D/B/A Stop 2 Go Shell, located within city limits, presented his ID to the store clerk, and purchased White Claw for \$12.71. The store clerk completed the purchase and was issued a citation for the furnishing of, providing of, or possessing of alcoholic beverages by an underage person in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-89.

Mr. Wingler noted this establishment had a prior history of alcohol violations. On May 21, 2014, the License Review Board had a due cause hearing for expired alcohol server permits for which Stop 2 Go Shell received a 14-day suspension. Further, on July 28, 2021, the establishment received a 5-day suspension and 6-month probation for an underage sale violation. While being served with the action, the officer cited Stop 2 Go Shell for failure to obtain an alcohol server permit. Because this citation was received during the 5-day appeal period, the violation was heard before the License Review Board again, receiving a 10-day suspension and 6-month probation to run consecutively with the previous action for a total of 15-days suspension and one-year probation. For the most recent violation, Mr. Wingler recommended a 30-day suspension to which Stop 2 Go Shell agreed.

The Licensee Shahid Ali provided a statement to the Board. Mr. Ali shared that he has been the owner of Stop 2 Go Shell for 20 years. He admitted that his clerk did sell alcohol to a minor and took full responsibility for the violation. Mr. Ali said he is taking steps to mitigate the issue, noting his actions following the violations in 2021. After the License Review Board hearing in 2021, he now requires his employees to obtain a valid alcohol server permit from the City of Kennesaw prior to training. The employee that most recently sold to the underage agent has been let go.

The Board Members asked Mr. Ali several questions. Board Member Perez asked if the Licensee had appropriate signage near the register for employees to reference. Mr. Ali responded he did. He further asked how difficult it would be to require all employees to scan the IDs, to which Mr. Ali responded it would not be difficult. Board Member Chambless asked when he last trained his employees regarding alcohol policies. Mr. Ali shared that it was after his 2021 violations. Mr. Chambless pointed out that one of his

employees was hired after the 2021 violations, so it would be a good opportunity to complete the training again.

Motion by Board Member Perez to suspend the license for 30-days, seconded by Board Member Chambless. Vote taken, approved 2-0-1 (Board Member Thornton absent). Motion carried.

D. RS Diamond Jubilee LLC D/B/A Cobb Food Mart
2651 North Cobb Parkway
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Licensee: Sahil Wadhwaniya

The parties announced that they had reached a consent agreement.

Assistant City Attorney Jamie Wingler stated that on June 24, 2024, the Kennesaw Police Department conducted compliance checks in the City of Kennesaw. On this date, the underage agent entered RS Diamond Jubilee LLC D/B/A Cobb Food Mart, located within city limits, presented his ID to the store clerk, and purchased Bud Light for \$7.49. The store clerk completed the purchase and was issued a citation for the furnishing of, providing of, or possessing of alcoholic beverages by an underage person in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-89. During this check, Cobb Food Mart was also cited for serving alcohol without a valid alcohol server permit in violation of City of Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-70.

Mr. Wingler noted this establishment did not have a prior history. He recommended a 7-day suspension to which Cobb Food Mart agreed.

Licensee Sahil Wadhwaniya provided a statement to the Board. Mr. Wadhwaniya shared he has been the owner of Cobb Food Mart for the last eight years and is working to rectify the issue of underage sales. He stated his employees would no longer be scanning paper IDs. There was some confusion amongst the Board regarding the statement, as the underage agent testified that his ID used in the transaction was not a paper ID.

Board Member Perez asked about having visuals at the register. Mr. Wadhwaniya said they did have visuals. Board Member Chambless asked about training policies. Mr. Wadhwaniya did not fire his employee because he believes in second chances but is looking into third-party training. Board Member Chambless asked the Licensee what percentage of his sales is alcohol. Mr. Wadhwaniya responded it was 30%. Board Member Chambless emphasized this suspension will be big hit to those sales.

Motion by Board Member Perez to suspend the license for 7-days, seconded by Board Member Chambless. Vote taken, approved 2-0-1 (Board Member Thornton absent). Motion carried.

As the agreements were mutually reached and accepted by all parties, the right to appeal the decisions to the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Kennesaw Alcohol Code § 6-63 (h) has been waived.

Adjourned at 3:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Latisha Gunn, Property Tax Administrator

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Third and Final Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate

Summary:

The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 7.75 mills for M&O, which is the same as last year. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2024 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 20, 2024, whereas the other advertisements were published on both July 20 and 27, 2024 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The first and second public hearings were held on July 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm and August 5, 2024, at 10:30 am, respectively.

Recommendation:

The Finance Director recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2024 - M&O Millage Rate Adoption
2. Advertisement of current & 5 year history and adoption date-Kennesaw Tax Year 2024 FY 25 no rollback
3. Notice of Property Tax Increase Ad Tax Year 2024 FY25
4. Additional Ad 2024
5. Press Release TY 2024 FY25
6. 2024-07-20 3 Tax Ads
7. 2024-07-27 2 Tax Ads

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE KENNESAW CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH
A MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (M&O) MILLAGE RATE
FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw, Georgia desires to establish its ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority has advertised its intent to establish said millage rate by placing an advertisement conforming to O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) in a newspaper of general circulation of Cobb County serving the residents of the City of Kennesaw, said advertisement appearing two (2) weeks prior to the hearing at which said millage rate is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings required by O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) were duly held on July 29, 2024 and August 5, 2024 prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the final millage rate has been calculated by the governing authority to be 7.75 mills for Maintenance & Operation (M&O) and the final millage rate for the Bond will be adopted by separate resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kennesaw City Council does hereby establish the M&O millage rate for the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, ad valorem property tax, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at 7.75 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this ___ day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Kennesaw does hereby announce that the tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025 will be set at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA on August 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32, the City of Kennesaw does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2024 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real & Personal	1,518,982,186	1,626,627,090	1,740,178,425	2,018,309,824	2,293,915,007	2,497,672,724
Motor Vehicle	12,503,840	10,584,720	8,208,810	7,068,760	6,794,230	5,839,070
Mobile Homes	1,640,186	1,667,223	1,592,910	1,620,674	1,613,365	1,566,354
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	8,526	30,741	7,873	87,115	36,503	32,339
Gross Tax Digest	1,533,134,738	1,638,909,774	1,749,988,018	2,027,086,373	2,302,359,105	2,505,110,487
Less M&O Exemptions	305,346,338	334,808,625	321,498,717	466,305,125	537,172,801	609,207,363
Net M&O Digest	1,227,788,400	1,304,101,149	1,428,489,301	1,560,781,248	1,765,186,304	1,895,903,124
Gross M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00
Net M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.75
Net M&O Taxes Levied	9,822,307	10,432,809	11,427,914	12,486,250	13,680,194	14,693,249
Gross Tax Digest	1,533,134,738	1,638,909,774	1,749,988,018	2,027,086,373	2,302,359,105	2,505,110,487
Less Bond Exemptions	215,923,976	229,834,718	192,887,844	251,473,580	265,480,930	289,439,587
Net Bond Digest	1,317,210,762	1,409,075,056	1,557,100,174	1,775,612,793	2,036,878,175	2,215,670,900
Gross Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Net Bond Taxes Levied	1,975,816	2,113,613	2,335,650	2,663,419	3,055,317	3,323,506
Net M&O Taxes \$ Increase	388,819	610,502	995,105	1,058,336	1,193,944	1,013,055
Net M&O Taxes % Increase	4.1%	6.2%	9.5%	9.3%	9.6%	7.4%
Net Bond Taxes \$ Increase	91,608	137,796	222,037	327,769	391,898	268,189
Net Bond Taxes % Increase	4.9%	7.0%	10.5%	14.0%	14.7%	8.8%
All concerned citizens are invited to public hearings held at the Kennesaw City Hall Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw GA on the dates and times below: Monday, July 29, 2024 6:00 PM (Special Called Meeting) Monday, August 5, 2024 10:30 AM (Special Called Meeting) and 6:30 PM (Final Adoption)						

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 8.83 percent for M&O and 7.45 percent for Bond.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this increase are at Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.75 mills for M&O and 1.50 mills for Bond, an increase of .629 mills for M&O and .104 mills for Bond. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.121 mills for M&O and 1.396 mills for Bond. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$350,000 is approximately \$88 increase for M&O and \$15 increase for Bond and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$625,000 is approximately \$157 increase for M&O and \$26 increase for Bond.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NOTICE TO KENNESAW TAXPAYERS
CITY NOT INCREASING TAX RATES**

According to Georgia law, all taxing agencies must advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings to claim taxes on reassessed properties even if the millage rate remains unchanged as is the case in Kennesaw. The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate equal to last year's millage of 9.25 mills.

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Kennesaw today announces its intention to increase the 2024 property taxes it will levy this year by 8.83 percent for M&O and 7.45 percent for Bond over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Kennesaw Council requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the City of Kennesaw Council may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the City of Kennesaw Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on July 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM and August 5, 2024 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

DATELINE ■ COBB

Cobb's drinking water public information sessions

Staff reports

Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, the wholesale drinking water provider to utilities in Cobb and surrounding counties, is hosting educational seminars at 6:30 p.m. July 30 and 10 a.m. Aug. 10 at its Administrative Building, 1170 Atlanta Industrial Drive, Marietta.

During each event, representatives of the CCMWA will review the sources of drinking water in Cobb County, the processes used to transform the water into clean drinking water and the means of distributing drinking water from the water treatment facilities to CCMWA's wholesale customers. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and sign up for a drinking water treatment facility tour.

Space is limited. To register, call 770-514-5300 or email CCMWA at elandres@ccmwa.org.

National Night Out kicks off in August

National Night Out will bring public safety employees and the citizens they serve together for an evening of fun on Aug. 6. National Night Out events in Cobb County are:

- ♦ The Cobb County Department, Fire and Emergency Services will have a variety of equipment on display from 6 to 9 p.m. at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road SW in Marietta, and the Threadmill Complex, 5000 Austell Powder Springs Road in Austell. Specialty teams such as SWAT, Bomb Squad, Dive, K-9, Motors and Medical Operations will be present. Families can enjoy food vendors, desserts, children's activities and learn more about recycling and giveaways from Keep Cobb Beautiful. For more information, visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/events/national-night-out-keep-cobb-beautiful-booths>.

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To sign up for an open house time slot, visit <https://tinyurl.com/7485t4s>. For more information, call 770-528-4070 or visit <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/cobb/4-h-youth-development.html>.

Gala supports Cobb children in need

The Hearing Children's Voices Gala and Casino Night is the premier fundraiser for SafePath Children Advocacy Center's programs and annual operating budget. The event will be 6 to 10 p.m. on Aug. 10 at

Truist Park.

The purpose of Hearing Children's Voices is twofold: raising essential funds for SafePath's programs and raising awareness about child abuse. For tickets, visit <https://safepath.org/event/HCV2024/>.

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Tabernacle at Temple Square will perform at Morehouse College as part of its Songs of Hope World Tour from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 9. They will be accompanied by the Morehouse College and Spelman College Glee Clubs. General seating for this concert is limited. Guests younger than 8 years old will not be admitted.

For tickets, visit <https://www.thetabernaclechorus.org/special-performance-martin-luther-king-chapel?lang=eng>.

Councilman Andre L. Sims town hall meeting

Ward 6 Marietta Councilman Andre L. Sims will hold a town hall meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on July 24 at Marietta Fire Station 56, 850 Sawyer Road in Marietta.

Marietta History Center hosts Annual Rummage and Book Sale

The Marietta History Center, 1 Depot Street in Marietta, will host the annual Rummage and Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 15-17.

The sale features books, photography, militaria, children's items, home décor and more. Admission is free. All proceeds from the sale

will directly benefit the Center, helping to fund ongoing educational programs, exhibitions and preservation efforts.

For more information, visit www.MariettaHistory.org.

Scout Henderson hosts Back to School event

Portland Trail Blazers Point Guard Scoot Henderson and Next Play 360 will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new STEM Lab from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 26 and O.D.D. Con from 1 to 7 p.m. from July 27-28.

Next Play 360 has announced a partnership with The 2K Foundation, an extension of the video game company 2K. Through the partnership, 2K will work to enhance and improve the Smart Lab, the physical space where students take S.T.E.M. classes at Next Play 360, 3910 Canton Road in Marietta.

