

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
October 28, 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.

1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to Order

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

4. Announcements

- A. 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.

5. Presentations

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- A. **Appeal Hearing: Churras Brazilian Steakhouse (Licensee: Valeriano Cano Serradilha Neto)**
Appeal of Alcohol License Application denial for Churras Brazilian Steakhouse (Licensee: Valeriano Cano Serradilha Neto) located at 3940 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

This item will be presented at the November 4, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

8. Committee and Board Reports

9. Public Hearing(s)

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: October 14, 2024 Work Session

Approval of the October 14, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the October 21, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

11. General and Administrative

A. Resolution: Banking Services

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding the bid and contract to Cadence Bank for banking services.

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Gordy presented a resolution awarding the bid and contract to Cadence Bank for banking services. The City issued a request for proposals for Banking Services, which was duly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 23, August 30, and September 6, 2024. Two bids were received from Cadence Bank and United Bank. After reviewing the bids, the evaluation team recommended Cadence Bank.

Councilmember Ferris asked how long it had been since this service had been bid. Ms. Gordy responded that the City bids the service out every five years. However, this term, the City utilized a one-year extension.

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

B. Alcohol License: Hi & Hello Mart

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Karikrishna 108 LLC d/b/a Hi & Hello Mart located at 3055 N Main St Suite 108 Kennesaw, GA 30144. Applicant: Kartik Bhatt

Business License Manager LaMaya Edmonds presented an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Karikrishna 108 LLC d/b/a Hi & Hello Mart located at 3055 North Main Street, Suite 108. The applicant has completed all requirements for the alcohol workshop and signage.

The applicant will be present at the November 4, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

12. Public Safety

A. Purchase Authorization: Axon "Taser 10"

Consideration to authorize the purchase of Axon "Taser 10" approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Chief Bill Westenberger requested authorization for the purchase of Axon "Taser 10" approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The Kennesaw Police Department needs to update its inventory of tasers and would like to proceed with the budgeted purchase. The multi-year contract is for 87 tasers at a total of \$354,840.40 over 60 months, which is savings of \$131,856.60.

Councilmember Ferris asked if the tasers would be purchased at a state contracted price. Chief Westenberger stated they were not on state contract. The vendor is the department's only option as they are the only company that makes tasers and have been since the late 1990s.

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

13. Information Technology

14. Public Works and Building Maintenance

A. Street Dedication: Cantrell Crossing

Consideration to accept dedication of street in Cantrell Crossing.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart presented a street dedication in Cantrell Crossing. The developer has made a request to dedicate a single street within the development, Hedgeway Circle. It would encompass 1.845 acres with a 50-foot right of way. Mr. Stewart recommends not accepting the dedication as it would not financially benefit the City to own it.

Councilmember Gutierrez asked if there was a specific reason the developer wanted to dedicate one part of the road. Mr. Stewart said it was the only road within city standards.

Councilmember Orochena asked about the design of the dead ends on the plat and if they were meant for future connectivity. Mr. Stewart stated the dead ends were designed to maximize the unit spaces while still allowing a sanitation truck to maneuver to service the units.

15. Recreation and Culture

A. Road Closures: Day with Santa

Consideration to approve road closures for the 2024 Day With Santa event.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair presented the road closures for the 2024 Day with Santa event. Road closures were submitted and approved back in March, but Mr. McNair stated he needed to change the hours for the parade. The original closure start time was 12:45 p.m., and now Parks and Recreation would like to change it to 1:45 p.m.

The parade road closures are as follows:

- Main Street will be closed from Park Drive to Watts Drive from 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (access entrance from Watts Drive)
- Cherokee Street will be closed from Big Shanty Drive to Main Street from 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (access entrance from Watts Drive)
- The following roads will be closed at Main Street from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.: Park Drive, Lewis Street, Dallas Street, Whitfield Place, J.O. Stephenson Avenue NW, Moon Station Road, J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Cherokee Street NW, and Watts Drive.

The event road closures are as follows:

- Main Street will be closed from Summers Street to J.O. Stephenson Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. McNair noted a change from what was listed on the agenda. The amended road closure is that Watts Drive will be closed from Dallas Street (not Little General Cloggers Lane) to Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Further, Little General Cloggers Lane will be closed from J.O. Stephenson Avenue to Watts Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The city parking lot at Tunnel Plaza will be closed from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7

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

16. Community Development

17. Public Comments

6:40 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:41 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

18. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney shared all the city events that happened over the weekend, including Life in the Cemetery, Candy Crawl, and the 5K. He thanked city staff and city volunteers for all the hard work and time that went into making these events successful.

19. 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.

20. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Ferris spoke about the Life in the Cemetery event. It was a wonderful event and is great exposure for our city cemetery since most people do not know the cemetery is in our downtown. He also mentioned that the Candy Crawl was incredibly busy.

Councilmember Gutierrez reminded everyone that Election Day is next Tuesday, November 5th. Over 3 million people have voted early in Georgia!

Councilmember Orochena dressed up as a blow-up shark and had a great time at the Candy Crawl.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked the Kennesaw Police Department for the drug-take-back event.

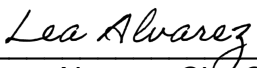
Councilmember Viars recognized the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association and the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority for their efforts regarding the Candy Crawl. She also highlighted the volunteer efforts of the Bramlett family who donated their time and talents to multiple city events this weekend.

21. 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.

22. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

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City of Kennesaw**

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**City Council Work Session
10/28/2024
Public Comment Sign-in**

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