

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF KENNESAW  
Hilton Marietta Hotel/Conference Center  
(500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Georgia)  
July 17, 2024  
9:30 AM**

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| Present | Mayor Derek Easterling<br>Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones<br>Councilmember Madelyn Orochena<br>Councilmember Tracey Viars<br>Councilmember Pat Ferris<br>Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez<br>Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner<br>City Manager Jeff Drobney<br>City Attorney Fred Bentley |
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**1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

Senior Judge G. Grant Brantley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Judge Brantley listed his credentials, gave an overview of what would occur throughout the day, and advised what was expected of him as the mediator. Attorney Andrew Welch then asked each city to call their meeting to order and approve the mediation agreement. Mayor Derek Easterling called the Kennesaw City Council to order at 9:47 a.m. with all council members present.

**2. Approval of Mediation Agreement**

Mayor Easterling asked for a motion to approve the mediation agreement with the Honorable Judge Brantley to perform services related to the mediation of the Cobb County Service Delivery Strategy negotiations. Councilmember Tracy Viars moved to approve the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

**3. Opening Presentation by Mr. Welch on Service Delivery Strategy (SDS)**

Attorney Andrew (Andy) Welch, who is representing the six Cobb cities, began his presentation at 9:51 a.m.

Attorney Ken Jarrad, who is representing Cobb County, started his presentation at 10:10 a.m.

**4. Recess into Mediation**

Senior Judge G. Grant Brantley recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and asked that the Mayors, City Managers, County representatives, and counsel move to their respective meeting rooms.