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rated fashion show, featuring local designers and models showcasing their latest creations and trends.

Run for Cobb County's first responders

Cobb County's First Responder 5K will be Aug. 17 at The Battery Atlanta. Participants can walk, jog or run either in-person or virtually. The family-friendly event is for all fitness levels and will include first responder vehicles and displays, field games with The Atlanta Braves' mascot Bopper and a performance from the Braves Heavy Hitters. The event is a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race.

For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/CobbCountyPublicSafetyFoundation5K>.

Ebenezer Downs Park Fishing Rodeo rescheduled

Low water levels have caused county officials to reschedule the remaining Cobb County fishing rodeos planned for this month. The event originally scheduled for Ebenezer Downs Park has been rescheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 19 in conjunction with Fish with Your Commish.

Pet adoptions

For July, Cobb County Animal Services will have an adoption special.

Pets one year old and older are free and other pets are just \$20. Veterans can also adopt pets at no cost through the Superior Pets

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Final resurfacing on East Piedmont continues

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For more information on the status and location of other 2024 resurfacing efforts, visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/projects/updates>.

Dinners at Mableton Masonic Lodge

The Mableton Masonic Lodge No. 171 F&AM, 90 Veterans Memorial Highway in Mableton, will have dinners for the community

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For more information, visit <https://shorturl.at/WGnf> or contact John Miller at 770-256-6750 or Jmiller1988@gmail.com.

Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour is Nov. 29

The Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre will present the annual holiday tradition of Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour at 8 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. on July 19 on Ticketmaster.com.

Marking the 27th anniversary of the longest-running jazz-based Christmas tour, Dave Koz & Friends will perform timeless Christmas classics, a Chanukah melody and hits from each artist's respective catalogue. This year's tour, which will visit 18 cities in less than a month, reunites Koz with long-time musical partner, guitarist/singer Jonathan Butler and features special guests, saxophonist Vincent Ingala, guitarist Adam Hawley and vocalist Rebecca Jade.

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A CobbLinc bus turns onto South Marietta Parkway.

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"Most of our equipment is broke, so everybody's riding for free," one driver said at the time.

In addition to pointing out the lost revenue, drivers complained that the farebox issues made their jobs more stressful, distracting them from operating their vehicles.

The new fareboxes are made by Illinois — based Genfare, the same company which produced the old ones.

CobbLinc buses will now be outfitted with Genfare's "Fast Fare" model, the "latest and greatest" technology available, said Cobb Transportation Director Drew Raessler.

Riders will still be able to use exact cash and coins to pay for their ride, though transfers to other routes will not be possible if paying in cash. Transfers are available for riders using Breeze cards or the Breeze Mobile app.

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DECISION '24
COBB
TRANSIT
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Hunter Ragall

Pictured is one of the old CobbLinc fareboxes, which date to 2005. The county has spent nearly \$1.4 million to outfit its entire fleet with new fareboxes.

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Raessler said. Raessler said the new system meets the need for interoperability across metro Atlanta's different transit providers. Breeze cards and the Breeze Mobile app can be used to pay fare for CobbLinc, MARTA, Ride Gwinnett and the state's Xpress commuter buses.

Equipment problems on the old fareboxes meant the county was foregoing an unknown amount of potential revenue. It also raised questions about the accuracy of ridership data CobbLinc reports to the federal government.

(Raessler previously not-

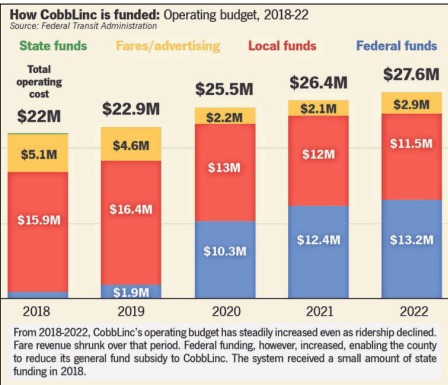
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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Latisha Gunn, Property Tax Administrator

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Third and Final Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed Bond Millage Rate

Summary:

The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 1.5 for the Bond, which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2024 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 20, 2024, whereas the other advertisements were published on both July 20 and 27, 2024 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The first and second public hearings were held on July 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm and August 5, 2024, at 10:30 am, respectively.

Recommendation:

The Finance Director recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2024- Bond Millage Rate Adoption
2. Advertisement of current & 5 year history and adoption date-Kennesaw Tax Year 2024 FY 25 no rollback
3. Notice of Property Tax Increase Ad Tax Year 2024 FY25
4. Additional Ad 2024
5. Press Release TY 2024 FY25
6. 2024-07-20 3 Tax Ads
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**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE KENNESAW CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH
THE BOND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw, Georgia desires to establish its ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority has advertised its intent to establish said millage rate by placing an advertisement conforming to O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) in a newspaper of general circulation of Cobb County serving the residents of the City of Kennesaw, said advertisement appearing two (2) weeks prior to the hearing at which said millage rate is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings required by O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) were duly held on July 29, 2024 and August 5, 2024 prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Bond millage rate has been calculated by the governing authority to be 1.5 mills and the final millage rate for Maintenance & Operation (M&O) will be adopted by separate resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kennesaw City Council does hereby establish the bond millage rate for the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, ad valorem property tax, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at 1.5 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this __ day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

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The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Kennesaw Council requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the City of Kennesaw Council may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

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DATELINE ■ COBB

Cobb's drinking water public information sessions

Staff reports

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4-H Open House

The UGA Cobb Extension, 678 South Cobb Drive in Marietta, will kick off the school year with its annual 4-H Open House on Aug. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

There will be a variety of 4-H programs such as STEM, archery, creative arts, public speaking, cooking, horse and pony, competitive teams and agriculture. Parents can visit each club, enroll their children in 4-H, learn how to register for specialty clubs and meet youth leaders, adult volunteers and 4-H staff. Programs are available for students in K-12th grade.

To sign up for an open house time slot, visit <https://tinyurl.com/7485t4s>. For more information, call 770-528-4070 or visit <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/cobb/4-h-youth-development.html>.

Gala supports Cobb children in need

The Hearing Children's Voices Gala and Casino Night is the premier fundraiser for SafePath Children Advocacy Center's programs and annual operating budget. The event will be 6 to 10 p.m. on Aug. 10 at

Truist Park.

The purpose of Hearing Children's Voices is twofold: raising essential funds for SafePath's programs and raising awareness about child abuse. For tickets, visit <https://safepath.org/event/HCV2024/>.

Tabernacle at Temple Square performance

Tabernacle at Temple Square will perform at Morehouse College as part of its Songs of Hope World Tour from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 9. They will be accompanied by the Morehouse College and Spelman College Glee Clubs. General seating for this concert is limited. Guests younger than 8 years old will not be admitted.

For tickets, visit <https://www.thetabernaclechor.org/special-performance-martin-luther-king-chapel?lang=eng>.

Councilman Andre L. Sims town hall meeting

Ward 6 Marietta Councilman Andre L. Sims will hold a town hall meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on July 24 at Marietta Fire Station 56, 850 Sawyer Road in Marietta.

Marietta History Center hosts Annual Rummage and Book Sale

The Marietta History Center, 1 Depot Street in Marietta, will host the annual Rummage and Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 15-17.

The sale features books, photography, militaria, children's items, home décor and more. Admission is free. All proceeds from the sale

will directly benefit the Center, helping to fund ongoing educational programs, exhibitions and preservation efforts.

For more information, visit www.MariettaHistory.org.

Scout Henderson hosts Back to School event

Portland Trail Blazers Point Guard Scoot Henderson and Next Play 360 will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new STEM Lab from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 26 and O.D.D. Con from 1 to 7 p.m. from July 27-28.

Next Play 360 has announced a partnership with The 2K Foundation, an extension of the video game company 2K. Through the partnership, 2K will work to enhance and improve the Smart Lab, the physical space where students take S.T.E.M. classes at Next Play 360, 3910 Canton Road in Marietta.

The event will feature speakers, panelists and participants who are experts in their fields. Attendees can receive free school supplies for students and take part in learning and personal growth workshops and seminars on topics such as entrepreneurship, wellness, STEM education and personal development. There will be friendly competitions such as basketball, volleyball and pickleball; yoga and meditation; live performances, interactive art installations and workshops led by local artists and musicians; and a cu-

rated fashion show, featuring local designers and models showcasing their latest creations and trends.

Run for Cobb County's first responders

Cobb County's First Responder 5K will be Aug. 17 at The Battery Atlanta. Participants can walk, jog or run either in-person or virtually. The family-friendly event is for all fitness levels and will include first responder vehicles and displays, field games with The Atlanta Braves' mascot Blooper and a performance from the Braves Heavy Hitters. The event is a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race.

For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/CobbCountyPublicSafetyFoundation5K>.

Ebenezer Downs Park Fishing Rodeo rescheduled

Low water levels have caused county officials to reschedule the remaining Cobb County fishing rodeos planned for this month. The event originally scheduled for Ebenezer Downs Park has been rescheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 19 in conjunction with Fish with Your Commish.

Pet adoptions

For July, Cobb County Animal Services will have an adoption special.

Pets one year old and older are free and other pets are just \$20. Veterans can also adopt pets at no cost through the Superior Pets

for Patriotic Vets program. For more information, visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/animal-services>.

Final resurfacing on East Piedmont continues

As part of the county's 2022 SPLOST resurfacing program, contractors have begun roadway resurfacing of East Piedmont Road.

Nightly resurfacing will take place between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Piedmont Forest Court to Sandy Plains Road. It is expected to last through the end of July, weather permitting. Residents can expect minor traffic delays during construction. Traffic control measures will be in place along the corridor.

For more information on the status and location of other 2024 resurfacing efforts, visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/projects/updates>.

Dinners at Mableton Masonic Lodge

The Mableton Masonic Lodge No. 171 F&AM, 90 Veterans Memorial Highway in Mableton, will have dinners for the community

at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

For more information, visit <https://shorturl.at/WGnf> or contact John Miller at 770-256-6750 or jjmiller1988@gmail.com.

Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour is Nov. 29

The Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre will present the annual holiday tradition of Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour at 8 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. on July 19 on Ticketmaster.com.

Marking the 27th anniversary of the longest-running jazz-based Christmas tour, Dave Koz & Friends will perform timeless Christmas classics, a Chanukah melody and hits from each artist's respective catalogue. This year's tour, which will visit 18 cities in less than a month, reunites Koz with long-time musical partner, guitarist/singer Jonathan Butler and features special guests, saxophonist Vincent Ingala, guitarist Adam Hawley and vocalist Rebecca Jaded.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NOTICE TO KENNESAW TAXPAYERS
CITY NOT INCREASING TAX RATES

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The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 8.83 percent for M&O and 7.45 percent for Bond.

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NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Kennesaw does hereby announce that the tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025 will be set at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA on August 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32, the City of Kennesaw does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2024 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Real & Personal	1,516,982,196	1,626,627,090	1,740,178,425	2,018,309,824
Motor Vehicle	12,503,840	10,584,720	8,208,810	7,068,760
Mobile Homes	1,640,186	1,667,223	1,592,910	1,620,674
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	8,526	30,741	7,873	87,115
Gross Tax Digest	1,533,134,738	1,638,909,774	1,749,988,018	2,027,086,373
Less Bond Exemptions	305,346,338	334,808,625	321,498,717	466,305,125
Net M&O Digest	1,227,788,400	1,304,101,149	1,428,489,301	1,560,781,248
Gross M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Net M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75
Net M&O Taxes Levied	9,822,307	10,432,809	11,427,914	12,486,250
Gross Tax Digest	1,533,134,738	1,638,909,774	1,749,988,018	2,027,086,373
Less Bond Exemptions	215,923,976	229,834,718	192,887,844	251,473,580
Net Bond Digest	1,317,210,762	1,409,075,056	1,557,100,174	1,775,612,793
Gross Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Net Bond Taxes Levied	1,975,816	2,113,613	2,335,650	2,663,419
Net M&O Taxes \$ Increase	388,819	610,502	995,105	1,058,336
Net M&O Taxes % Increase	4.1%	6.2%	9.5%	9.3%
Net Bond Taxes \$ Increase	91,608	137,796	222,037	327,769
Net Bond Taxes % Increase	4.9%	7.0%	10.5%	14.0%

All concerned citizens are invited to public hearings held at the Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA on the dates and times below: Monday, July 29, 2024 6:00 PM (Special Called Meeting) Monday, August 5, 2024 10:30 AM (Special Called Meeting) and 6:30 PM (Final Adoption)



A CobbLinc bus turns onto South Marietta Parkway.

