

Mayor

Derek Easterling

City Manager

Jeff Drobney, ICMA-CM

City Clerk

Lea Alvarez, CMC

**Council**

Madelyn Orochena

Tracey Viars

Pat Ferris

Antonio Jones

Anthony Gutierrez

City Council**Meeting Agenda**

January 6, 2025 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Call to Order**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Presentations**
- 6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Resolution: Qualifying Fees**

Consideration for approval of a Resolution setting qualifying fees for the November 2025 election for City Council Posts 3, 4, and 5 and authorization to advertise said notice and fees.
- 9. Committee and Board Reports**
- 10. Public Hearing(s)**
- 11. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes: December 9, 2024 Work Session**

Approval of the December 9, 2024, City Council work session minutes.
 - B. Minutes: December 9, 2024 Executive Session**

Approval of the December 9, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

- C. **Minutes: December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the December 16, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.
- D. **Meeting Schedule: 2025 City Council Work Sessions and Regular Meetings**
Approval of the 2025 City Council work sessions and regular meetings schedule.

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

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

20. Mayor's Report

- A. **Appointment: Mayor Pro Tem**
Consideration for the appointment of the 2025 Mayor Pro Tem.
- B. **Registration: 2025 Lobbyist Session**
Consideration for approval for the Mayor to sign a lobbyist registration letter authorizing Fred Bentley, Jr. and Randall Bentley, Sr. to lobby on behalf of the City of Kennesaw.
- C. **Resolution: 2025 Alternate Check Signer**
Consideration for the appointment of an alternate check signer and approval of a Resolution to designate an alternate check signer for 2025.
- D. **Resolution: 2025 Bank Signature Cards**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing signatures for the City of Kennesaw and transmission of documents to the bank for 2025 new signature cards.
- E. **Appointments: 2025 City Appointments**
Consideration for the ratification of the following City appointments: H. Luke Mayes (Chief Judge/ Probable Cause Judge); Charles Chesbro (Associate Judge); