

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

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
November 4, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

City resident Andrew Bramlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

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

4. Announcements

- A. If you are not able to attend a meeting in-person and would like to provide public comment on a specific agenda item, you can email kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov no later than 6:00 PM the night of the regular meeting. Your comments on a specific agenda item will be read aloud or grouped into categories for the record.

Mayor Easterling made the announcement that the City would no longer be utilizing kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov. The email address was a COVID solution when the City's meetings were closed to the public. Since the City is fully open, Mayor Easterling encouraged the public to come and provide comments during the meetings.

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

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.

APPEAL WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

On October 31, 2024, the Licensee of Churras Brazilian Steakhouse, Valeriano Cano Serradilha Neto, signed a letter of withdrawal and acknowledged that he would be eligible to reapply for the alcohol license on September 5, 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to accept the withdrawal letter dated October 31, 2024, with prejudice. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

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

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. 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.

C. Resolution: Banking Services

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

Resolution No. 2024-52, 2024

D. Purchase Authorization: Axon "Taser 10"

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

E. Road Closures: Day with Santa

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

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

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

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: 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. Ms. Edmonds stated that the applicant has submitted the required alcohol workshop paperwork, signs have been posted and advertised, and the current background check results are on file. The Finance Director recommended approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve 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 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. 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 request to dedicate a street in Cantrell Crossing. Mr. Stewart explained this was a request by the developer for Hedgeway Circle. Hedgeway Circle is only a single road within the development; the other three alleys would not be included. The road in question would be an area of 1.845 acres with a 50-foot right of way. Hedgeway Circle has been inspected as it was constructed and meets City standards. Mr. Stewart noted the street has gone through its warranty period, so it is up for the Council's consideration. Mr. Stewart's recommendation is to not accept the dedication. The City has not accepted any roads within townhome developments in several years. This development was originally presented to staff in 2018. It falls outside City staff's current procedure, which is making clear to the developer at the beginning of the process which streets the City will accept. The proposed street dedication does not provide a benefit to the City operationally or financially.

Councilmember Ferris stated that looking at the plat, it shows a 50-foot right of way. He asked if that was accurate. Mr. Stewart said it would be for the entire right of way, including the street. Mr. Ferris stated it looked like the 50-feet would go right to the

buildings. Mr. Stewart said it is close, which is why the City does not want to accept street dedications from townhome developments because the right of ways go so close to the buildings. Councilmember Ferris asked if the original plat notated the streets as public or private. Mr. Stewart said if you look at the plat, it says public. The developers create the plats with plans as they have been presented to City staff, but do so with the understanding that the plat does not signify the roads are under City ownership until the Council formally approves them. Councilmember Ferris does not see where the City's needs will be met by accepting this street.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to accept the street dedication in Cantrell Crossing. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

Vote taken, motion denied 0-5 (Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmembers Orochena, Viars, Ferris, and Gutierrez oppose). Motion failed.

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT: Mr. Bramlett presented local history regarding a presidential connection to Kennesaw in honor of Election Day [see **Exhibit A**].

6:42 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney did not have any updates or reports to provide.

20. Mayor's Report

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

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Ferris shared that the weather was wonderful for Taste of Kennesaw this weekend. He praised everyone who put the event together.

Councilmember Gutierrez echoed what Councilmember Ferris said and thanked everyone involved for making the event run smoothly.

Councilmember Jones thanked Mr. Stewart and Public Works for removing the trash

that was along McCollum Parkway.

Councilmember Orochena and Councilmember Viars invited the public to come out to Cobb County Department of Transportation's Cobb Parkway at McCollum Parkway Realignment Study Public Open House on November 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ben Robertson Community Center.

Mayor Easterling mentioned the Veterans Luncheon on Friday, November 8 at 12:00 p.m. at the Ben Robertson Community Center and the Kennesaw Concert Series with G Clef and the Playlist and the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Jazz Ensemble on Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Piedmont Bank Amphitheater.

22. Executive Session

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

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The next work session will be held on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

KENNESAW HISTORY

Elections

Grover Cleveland's train at
Kennesaw Mountain.

Image from the October 22,
1887, *Frank Leslie's
Illustrated Newspaper*



Since tomorrow is Election Day, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on a strange presidential connection to Kennesaw. In 1888, incumbent Grover Cleveland fought Benjamin Harrison for the White House. Strangely, both had connections to our area.

In 1864, Benjamin Harrison made his way through Georgia during the Atlanta Campaign. A colonel in the 70th Indiana Infantry, he would see action at Resaca, New Hope Church, Peachtree Creek, and Atlanta. While he was in our area, he did not fight at Kennesaw Mountain due to a poison ivy infection.

Grover Cleveland arrived in Kennesaw as part of a whistle stop tour in October 1887, becoming the first sitting president to visit our area. He was campaigning for the next year's election. His arrival was just one month after the city's incorporation. While here, he met future Governor Joseph M. Brown and newspaper titan Henry W. Grady. The train next took him to Kennesaw Mountain for a fireworks show, and then Atlanta. Cleveland hated giving speeches, so he said nothing to the crowds gathered in our county.

In the 1888 election, Harrison would defeat Cleveland, and both would run again in 1892. Since then, no election has seen both candidates have such unique ties to our area.

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the November 4, 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

11/4/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

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