Staff — File

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"Most of our equipment is broke, so everybody's riding for free," one driver said at the time.

In addition to pointing out the lost revenue, drivers complained that the farebox issues made their jobs more stressful, distracting them from operating their vehicles.

The new fareboxes are made by Illinois — based Genfare, the same company which produced the old ones.

CobbLinc buses will now be outfitted with Genfare's "Fast Fare" model, the "latest and greatest" technology available, said Cobb Transportation Director Drew Raessler.

Riders will still be able to use exact cash and coins to pay for their ride, though transfers to other routes will not be possible if paying in cash. Transfers are available for riders using Breeze cards or the Breeze Mobile app.

"From an equity standpoint, the cash collection is an important piece of that, because not everyone necessarily has access to a bank account or a breeze card,"

DECISION '24
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TAX

On Nov. 5, 2024, Cobb County will vote on approving a 30-year, 1% sales tax to fund public transit projects. Cobb's sales tax would increase from 6% to 7%.

The Mobility Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (M-SPLOST) would collect \$11 billion to construct 108 miles of rapid bus routes, half a dozen new transit centers and a countywide system of on-demand "microtransit" service.

Learn more at mdjonline.com/transit or by scanning this QR code:



Hunter Ragall

Pictured is one of the old CobbLinc fareboxes, which date to 2005. The county has spent nearly \$1.4 million to outfit its entire fleet with new fareboxes.

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Raessler said. Raessler said the new system meets the need for interoperability across metro Atlanta's different transit providers. Breeze cards and the Breeze Mobile app can be used to pay fare for CobbLinc, MARTA, Ride Gwinnett and the state's Xpress commuter buses.

Equipment problems on the old fareboxes meant the county was foregoing an unknown amount of potential revenue. It also raised questions about the accuracy of ridership data CobbLinc reports to the federal government.

(Raessler previously not-

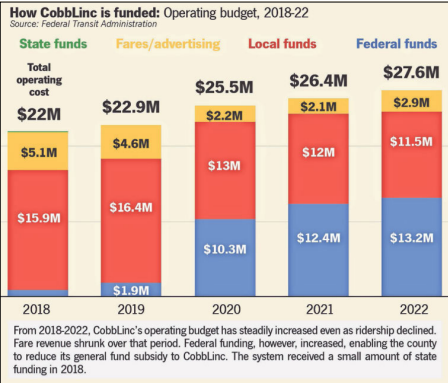
ed, however, that the county made other efforts to collect reliable data, such as equipping buses with automated passenger counters and asking drivers to manually input passenger counts.)

While the full financial impact of the malfunctioning fareboxes was not clear, CobbLinc over the past decade has seen dwindling ridership, and therefore revenue. Operating costs have risen in that time, and the county hasn't raised fares since 2011.

The combination of rising costs and shrinking ridership meant that in 2022, fares paid for just 7% of operating expenses, down from 20% in 2019.

CobbLinc cost the county \$27.6 million to operate in 2022. Of that, \$13.2 million came from federal dollars, \$11.5 million came from the county government and \$2.9 million was generated by fares and other direct revenue.

CobbLinc's declining rid-



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Opponents of the transit tax have labeled the system a drain on county finances and argued low ridership shows a lack of appetite for transit investment in Cobb.

Supporters of the tax, meanwhile, say CobbLinc has been chronically underfunded, and argue a much enhanced public transportation system would attract far more riders.

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Minutes: July 8, 2024 Work Session**
Approval of the July 8, 2024, City Council work session minutes

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 07-08-24 City Council Work Session Minutes - DRAFT

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

Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>
**July 8, 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

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5. Presentations
6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Committee and Board Reports
10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the July 1, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

A. Grant Application: Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance for Body-Worn Cameras

Consideration for authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance to replace body-worn cameras.

The following item was added to the agenda for the work session.

Chief William Westenberger shared that a few weeks ago the Kennesaw Police Department found a grant for body-worn cameras. The department's current systems are aging and will need to be replaced in a few years. Chief Westenberger explained the total project budget is \$136,000 with a 50% match requirement from the City totaling \$68,000. Federal funding caps the price at \$2,000 per camera and after three years, funding will not continue to cover subscription fees, charges or any upgrades. Chief Westenberger asked for approval to move forward with submitting the grant application.

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

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

A. Resolution: 2024 Pipe Rehabilitation Project

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to award the bid and contract for the 2024 Pipe Rehabilitation Project

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart presented a resolution to award the bid and contract for the 2024 pipe rehabilitation project to Proshot Concrete. The City advertised the rehabilitation of pipes on Vintage Wood Way, Nuthatch Court, North Hampton Drive, Drayton Way, and Summit Wood Drive, and received three bids. Proshot Concrete was low-bid for the amount of \$277,610.00.

Councilmember Ferris asked if the proposals received were in line with what we have paid for in the past or if Mr. Stewart had noticed a significant increase. Mr. Stewart responded that his department budgets enough to do approximately \$250,000 worth of work a year. The cost depends on the parameters of the pipe. The material cost is not that volatile. Labor is the majority of the cost, so it stays consistent with what we have done previously.

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

B. Resolution: City Hall Roof Top Unit (RTU) Replacement

Consideration for approval of a resolution to award the bid and contract for the City Hall RTU Replacement

Building Services Director Robbie Balenger presented a resolution to award the bid and contract for the City Hall RTU replacement project to T&T Commercial. The current unit is 105 tons and is around 20 years old. Mr. Balenger explained we cannot get parts for the unit anymore. The City received three bids, and T&T Commercial was the lowest bid in the amount of \$313,491.35.

Councilmember Jones asked if this unit was bigger than the unit replaced at the Southern Museum. Mr Balenger responded that the City Hall unit was about three times bigger.

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

C. DISCUSSION ONLY: Update on Cherokee Street Quiet Crossing

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart provided an update on the Cherokee Street quiet crossing. City staff reached out to CSX to begin discussions on having a quiet crossing at Cherokee Street. CSX put staff into contact with SVT Engineering Consultants to have further discussions on costs, timelines, what is required of the City to get the application started, and what is required of the City if CSX were to approve the application. Mr. Stewart learned that the application itself could take up to one year. After the application is submitted, a study will be completed to see if the crossing is eligible to be a quiet crossing. Once the study is finished, the City is allowed to submit plans for approval to implement the project. However, Mr. Stewart stated that between those two steps, CSX could deny the application based on the proximity of the crossing to the traffic signal at Main Street.

CSX estimated that it would take approximately three to four years from application to implementation and cost the City around \$750,000. Mr. Stewart explained that Croy Engineering recently finished facilitating a quiet crossing for the City of Smyrna. It took them four to five years and cost between \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Mr. Stewart noted that with the amount of time it will take to complete this project, and the timeline for the Sardis Street Extension project, there is a good chance that before the City could complete the quiet crossing project, we will be 50% done with the Sardis Street Extension project, which will eliminate the need for the crossing anyway.

Councilmember Viars asked if pedestrians would still be able to cross when the Sardis Street Extension project is over. Mr. Stewart responded that the intent right now would be to completely close the crossing. So, pedestrians would need to use the underpass to cross. Councilmember Viars believed it was a lot of money for an intermediate step when the crossing would become silent anyways.

Councilmember Gutierrez wanted to make sure he was correct in his understanding that this quiet crossing project would only last two years. Mr. Stewart shared that if this quiet crossing is implemented, the City would be two to three years into constructing the Sardis Street Extension, which would include building a new bridge. Once the project is completed, there will not be an at-grade crossing on Cherokee Street because that section will be abandoned. Once the extension project is complete, the trains would not need to blow their horns because they would no longer be crossing a street.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones mentioned that about a month or two ago he received an email about a grant for quiet crossings. He asked Mr. Stewart if staff had looked into or applied for a grant yet. Mr. Stewart shared that staff had not applied for anything because they were still doing the leg work to see what it was going to take to do it.

Councilmember Ferris had many thoughts on this subject. On the one hand, proceeding with the quiet crossing does not seem worth it because of the timeline and cost. However, he heard a lot of people complaining about the train coming through town during the July 3rd festivities. He does not want to let go of the project at this point. Councilmember Ferris agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Jones to see if there is a grant that could be utilized. He was surprised at the price of the project, as Acworth and Marietta seemed to have paid less. Mr. Stewart shared that the cost estimate provided was regarding the project in its entirety.

Councilmember Ferris asked about the timeline for the Sardis Street Extension project. He has mainly heard a timeline of six to ten years, but tonight he has heard two to three years. Mr. Stewart responded that the City's road map is based on SPLOST and has Sardis Street being 50% funded by 2026. He further explained that at 50% is where staff would advertise or go out to bid. Councilmember Ferris wondered why the City would bid something out when the City only has 50% of the funding to do it. He asked why we do not wait until it is fully funded. Mr. Stewart stated that with the project being funded by SPLOST dollars, the City is getting revenue monthly. Councilmember Ferris would like to continue to pursue the silent crossing.

Councilmember Orochena said it seemed like a bit of a gamble to pursue the silent crossing for the payout to be a two-year headstart. She thinks there are more pressing uses for that money.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones would like to see staff continue to look for grant options to pursue.

D. DISCUSSION ONLY: Public Safety Facility Update

Chief Bill Westenberger provided an update on the upcoming Public Safety Facility. He shared the timeline of design of the building starting back when the list of SPLOST projects was being put together. Since then, numerous discussions and meetings have occurred with staff as well as with other agencies to create an exhaustive list of current

and future needs. Currently, we are at 75% completion of design documents. The current Kennesaw Police Department is approximately 14,000 square feet and the current design for the new facility is 25,000 square feet. This increased footprint includes, but is not limited to, a community training room, a lobby conference room, defensive tactics training area, two wellness rooms, a fitness room, an additional break room, a real-time crime center, two additional interview rooms, office space for 16+ future staff members, and unfinished space at approximately 700 square feet.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked if it was possible to go vertical if we needed to in the future. Building Facilities Director Robbie Balenger stated staff would have to go back to the architect, CROFT & Associates, to answer that question from a design standpoint. He explained that was the purpose behind the extra square footage that was not planned for anything. CROFT & Associates CEO Jim Croft stated that the building is currently designed for two stories. He shared that the design could be modified to add on to it in the future, but there are significant costs and complications that will arise if you decide to go up to a third floor.

Councilmember Ferris asked why Kennesaw/Acworth 911 was not included in the facility design. Chief Westenberger stated that including 911 was not a part of the scope of the project. Councilmember Ferris asked if they had sufficient room to grow. He is visioning for the future and would rather spend the money once. 911 Director Nikki McGraw shared they will need additional space in the future, but it is a safety precaution to have 911 in a different facility than the police department.

Dr. Drobney stated that any amendment to the design is possible with dollars; however, the City has far-exceeded the budget that was set. He did not know if adding additional square footage was prudent, but if that is the Council's wish, then staff would pause and reassemble.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thought the City should still look into adding another floor.

Councilmember Ferris asked how hard it would be to change the floor plan if it needed to be amended in the future. Mr. Balenger said the floor plan could be amended, but it would just be more dollars we would have to spend down the road. He noted that expanding the building is not possible because every inch of land was used for the building and parking lot.

Councilmember Orochena stated what she heard is that growth was sufficiently accounted for, so she is fine with the plan as it is.

Mayor Easterling shared he does not think pausing the project is the right choice.

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

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

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 7:17 p.m. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 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



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Minutes: July 8, 2024 Special Called City Council FY 25 Budget Work Session**
Approval of the July 8, 2024, special called FY 25 budget work session.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 07-08-24 City Council Special Called FY 25 Budget Work Session Minutes - DRAFT

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
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7:00 PM**

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7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Budget: FY 2024-2025

Draft Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

City Manager Jeff Drobney presented the Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget to the Council for their consideration. The Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget is

\$31,091,996, which is an approximate five percent increase from last year. Dr. Drobney provided some highlights regarding the budget, including the recommended millage rate remaining at 7.75 mills, a three percent recommended Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff, and \$1,096,870 to fund the City's reserve account. It was mentioned that there is a reduction of \$855,000 of General Fund revenue due House Bill 489. Fiscal Year 2025 projected benefits and health care costs decreased by approximately \$23,000 and retirement contributions increased by approximately \$24,000. Both costs are spread throughout each department.

Dr. Drobney reviewed all proposed budget assumptions, including all revenue and expenditure highlights. The 100% senior tax exemption is projected to total \$1,711,454 in dollars not being collected into the General Fund. Dr. Drobney provided some examples of what could be funded if the City were to receive those dollars. Some of the expenditure highlights include how the Court Project fund, Court Service Improvement fund, State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds, and Impact Fees will be used to cover various projects and needs.

Department Heads presented their operating budgets, highlights, any capital outlay items, and position summaries for their departments, respectively.

Councilmember Ferris stated he would like to see a millage rate rollback to give the citizens a much-needed break.

After the respective presentations, the Council asked Department Heads the following questions:

Councilmember Orochena noted that the travel budget for the Council does not cover the expenses for at least two conferences per Elected Official. City Clerk Lea Alvarez shared that some of the Council will not be able to attend conferences or travel, so she could work with those who cannot and share resources.

Councilmember Ferris asked Police Chief Westenberger to explain the Public Safety Ambassador positions. Chief Bill Westenberger shared these positions will provide services to the community without having to use patrol officers, such as transport. Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked about purchasing electric vehicles for the positions. Chief Westenberger said if they could find something at the same price as the vehicles they are currently requesting, he would not mind looking into it with the City Manager's office.

Councilmember Ferris asked Public Works Director Ricky Stewart if the built-in increases from Republic Services for sanitation are going to be passed along to the residents. Mr. Stewart stated that as of right now, the City is able to cover the increases with the current fee schedule. Councilmember Ferris asked if Mr. Stewart anticipated rate increases for customers in the next budget cycle. Mr. Stewart responded that the next fiscal year is still a year away, but that he expected to be discussing it with the City Manager next spring. Councilmember Ferris asked if the streetlight budget takes into

account adding new lights in different neighborhoods. Mr. Stewart shared that each budget is accumulating some surplus, and they are trying to collect enough to service a full neighborhood. He said it would be another several years before there is enough surplus to do so.

Councilmember Orochena told Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair that she would like to prioritize creating a clearer vision for the Ben Robertson Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for a list of parks that need improvement. He would like to see fences around any parks near a busy road. Councilmember Ferris stated he would like to see the fireworks be increased to a 20-minute show, if possible.

Councilmember Orochena shared with Smith Gilbert Gardens Executive Director Dave Simpson that residents would like to see a residential credit or discount on admission to the gardens. Mr. Simpson stated the fee structure is approved by the Council and is aligned with the Southern Museum so that the entrance fees are the same. If the Council would like to adjust the fees, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Banz can work together to provide some recommendations.

Councilmember Orochena asked Finance Director Gina Auld what the approved uses were for the Opioid Settlement funds. Ms. Auld is still researching, but some of the uses could include Narcan or marketing campaigns, which will be done by the Kennesaw Police Department.

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

20. Mayor's Report

21. Council Reports & Discussions

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 9:06 p.m.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Minutes: July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the July 15, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 07-15-24 City Council Minutes - DRAFT

**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 15, 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, Jr. led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

City resident Andrew Bramlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Derek 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

6:31 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:32 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: July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the July 1, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

B. Grant Application: Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance for Body-Worn Cameras

Consideration for authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance to replace body-worn cameras.

C. Resolution: 2024 Pipe Rehabilitation Project

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to award the bid and contract for the 2024 Pipe Rehabilitation Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32, 2024

D. Resolution: City Hall Roof Top Unit (RTU) Replacement

Consideration for approval of a resolution to award the bid and contract for the City Hall RTU Replacement

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett spoke about the two medals of honor awarded to the families of Phillip Shadrach and George Wilson on July 3, 2024. Shadrach and Wilson were a part of a group of Union soldiers that stole the locomotive *General* in an attempt to disrupt Confederate transportation lines. The Great Locomotive Chase is one of the most important events in our town's history [See **Exhibit A**].

6:34 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

City Manager Jeff Drobney did not have any reports, discussions, or updates for this meeting.

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.

Mayor Easterling switched a couple of Council liaison appointments. Councilmember Gutierrez will now serve as a Council liaison to the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission and Councilmember Orochena will serve as a Council liaison to the Kennesaw Arts and Culture Commission.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to appoint Councilmember Gutierrez as Council liaison to the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission and Councilmember Orochena as Council liaison to the Kennesaw Arts and Culture Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to appoint Dr. Jeff Drobney and Mayor Derek Easterling as representatives for the City of Kennesaw for House Bill 489 mediation on Wednesday, July 17th and Thursday, July 18th. Seconded by Councilmember Viars. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

Mayor Easterling explained to the public that the City of Kennesaw, along with the other Cobb County cities, are going into mediation with the Council regarding Service Delivery Strategy.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked the public to pray for our country in the aftermath of the shooting that occurred at Donald Trump's rally over the weekend.

Councilmember Ferris shared that the event has been weighing heavy on his mind as

well. He hopes everyone learns to work together. He expects more out of our country and our representatives.

Councilmember Orochena reiterated the President's words over the weekend that politics should be an arena for peaceful debate. Through our differences, we should not lose sight of each other's humanity.

Councilmember Gutierrez stated that at the end of the day, we are all Americans. He shared that we need to treat each other with respect and use this event as an example to make sure it never happens again.

Councilmember Viars encouraged everyone to watch what they read on social media. There is a lot of misinformation spread around. She said that if anyone has a question about something going on in the city that they are not sure about, please feel free to give her a call.

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.

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez to enter into Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A § 50-14-3 for the purpose of discussing Legal. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

6:40 p.m. Recess to Executive Session

The Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, and Assistant City Attorney attended the Executive Session.

7:01 p.m. Reconvene to Open Session

Councilmember Gutierrez read the Council back into Open Session and directed the Mayor and City Council to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A § 50-14-4. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ferris.

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

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, 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

Medal of Honor

Shadrach and Wilson

Image from the US
Department of Defense



The Great Locomotive Chase is one of the most important events in our town's history. On April 12, 1862, a group of Union soldiers led by civilian James J. Andrews stole the locomotive *General* in an attempt to disrupt Confederate transportation lines. The train was stolen near where the Kennesaw Depot sits today. Pursued for eighty miles, these "Andrews' Raiders" were not able to cause much damage to the railroad. Just north of Ringgold, they had to flee into the North Georgia Mountains where they were captured. Eight men, including Andrews, were later hung in Atlanta as spies in June 1862. Six were eventually released in a prisoner exchange, and become the first recipients of the Medal of Honor on March 25, 1863. The remaining men escaped from prison and returned north.

In the years since, all but two of the soldiers received the Medal of Honor for their bravery. The two civilians who participated are ineligible. The two remaining soldiers, Phillip Shadrach and George Wilson, were among the men hung as spies. Their medals were authorized in 2008, but were not awarded to their families until July 3, 2024 less than two weeks ago. Few communities have a stronger connection to the Medal of Honor than Kennesaw.

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the July 15, 2024,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

Names and Addresses will be disclosed in the Permanent Minutes of the
City of Kennesaw

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS LEGIBLE AND CLEAR

Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

7/15/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

	Name	Address	Topic
1	Andrew J. Brantlett	2990 Ennerfield Ct, Kennesaw, GA	Local history
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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Minutes: July 15, 2024 Executive Session**
Approval of the July 15, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jennifer Gordy, Assistant Finance Director
DATE: August 5, 2024
TITLE: **Resolution: New Bank Account for the National Opioid Settlement Funds**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the opening of a new bank account for the National Opioid Settlement funds.

Summary:

The Finance Department desires to open a bank account for the Opioid Settlement funds due to restrictions on the use of the funds.

Recommendation:

The Finance Director recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2024- New Opioid Settlement bank account

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A NEW BANK
ACCOUNT FOR THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw, Georgia desires to open a bank account for the National Opioid Settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-154 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw only select people are authorized to sign and execute official documents for the City; including but not limited to checks, drafts and money orders; and

WHEREAS, the following officers and staff of the City of Kennesaw are authorized to execute documents including but not limited to checks, drafts and money orders for the City.

Derek Easterling, Mayor
Antonio Jones, Mayor Protem
Pat Ferris, Council designated authorized signer
Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
Christie Burgner, Deputy City Clerk
Jeff Drobney, City Manager

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kennesaw City Council does authorize opening a new bank account for the National Opioid Settlement funds and transmitting documents to the bank for the new signature card.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this ___ day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: LaMaya Edmonds, Business License Manager

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Bail Bond License: Empire Surety Group**
 Consideration for approval of a Bail Bond license for Empire Surety Group, Inc. d/b/a A 24 Hour Bail Bonding located at 2248 Austell Road SW Marietta, GA 30008. Applicant: Robert Corley.

Summary:

Applicant has submitted a complete application per Sec 22-71 including character affidavits, escrow agreement, executed power of attorney for each employee, Cobb County Sheriff's approval and affidavit of applicant's property. Escrow deposit will be paid upon approval. Fingerprint and background results are on file.

Recommendation:

Finance Director recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

100-0000-31-610000-00000 \$175 owner application and business license fee
 100-0000-31-610000-00000 \$50 each employee business license fee
 100-0000-34-231000-00000 \$45 fingerprints for owner and each employee
 100-0000-12-630000-00000 \$2,500 escrow deposit

Attachments:

1. Empire Surety Group, Inc. - 24 Hour Bail Bonds Application 2024_Redacted



City of Kennesaw
2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue
Kennesaw, GA 30144
770-429-4540
770-429-4559 Fax
www.kennesaw-ga.gov

APPLICATION FOR BAIL BOND LICENSE

Applicant Robert N. Corley

Home Address 142 Reddington Place Atlanta, GA 30328

Home Phone [REDACTED] Social Security # [REDACTED]

Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1957
(Must be 21 years of age)

Are you a Georgia Resident? Yes How long? Native
(Minimum of 1 year)

Name of Business Empire Surety Group, Inc. DBA A 24 Hour Bail Bonding

Business location 2248 Austell Road SW Marietta, Ga. 30008

Business Phone 770 434-9665

Corporation ☒ Limited Liability Company [] Partnership [] Sole Proprietor []

List names and address of all individuals, partners, officers, directors, trusts, shareholders, members, or other entities composing the company. (If necessary use additional page.)

Robert N. Corley (Only)

List names and addresses of all individuals authorized to execute bonds sign or act on behalf of the bonding company. (If necessary use additional page.)

Kim Corley, Mason Gorham, Wesley Davis, Cepeda Foster and Myself.

Has the applicant or any individual authorized to act on behalf of the bonding company been convicted or entered a plea of nolo contendere within ten (10) years immediately prior to the filing of this application for any felony or misdemeanor of any State of the United States or any municipal ordinance except traffic violations? NO

If the answer is YES, describe in detail and give dates. _____

Are you familiar with the City of Kennesaw Ordinances, State Laws and Regulations governing the operation of this type of business?

YES

Do you agree to abide by such Ordinances, Laws, and Regulations? YES

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The following are required items to be submitted with application:

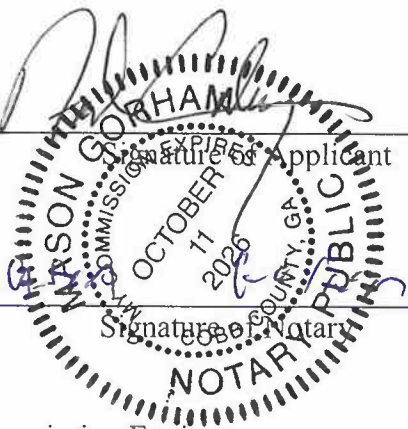
1. Application Fee (\$75.00)
2. Complete set of fingerprints, current full face photograph and consent form for records check to be made by the Police Department for the applicant and any individuals composing the company as set forth above.
3. Two character affidavits [REDACTED] for the applicant and any individuals composing the company as set forth above
4. Notarized affidavit listing all of his property of the applicant and any individuals composing the company as set forth above, stating any liens or encumbrances thereon, and describing such property in detail, including but not limited to the true market value of such property
5. A completed employee application for each person authorized to execute bonds or act on behalf of the company
6. Signed agreement providing for an escrow account §22-71(h)(1)
7. Kennesaw business license (\$100.00 regulatory fee)

For each employee the following must also be submitted:

1. A completed application for each employee who will write bonds
2. Fingerprints and photographs from the Kennesaw Police Department (\$45 each Fingerprinting Fee)
3. A consent form for background check
4. A properly executed power of attorney from the bonding company
5. Kennesaw regulatory fee (\$50 each employee)

I have submitted all required items with my application.

I hereby certify the above information submitted by me is true and correct and agree to abide by all Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw in regards to professional bonding.



Signature of Applicant

03/22/2024

Date

03/27/2024

Date

My Commission Expires:

Application to be heard by Mayor & Council on 8/5/24 at 4:30 PM
Date Time

A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT HEARING

Office Use Only

Application received by P. Edmonds Date 5/28/24

Action of Mayor and Council: Approved Denied Date _____

STATE OF GEORGIA
COBB COUNTY

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 22nd day of March, 2024, in duplicate originals, by and between Chief Westenberger, in his official capacity as Chief of Police of the City of Kennesaw, or his successors in office, hereinafter referred to as Chief; and a professional bonding business in said State and County, hereinafter referred to as professional bonding business.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, said Chief, in the exercise of the duty and discretion placed in him by law, has determined in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 17-6-15(b)(1)(E) that the City of Kennesaw cannot accept real property solely as surety for appearance bonds made by professional bondsmen, and that it is necessary for a cash reserve or deposit account to be utilized to underwrite said appearance bonds;

NOW THEREFORE, to insure that adequate provisions be made to underwrite said appearance bonds, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

1.

A "required sum deposited" of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or such sums as may be determined by the Chief under his statutory duty to provide for the reliability, solvency and approval of sureties, shall be deposited with the City of Kennesaw by said professional bonding business and placed in an escrow account with not more than a twelve month maturity date or any lesser term as the City shall determine is most feasible, in any one or more financial institutions designed as city depositories. The name on the account and the signature at said Bank shall read "City of Kennesaw, Trustee for

"Empire Surety Group, Inc. DBA A 24 Hour Bail Bonding," professional bonding business. This agreement may be terminated as provided herein or where satisfaction of any judgment against professional bonding business exceeds the outstanding balance on deposit in said escrow account.

2.

After the City has deposited the sum of money with a designated depository in the City of Kennesaw and said escrow account has been established by the City, then and in that event, and after all other prerequisites are met as provided for by law, said professional bonding business may at that time begin underwriting appearance bonds in the City of Kennesaw with a limit not to exceed a

“total underwriting capacity” of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or such sums as may be designated by the City based upon the amount of said escrow deposit. It is agreed and consented to by said professional bonding business that should it exceed said fixed underwriting limit or limits, as amended, then and in that event, its bonding privileges shall immediately terminate as of that date, and it would be unable to underwrite any further bonds in the City of Kennesaw until such time as its liability shall no longer exceed the fixed underwriting limit or limits, as amended, and it has met any other conditions of solvency and reliability as may be required by the Chief. It is further agreed and stipulated that said professional bonding business shall complete a sworn affidavit each month to the Chief’s of the City of Kennesaw detailing the exact and total amount of its outstanding liabilities on bonds underwritten in the City of Kennesaw. The report shall be in form of a monthly summary, on forms provided by the Chief, and due in the Chief’s office by the 10th calendar day of each month. Failure to submit this report in a timely fashion may result in the suspension or termination of bonding privileges at the discretion of the Chief. The parties agree that all interest generated from such escrow account shall become the property of the City.

3.

In the event a principal fails to appear on a bond signed by the professional bonding business, upon the entry of a judgment against the professional bonding business as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 17-6-70, 17-6-71 and 17-6-72:

(a) parties agree that after 120 days from the date of such judgment, if no sums have been paid into the court in satisfaction of such judgment by the professional bonding business, fifty per cent of such judgment amount shall be paid immediately by the professional bonding business, or such funds be set off against the funds in said professional bonding businesses’ escrow account until said amount is paid in full, and if the money after said set off in said escrow account for the professional bonding business is less than (\$2,500.00), or the amended sum deposited, then and in that event, all bonding privileges are immediately revoked, and said professional bonding business shall then be unable to post any further bonds until said escrow account has been brought up to not less than the required sum to be deposited, and it has met other conditions of solvency and reliability as may be required by the Chief, including but not limited to the full payment of fifty per cent of such judgment amount;

(b) parties agree that after two years and thirty days from the date of such judgment, if the full judgment amount has not been paid into the court in satisfaction of such judgment by the professional bonding business, the outstanding amount of such judgment shall be paid immediately by the professional bonding business, or such funds shall be set off against the funds in said professional bonding businesses’ escrow account until said amount is paid in full, and if the money after said set off in said escrow account for the professional bonding business is less than (\$2,500.00), or the amended sum deposited, then and in that event, all bonding privileges are immediately revoked, and said professional bonding business shall then be unable to post any further bonds until said escrow account has been brought up to not less than the required sum to be deposited, and it has met other conditions of solvency and reliability as may be required by the Chief, including but not limited to the full payment of such judgment amount.

(c) Said funds may be withdrawn from said account, solely by the Trustee, as provided for herein.

4.

The privileges of the professional bonding business shall be revoked or terminated if the business has had any permit or license issued under the police powers of any county or other governmental subdivision suspended or revoked within the last five years, or if the business has exceeded its escrow limits within the last five years, or if the business has exceeded its escrow limits in another jurisdiction without satisfying the same or failed to meet bonding obligations in any other county or municipality in the State of Georgia or elsewhere.

5.

In addition to other provisions herein concerning the suspension or termination of bonding privileges, this contract may also be terminated at the instance of the professional bonding business upon it being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Chief that the professional bonding business has satisfied all liability on bonds signed in said Chief's office and that no further liability will be incurred by the professional bonding business on such bonds. This contract may also be terminated by mutual consent of the parties hereto at any time and without regard to the liability referred to in this numbered paragraph. Upon such mutual termination of this contract, the principal amount of said savings account, not due and owing on any forfeited bonds or other liability, shall be withdrawn from said account by check or other withdrawal instrument required by said Bank, signed by the Trustee at such time, and the proceeds shall be paid over to the professional bonding business after meeting any requirements or provisions that may be in force and effect under Georgia Law governing such agreements entered into by the State of Georgia.

6.

The amounts provided in the "required sums deposited" and in the "total underwriting capacity" may be amended or modified from time to time by the Chief pursuant to said Chief's statutory responsibility and authority to provide for the approval of sureties. Notice of any such amendments regarding "required sums deposited" or "total underwriting capacity" shall be given by the Chief in writing at least 60 days in advance of such amendment taking effect. Provided further that the Chief may suspend or terminate the operation of this Agreement upon failure of the professional bonding business to comply with the provisions herein, including those concerning the "total underwriting" and "required sums deposited." Said amendment shall be in writing, signed by both parties, attached to this Agreement, and the required sums shall be deposited with the City or appointed Trustee. Said amendment or modification shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement and same shall remain binding; said amendment or modification shall be attached hereto and made a part hereof.

7.

The professional bonding business acknowledges that this Agreement is made in compliance with those certain Regulations and Requirements pertaining to Bail Bonding, promulgated the City of Kennesaw Code of Ordinances and which are specifically incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Professional bonding business also agrees to abide by and comply with said rules and regulations as

they presently exist and as they may be amended or modified from time to time. Failure of professional bonding business to comply with said rules shall result in the suspension and/or termination of its rights to exercise the privileges granted herein.

8.

This Agreement shall be binding upon said Chief of the City of Kennesaw and his successor(s) in office and upon said professional bonding business, its partners, heirs, legal representative, successors and assigns, until this Agreement is terminated as herein provided.

9.

It is specifically provided that neither the Chief nor any successor(s) in office, or any respective estates or heirs, shall ever acquire any title or ownership in said savings account or the funds deposited therein.

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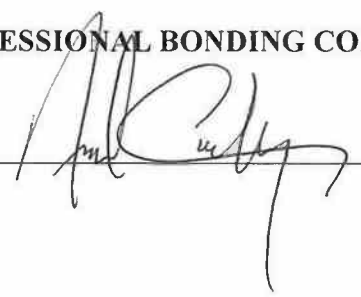
The professional bonding business shall provide to the Chief the names of all partners, officers, stockholders, and any other person or corporation having an interest in the ownership and/or direction of the business of the professional bonding business. Said information shall be given prior to the professional bonding business initiating business hereunder, and the professional bonding business shall immediately and within not more than ten (10) days notify the Chief of any changes in said ownership or direction. Failure of the professional bonding business to comply herewith shall result in suspension or termination of its privileges in this Agreement.

CITY OF KENNESAW, GEORGIA

By: _____
William Westenberger, Chief of Police

(Attest)

PROFESSIONAL BONDING COMPANY

By:  _____

(Attest)

(Attest)

By: _____
Derek Easterling, Mayor

NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANT'S PRIVACY RIGHTS

As an applicant who is the subject of a Georgia and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national fingerprint/biometric-based criminal history check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below. All notices must be provided to you in writing. These obligations are pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552a, and Title 28 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), 50.12, among other authorities.

- You must be provided an adequate written FBI Privacy Act Statement (dated 2013 or later) when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement must explain the authority for collecting your fingerprints and associated information and whether your fingerprints and associated information will be searched, shared or retained.
- You must be advised in writing of the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your FBI criminal history record as set forth at 28 CFR 16.34.
- You must be provided the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in your FBI criminal history record (if you have such a record).
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on the information in the FBI criminal history record.
- If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks> and <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>. You may find information regarding how to obtain a copy of your Georgia criminal history record on the GBI website: <https://gbi.georgia.gov/services/obtaining-criminal-history-recordinformation-frequently-asked-questions>.
- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI by submitting a request via <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.) If the disputed arrest occurred in the State of Georgia, you may send your challenge directly to the GCIC. Contact information for the GCIC can be found at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/services/obtaining-criminal-history-record-information-frequently-askedquestions>.
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for the authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.

Privacy Act Statement

This privacy act statement is located on the back of the FD-258 fingerprint card.

Authority: The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI. **Routine Uses:** During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket

Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

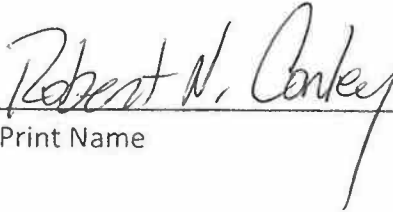
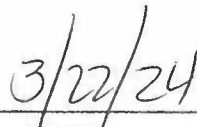
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Applicant Privacy Rights
Notification Signature Form

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Signature	Print Name	Date



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Contact Information
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Fax: (770) 429-4559
www.kennesaw-ga.gov

Affidavit Regarding Citizenship

Please submit this document along with a copy of your secure and verifiable document such as driver's license or passport to the City of Kennesaw with your application.

Printed Name of Applicant: Robert N. Corley

Business License Number: _____ (to be completed by City staff)

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT:

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a(n) business license, occupational tax certificate, alcohol license, taxi permit or other public benefit, as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from the City of Kennesaw, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit (check one):

1) YES

I am a United States citizen. **Please submit a copy of your current Secure and Verifiable Document (s) such as a driver's license, passport, or document indicated on the Attorney General's website.**

2) _____

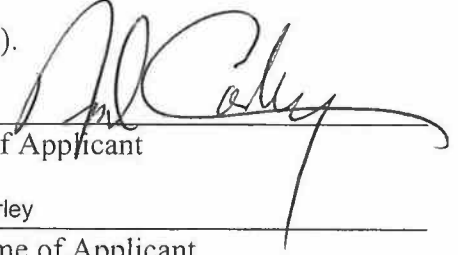
I am not a United States citizen, but I am either a legal permanent resident of the United States or I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency. **Please submit a copy of your current immigration document(s) which includes either your Alien number or your I-94 number and, if needed, SEVIS number.**

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

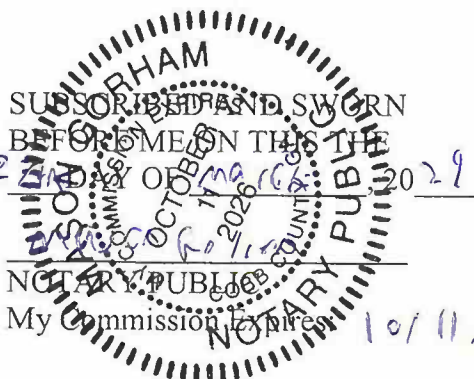
In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in Marietta (city), Georgia (state).


Signature of Applicant

Robert N. Corley

Printed Name of Applicant



Cobb County Sheriff's Office 2024 Certificate of Authority

The below listed business has met the legal requirements as outlined in the Official Code of Georgia and the requirements of the Cobb County Sheriff's Office to operate as a Professional Bonding Company in Cobb County, GA. Therefore, ***A 24 Hour Bonding*** is hereby authorized to operate a professional bonding business, from
April 30, 2024 - April 30, 2025.

***A 24 Hour Bonding
2248 Austell Rd. SW
Marietta, GA. 30008***



Sheriff Craig D. Owens
Cobb County Sheriff's Office
185 Roswell Street
Marietta, GA 30090



COBB COUNTY OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATE

P.O. BOX 649 MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30061-0649
(770) 528-8410

BUSINESS LOCATION

2248 AUSTELL RD

DATE ISSUED

01-01-2024

D/B/A A 24 HOUR BONDING CO

EMPIRE SURETY GROUP INC

2248 AUSTELL RD

MARIETTA, GA 30008

NOT TRANSFERABLE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

112743

FOR YEAR

2024

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES

12-31-2024

TYPE GENERAL



CERTIFICATE MUST BE DISPLAYED
THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT VALID IF OWNERSHIP OR BUSINESS LOCATION CHANGES
PROFESSIONALS & ATTORNEYS AT LAW ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISPLAY

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION CODE

CLASSIFICATION NAME

AMOUNT

738906

BONDSMAN

370.00

PAYMENT DATE

03-26-2024

4332 370.00

4312 0.00

4314 0.00

4316 0.00

4318 0.00

SUB TOTAL \$

370.00

4545 0.00

PENALTY \$

0.00

INTEREST \$

11.10

TOTAL \$

381.10

CD - Bus License Certificate, 112743, 2024, A 24 HOUR BONDING CO

Elinor Wells

BUSINESS LICENSE DIVISION MANAGER

DM

AUTHORIZED INITIALS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. Interest as provided by law will be imposed for failure to renew certificate prior to expiration date.
2. Please document to Cobb County Business License Office when business goes out of business.
3. Please provide written notification of any change in address or ownership change. A fee of \$10 will be charged to reprint certificate.
4. Please contact the business license office if you have not received a renewal notice two weeks prior to expiration of certificate.
5. Interest can not be waived despite failure to receive renewal notice. Contact the business license office for fee information.

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David P. Adams
5945 Norcross Tucker Rd.
Norcross, Ga. 30093

Licensing Department
City of Kennesaw
2529 J O Stephenson Ave. NW
Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Dear Licensing Department,

I'm happy to write a character reference for Robert N. Corley who is applying for a Bail Bonding License in Kennesaw. I've known Robert N. Corley for over 30 years and have always known him to be reliable and straightforward.

Robert N. Corley is honest and genuinely cares about the community, always looking to do the right thing. I trust Robert N. Corley and believe him to be of good moral character.

Please feel free to reach out if you need more information. My contact is

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Best regards,

David Adams

David Adams (May 18, 2024 13:23 EDT)

David P. Adams
Adams Custom Wheels

Christopher McGrath
8600 Tuscany Ave.
Playa Del Rey, Ca. 90293

Licensing Department
City of Kennesaw
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Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

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Robert N. Corley is honest and genuinely cares about the community, always looking to do the right thing. I trust Robert N. Corley and believe him to be of good moral character.

Please feel free to reach out if you need more information. My contact is

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Best regards,


Chr McGrath (May 19, 2024 12:13 PDT)

Christopher McGrath



Continuing Education Certificate #TF0589

Issued in compliance with O.C.G.A. 17-6-50.1/17-6-56.1

This is to certify that on December 14, 2023

ROBERT CORLEY

**completed an 8-hour continuing education course
approved by the**

Georgia Association of Professional Bondsmen, Inc.

**TOMMY FORD
APPROVED INSTRUCTOR**

Expires on: 01/31/2025



City of Kennesaw Bail Bonds License

Permit No.

B- *ba*

Renewal? Yes or ☒ No

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

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Full Name (print)	Robert N. Corley		
Address	142 Reddington Place Atlanta, Ga. 30328		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Male	White	1957	

☒ This authorization is valid for 364 days from date of signature.

Have you ever been **arrested, charged and/or convicted** of a crime in this Country or any other Country for any offense **in the last five (5) years**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list:

Note: Please list all arrests within the last five years regardless of the disposition of the case

Offense/Charge	Arresting Agency	Date	Disposition

Are you **currently** on probation or parole for a drug or alcohol offense? Yes ☐ No ☒

I have received and read a copy of the Kennesaw Ordinance pertaining to Bail Bonds.

Yes ☒ No ☐

I hereby certify that all information given by me on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that **any falsification or intentional omission of the requested information will result in the denial of my application for a bail bonds license.**

03/22/2024

For Department Use Only:

Purpose Code Used: (check one)

☐	A- Alcohol License
☒	B- Bail Bonds
☐	E- Adult Entertainment
☐	M- Massage Therapy
☐	P- Pawn & Precious Metal
☐	S- Solicitation Permit

The inquiry resulted in the following: (check all that apply)

☐	No Criminal Record Available
☒	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
☒	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
☐	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name: _____

Wanting Agency Telephone: _____

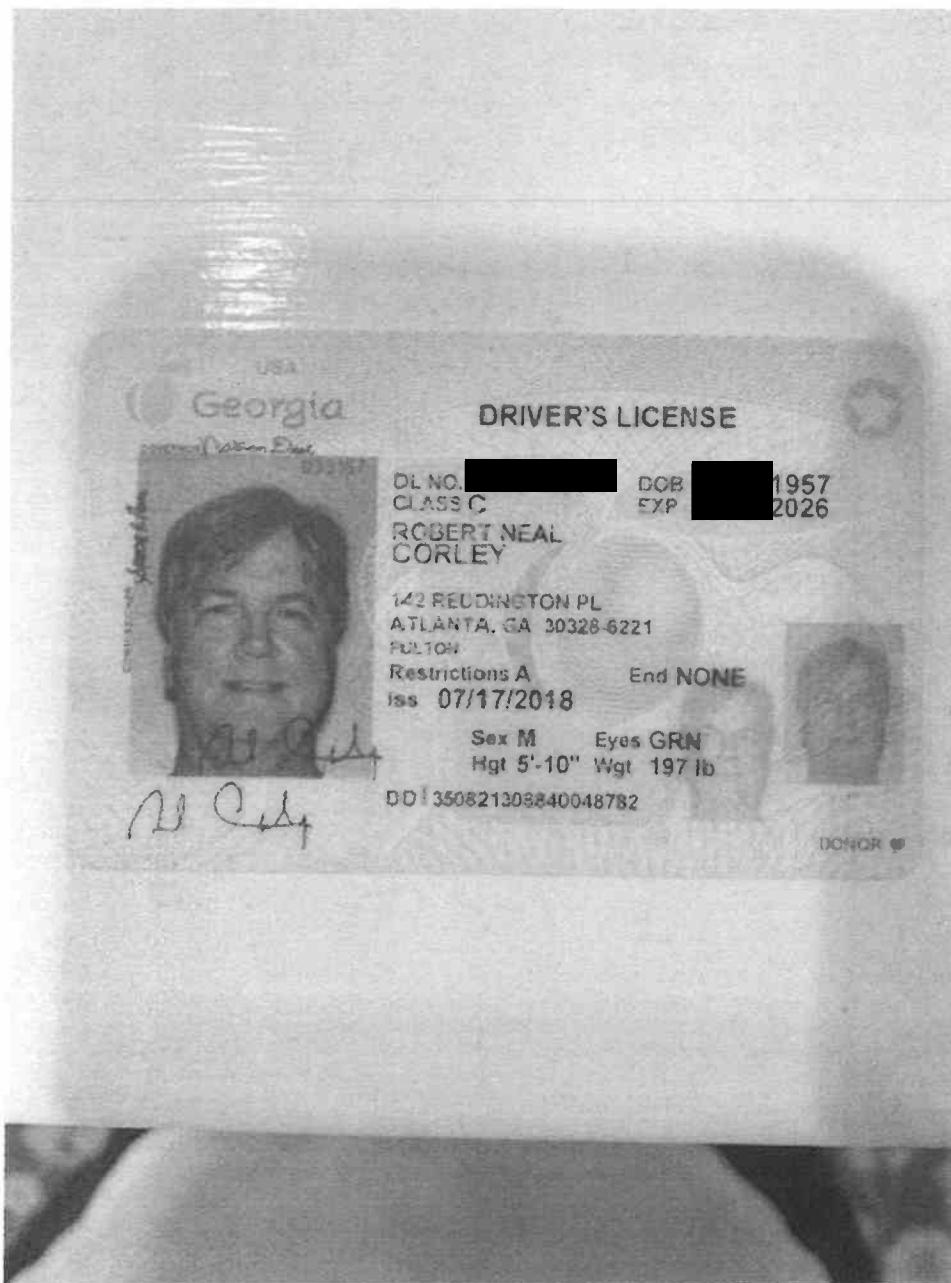
GCIC Operator #: **cm**

Reviewed by Chief of Police or designee

Reviewed by Business License Manager or designee

Approved ☒ Denied ☐

Georgia Only
Criminal History Record Information





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APPLICATION FOR BAIL BONDING EMPLOYEES

Business Name A 24 hour bail bonding

Applicant Kimberly Corley

Home Address 1058 treadstone lane powder springs ga 30127

Home Phone [REDACTED] Social Security # [REDACTED]

Are you a U. S. Citizen? yes If not alien registration number _____

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1963 Are you a Georgia resident? yes How long?
61yrs

Have you been convicted or entered a plea of nolo contendere within ten (10) years immediately prior to the filing of this application for any felony or misdemeanor of any State of the United States or any municipal ordinance except traffic violations? no

If the answer is YES, describe in detail and give dates. _____

Are you familiar with the City of Kennesaw Ordinances, State Laws and Regulations governing the operation of this type of business?
yes

Do you agree to abide by such Ordinances, Laws, and Regulations? yes

I hereby certify the above information submitted by me is true and correct and agree to abide by all Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw in regards to professional bonding.

Signature of Applicant [Signature]
Signature of Notary [Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC
MAON GORHAM
COUNTY, GA
EXPIRES OCTOBER 2026

3.27.24

Date

3/27/2024

Date



City of Kennesaw Bail Bonds License

Permit No.

B-VC

Renewal? Yes or No

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

I hereby authorize City of Kennesaw to conduct an inquiry for the purpose listed below and receive any Georgia and/or national criminal history record information as authorized by the state and federal law. City Ordinance 22- 9 Criminal Background Check; Fingerprinting.

Full Name (print)	KIMBERLY DEE CORLEY		
Address	1058 treadstone lane powder springs ga 30127		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
F	W	1963	

☒ This authorization is valid for 364 days from date of signature.

Have you ever been **arrested, charged and/or convicted** of a crime in this Country or any other Country for any offense **in the last five (5) years**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list:

Note: Please list all arrests within the last five years regardless of the disposition of the case

Offense/Charge	Arresting Agency	Date	Disposition

Are you **currently** on probation or parole for a drug or alcohol offense? Yes ☐ No ☒

I have received and read a copy of the Kennesaw Ordinance pertaining to Bail Bonds.

Yes ☒ No ☐

I hereby certify that all information given by me on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that **any falsification or intentional omission of the requested information will result in the denial of my application for a bail bonds license.**

For Department Use Only:

Purpose Code Used: (check one)

☐	A- Alcohol License
☒	B- Bail Bonds
☐	E- Adult Entertainment
☐	M- Massage Therapy
☐	P- Pawn & Precious Metal
☐	S- Solicitation Permit

The inquiry resulted in the following: (check all that apply)

☐	No Criminal Record Available
☒	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
☒	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
☐	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name: _____

Wanting Agency Telephone: _____

GCIC Operator #:

cm

Reviewed by Chief of Police or designee

Reviewed by Business License Manager or designee

Approved ☒ Denied ☐

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Criminal History Record Information

Applicant Privacy Rights
Notification Signature Form

Applicant Notification and Record Challenge:

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Signature

Kim Conley
Print Name

3-27-24
Date



Continuing Education Certificate #TF0590

Issued in compliance with O.C.G.A. 17-6-50.1/17-6-56.1

This is to certify that on December 14, 2023

KIM CORLEY

**completed an 8-hour continuing education course
approved by the**

Georgia Association of Professional Bondsmen, Inc.

TOMMY FORD

APPROVED INSTRUCTOR

Expires on: 01/31/2025

GEORGIA
DRIVER'S LICENSE

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APPLICATION FOR BAIL BONDING EMPLOYEES

Business Name A 24 hour bail bonding
Applicant MASON GORHAM
Home Address 1058 treadstone lane powder springs ga 30127
Home Phone [REDACTED] Social Security # [REDACTED]
Are you a U. S. Citizen? YES If not alien registration number _____
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1995 Are you a Georgia resident? YES How long?
29 years

Have you been convicted or entered a plea of nolo contendere within ten (10) years immediately prior to the filing of this application for any felony or misdemeanor of any State of the United States or any municipal ordinance except traffic violations? NONE

If the answer is YES, describe in detail and give dates. _____

Are you familiar with the City of Kennesaw Ordinances, State Laws and Regulations governing the operation of this type of business?
YES

Do you agree to abide by such Ordinances, Laws, and Regulations? YES

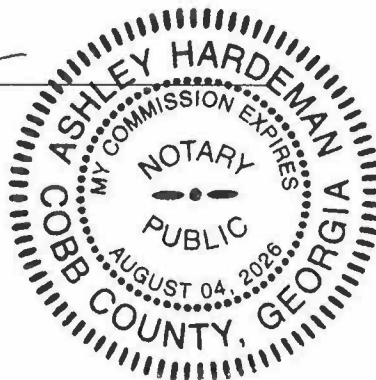
I hereby certify the above information submitted by me is true and correct and agree to abide by all Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw in regards to professional bonding.

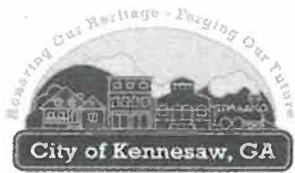
Mason Gorham
Signature of Applicant

[Signature]
Signature of Notary

3/27/2024
Date

3/27/2024
Date





City of Kennesaw Bail Bonds License

Permit No.

B-6d

Renewal? Yes or No

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

I hereby authorize City of Kennesaw to conduct an inquiry for the purpose listed below and receive any Georgia and/or national criminal history record information as authorized by the state and federal law. City Ordinance 22- 9 Criminal Background Check; Fingerprinting.

Full Name (print)	MASON DAVID GORHAM		
Address	1058 treadstone lane powder springs ga 30127		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
MALE	WHITE	1995	

☒ This authorization is valid for 364 days from date of signature.

Have you ever been **arrested, charged and/or convicted** of a crime in this Country or any other Country for any offense **in the last five (5) years**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list:

Note: Please list all arrests within the last five years regardless of the disposition of the case

Offense/Charge	Arresting Agency	Date	Disposition

Are you **currently** on probation or parole for a drug or alcohol offense? Yes ☐ No ☒

Yes ☒ No ☐

Mason Gorham

03/27/2024

	A- Alcohol License
	B- Bail Bonds
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	M- Massage Therapy
	P- Pawn & Precious Metal
	S- Solicitation Permit

	No Criminal Record Available
	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name: _____

Wanting Agency Telephone: _____

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Denied

No History
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Notification Signature Form

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Mason Gullon	Mason Gullon	9/27/2024
Signature	Print Name	Date



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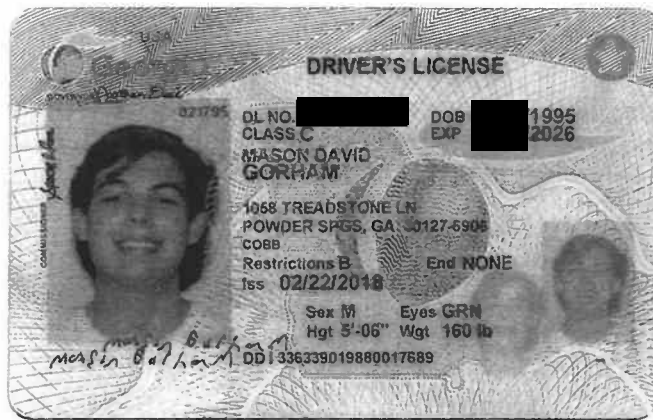
MASON GORHAM

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**TOMMY FORD
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APPLICATION FOR BAIL BONDING EMPLOYEES

Business Name A 24 HR Bonding Co.

Applicant EARL WESLEY DAVIS JR

Home Address 19 MCNEAL Dr S.E. Marietta, GA 30060

Home Phone N/A / Cell [REDACTED] Social Security # [REDACTED]

Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes If not alien registration number _____

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1950 Are you a Georgia resident? Yes How long?
73 years

Have you been convicted or entered a plea of nolo contendere within ten (10) years immediately prior to the filing of this application for any felony or misdemeanor of any State of the United States or any municipal ordinance except traffic violations? NO

If the answer is YES, describe in detail and give dates. _____

Are you familiar with the City of Kennesaw Ordinances, State Laws and Regulations governing the operation of this type of business?

yes

Do you agree to abide by such Ordinances, Laws, and Regulations? yes

I hereby certify the above information submitted by me is true and correct and agree to abide by all Ordinances of the City of Kennesaw in regards to professional bonding.

Earl Wesley Davis Jr
Signature of Applicant
[Signature]
Signature of Notary
MASON

03/25/2024

Date

3/25/2024

Date



City of Kennesaw Bail Bonds License

Permit No.

B-46

Renewal? Yes or No

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

I hereby authorize City of Kennesaw to conduct an inquiry for the purpose listed below and receive any Georgia and/or national criminal history record information as authorized by the state and federal law. City Ordinance 22- 9 Criminal Background Check; Fingerprinting.

Full Name (print)	EARL Wesley DAVIS Jr		
Address	19 McNEAL DR S.E Marietta, GA 30060		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
M	W	1950	

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Have you ever been **arrested, charged and/or convicted** of a crime in this Country or any other Country for any offense **in the last five (5) years**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list:

Note: Please list all arrests within the last five years regardless of the disposition of the case

Offense/Charge	Arresting Agency	Date	Disposition

Are you **currently** on probation or parole for a drug or alcohol offense? Yes ☐ No ☐

Yes ☒ No ☐

Earl Wray Davis

03/25/2024

	A- Alcohol License
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	M- Massage Therapy
	P- Pawn & Precious Metal
	S- Solicitation Permit

	No Criminal Record Available
	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Telephone: _____



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Approved ✓ Denied

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Continuing Education Certificate #TF0594

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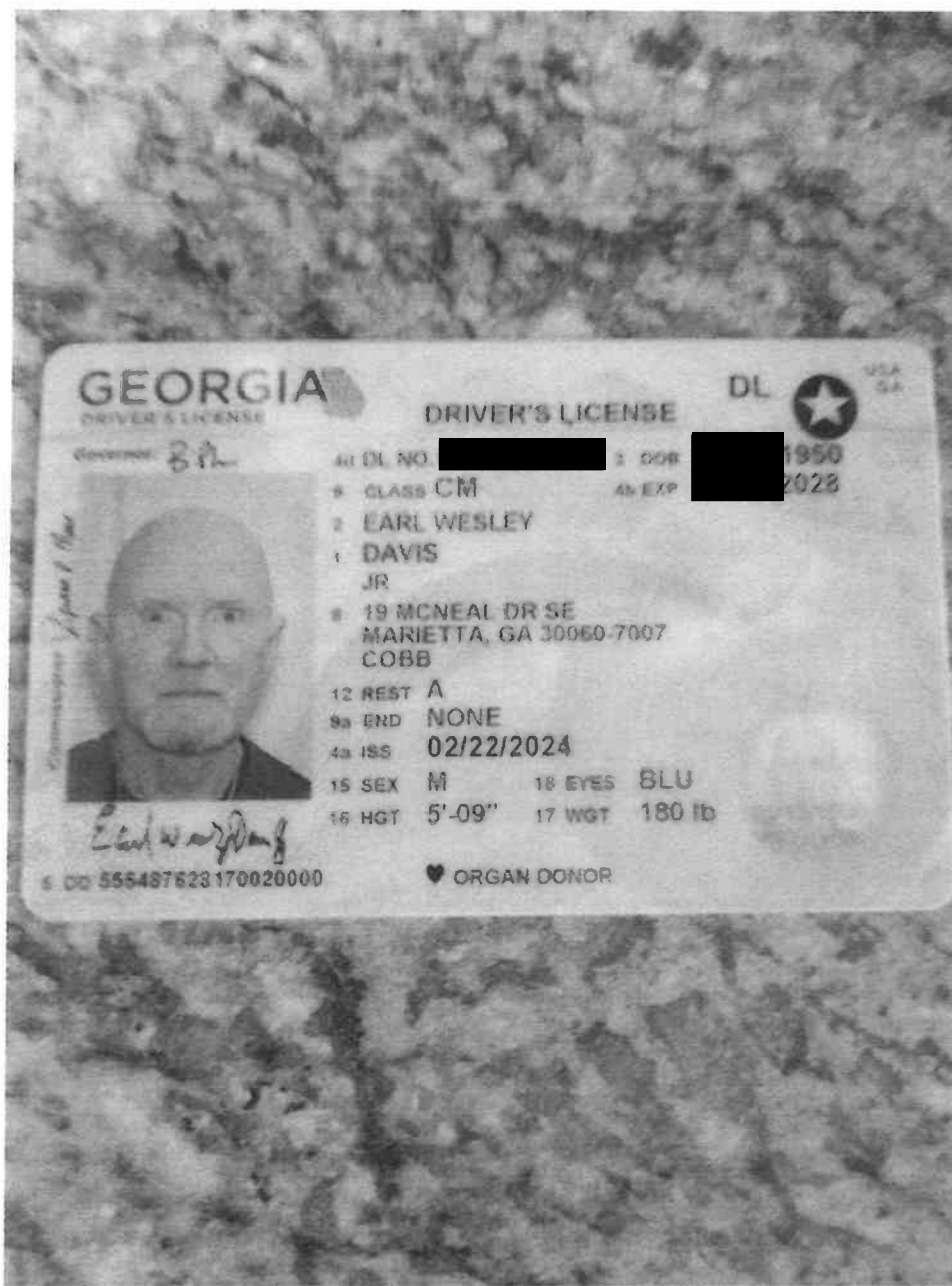
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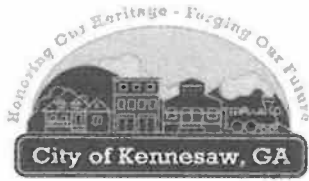
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**TOMMY FORD
APPROVED INSTRUCTOR**

Expires on: 01/31/2025





City of Kennesaw Bail Bonds License

Permit No.

B-66

Renewal? Yes or ☒ No

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

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Full Name (print)	Cepeda Foster		
Address	4060 Herschel Rd College Park GA 30337		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
M	BLACK	1974	

☒ This authorization is valid for 364 days from date of signature.

Have you ever been **arrested, charged and/or convicted** of a crime in this Country or any other Country for any offense **in the last five (5) years**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list:

Note: Please list all arrests within the last five years regardless of the disposition of the case

Offense/Charge	Arresting Agency	Date	Disposition

Are you **currently** on probation or parole for a drug or alcohol offense? Yes ☐ No ☒

I have received and read a copy of the Kennesaw Ordinance pertaining to Bail Bonds.

Yes ☒ No ☐

I hereby certify that all information given by me on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that **any falsification or intentional omission of the requested information will result in the denial of my application for a bail bonds license.**



03/22/2024

For Department Use Only:

Purpose Code Used: (check one)

☐	A- Alcohol License
☒	B- Bail Bonds
☐	E- Adult Entertainment
☐	M- Massage Therapy
☐	P- Pawn & Precious Metal
☐	S- Solicitation Permit

The inquiry resulted in the following: (check all that apply)

☐	No Criminal Record Available
☒	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
☒	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
☐	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name: 

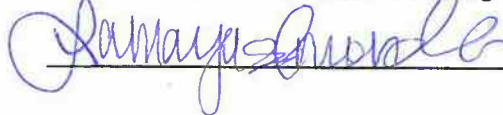
Wanting Agency Telephone: 

GCIC Operator #: 

Reviewed by Chief of Police or designee



Reviewed by Business License Manager or designee



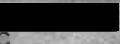
Approved ☒ Denied ☐

Georgia Only
Criminal History Record Information

GEORGIA
DRIVER'S LICENSE

DRIVER'S LICENSE DL  USA GA

Governor: 

4d DL NO.  3 DOB  1974
9 CLASS C 4b EXP  2025

2 CEPEDA MONTELL
1 FOSTER

8 6000 CLARK ST SW APT 199
CONVINGTON, GA 30014-3771
NEWTON

12 FIRST A
9d END NONE
4c ISS 02/08/2022

15 SEX M 18 EYES BRO
16 HGT 6'-05" 17 WGT 440 lb


Cepeda Montrell Foster

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Continuing Education Certificate #TF0592

Issued in compliance with O.C.G.A. 17-6-50.1/17-6-56.1

This is to certify that on December 14, 2023

WES DAVIS

**completed an 8-hour continuing education course
approved by the**

Georgia Association of Professional Bondsmen, Inc.

**TOMMY FORD
APPROVED INSTRUCTOR**

Expires on: 01/31/2025

****POWER OF ATTORNEY****

This Power of Attorney is made on this 8 day of July, 2024, by and between:

Principle:

Name: Robert N. Corley / President

Company: A 24 Hour Bail Bonding

City / State: Marietta, Ga. 30008

Phone: 404 518-1394

****Bonding Agent:****

Name: Kim Corley

Address: 1058 Treadstone Lane

City: Powder Springs State Ga.

Phone: [REDACTED]

****WHEREAS**** The Principal is the owner of A 24 Hour Bail Bonding, a bail bonding company operating in the **City of Kennesaw, Georgia**, and desires to appoint the Agent to act on behalf of the Principal in matters related to signing bail bonds.

****NOW, THEREFORE,**** the Principal hereby appoints the Agent as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of the Principal, for and in the name, place, and stead of the Principal, to do and perform all or any of the following acts, deeds, and things:

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3. ****Ratification:**** The Principal hereby ratifies and confirms all acts that the Agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.
4. ****Revocation:**** This Power of Attorney may be revoked by the Principal at any time by providing written notice to the Agent.

****IN WITNESS WHEREOF****, the Principal has executed this Power of Attorney on the day and year first above written.

****Principal:****

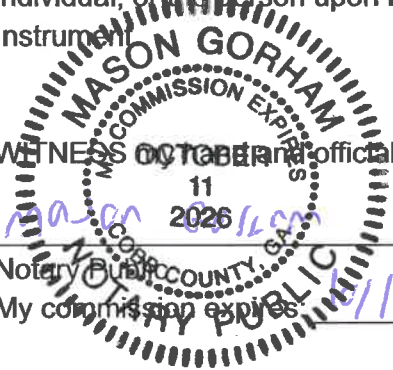
****Notary Public:****

State of Georgia

County of Cobb

On this 8 day of July, 2024, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Kim Corley, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the Instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.


Notary Public
My commission expires 10/11/2026

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Signature:

Email:



****POWER OF ATTORNEY****

This Power of Attorney is made on this 12th day of July, 2024, by and between:

Principle:

Name: Robert N. Corley / President

Company: A 24 Hour Bail Bonding

City / State: Marietta, Ga. 30008

Phone: 404 518-1394

****Bonding Agent:****

Name: EARL WESLEY DAVIS Jr

Address: 19 Meneal Dr S.E

City: Marietta, State GA 30060

Phone: [REDACTED]

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****Principal:****

****Notary Public:****

State of Georgia

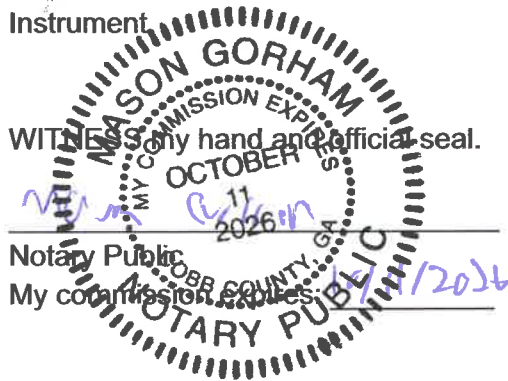
County of Cobb

On this 12th day of July, 2024, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared EARL WESLEY DAVIS Jr, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the Instrument

WITNESSE my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/2026



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Signature:

Email:



****POWER OF ATTORNEY****

This Power of Attorney is made on this 08 day of July, 2024, by and between:

Principle:

Name: Robert N. Corley / President

Company: A 24 Hour Bail Bonding

City / State: Marietta, Ga. 30008

Phone: 404 518-1394

****Bonding Agent:****

Name: Cepeda Foster

Address: 4060 Herschel Rd

City: College Park State GA 30337

Phone: [REDACTED]

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****Principal:****

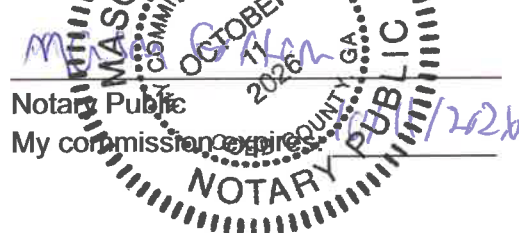
****Notary Public:****

State of Georgia

County of Cobb

On this 08 day of July, 2024, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Cepeda Foster, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the Instrument.

WITNESSES my hand and official seal.


Notary Public
My commission expires 10/11/2026

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Signature:

Email:



****POWER OF ATTORNEY****

This Power of Attorney is made on this 15th day of July, 2024, by and between:

Principle:

Name: Robert N. Corley / President
Company: A 24 Hour Bail Bonding
City / State: Marietta, Ga. 30008
Phone: 404 518-1394

****Bonding Agent:****

Name: Melvin Gordon
Address: 1058 Hearn Street
City: Robert Springs State GA
Phone: [REDACTED]

****WHEREAS**** The Principal is the owner of A 24 Hour Bail Bonding, a bail bonding company operating in the **City of Kennesaw, Georgia**, and desires to appoint the Agent to act on behalf of the Principal in matters related to signing bail bonds.

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4. ****Revocation:**** This Power of Attorney may be revoked by the Principal at any time by providing written notice to the Agent.

****IN WITNESS WHEREOF****, the Principal has executed this Power of Attorney on the day and year first above written.

****Principal:****

****Notary Public:****

State of Georgia

County of Cobb

On this 15 day of July, 2024, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Mason Curham, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the Instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/11/24



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Signature:

Email: [REDACTED]



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Brian Acker, Human Resources
DATE: August 5, 2024
TITLE: **Resolution: Paid Parental Leave**
Consideration for approval to adopt Section 11.14 in the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual regarding paid parental leave.

Summary:

The City desires to establish a Paid Parental Leave policy for the benefit of eligible employees and their families to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted child. Paid Parental Leave serves as a valuable recruiting and retention program that benefits both the employee and the employer.

Recommendation:

The HR Director and City Manager recommend approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2024 - Parental Leave
2. Exhibit A Parental Leave 07302024

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SECTION 11.14 IN THE CITY’S PERSONNEL POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING PAID PARENTAL LEAVE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW, COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw Personnel Policies and Procedures serve as a guide to administrative actions concerning the various personnel activities and transactions and are intended to indicate the customary and the most reasonable methods whereby the aims of the personnel program can be carried out; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw desires to establish a Paid Parental Leave policy for the benefit of eligible employees and their families to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted child; and

WHEREAS, Paid Parental Leave serves as a valuable recruiting and retention program that benefits both the employee and employer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kennesaw City Council adopts Section 11.14 in the City of Kennesaw Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as shown in Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this __ day of August 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

City of Kennesaw Personnel Policies and Procedures

Section 11.14 **PAID PARENTAL LEAVE**

Paid parental leave is granted to employees following the birth of an employee's child or the adoption of a child. An employee may receive up to six (6) consecutive weeks of paid parental leave during any "rolling" 12-month period, measured backward from the date that any parental leave was utilized which will run concurrently with Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, as applicable during any "rolling" 12-month period, measured backward from the date that any FMLA leave is to be used. FMLA leave for the birth or adoption must be concluded within 12 months of the birth or adoption.

Eligibility

Eligible employees must be employed full-time with at least 1 full year of service, having worked at least 1,250 hours during the preceding 12 consecutive months. An employee must have given birth to a child, be the parent to a child, be the spouse of the individual who has given birth to a child or has adopted a child (adopted child must be age 17 or younger).

Employee parents of the same child working in the same department may not use paid parental leave at the same time.

Procedures

The employee will provide both his/her supervisor and Human Resources with written notice of the request for Paid Parental Leave at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of the leave (or if the leave was not foreseeable, as soon as possible).

Paid parental leave is compensated at 100 percent of the employee's regular, straight-time weekly pay, to be paid on City of Kennesaw's regularly schedule pay dates.

Approved paid parental leave may be taken at any time during the three-month period immediately following the birth or adoption. Employees must take paid parental leave in six consecutive weeks within a three-month period from the date of the qualified event. Paid parental leave may not be used or extended beyond the three-month time frame. Any unused paid parental leave will be forfeited at the end of the three months.

Paid parental leave taken under this policy will run concurrently with leave under FMLA; therefore, any leave taken under this policy that falls under the definition of circumstances qualifying for leave due to birth or adoption will be counted toward the 12 weeks of available FMLA leave per a rolling 12-month period. All other requirements and provisions under FMLA will apply. The total amount of leave granted to the employee under FMLA will not exceed 12 weeks during the 12-month FMLA period.

After the paid parental leave is exhausted, the balance of FMLA leave (if applicable) may be compensated through the employee's accrued sick, vacation, personal, or compensatory leave. Upon exhaustion of accrued sick, vacation, personal or compensatory leave, any remaining FMLA leave will be unpaid.

If a holiday occurs while the employee is on paid parental leave, such day will be charged to holiday pay; however, such holiday pay will not extend the total paid parental leave time of six (6) weeks.

Upon termination of employment, any unused paid parental leave for which the employee was eligible will not be paid out.



June 2024 Crime Statistics

Summary

June 2024 Group A Offenses (58) increased by 41% compared to June 2023 (41). Assault Offenses accounted for 55% of crimes reported in June 2024. June 2024 Motor Vehicle Theft (5) increased 500% compared to June 2023 (1). June 2024 Sex Offenses (0) decreased 100% compared to June 2023 (3). YTD 2024 crimes (340) are about even with YTD 2023 (341).

June 2024 arrests (110) increased by 50% compared to June 2023 (73). YTD 2024 adult arrests (580) increased by 13% compared to YTD 2023 (515).

In June 2024 1,078 traffic stops were conducted resulting in 629 written warnings and 644 citations.

YTD 2024 traffic accidents (523) decreased 8% compared to YTD 2023 (570). YTD 2024 18% of traffic accidents included injuries compared to 21% in YTD 2023.

Crimes	June 2024	June 2023	YTD (01/01/2024) – (06/30/2024)	YTD (01/01/2023) – (06/30/2023)
Assault Offenses	32	24	192	184
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	1	12	5
Burglary	4	2	18	13
Homicide Offenses	0	0	1	0
Larceny	16	10	107	125
Sex Offenses	0	3	8	8
Robbery	1	1	2	6
Total	58	41	340	341

	June 2024	June 2023	YTD (01/01/2024) – (06/30/2024)	YTD (01/01/2023) – (06/30/2023)
Dispatched Calls for Service	783 (-12)	795	4560 (-446)	5006
Self-Initiated Activity	1,352 (+449)	903	6821 (+483)	6338
Traffic Citations	644 (+76)	568	3446 (-1161)	4607
Traffic Warnings*	629 (+284)	345	3367 (+1506)	1861
Arrests*	110 (+37)	73	580 (+65)	515

*Warnings do not include verbal warnings

*Arrest statistics does not include juveniles





Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: August 5, 2024

TITLE: **Public Comment: Work Session**
Consideration to approve adding a public comment section to work sessions.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None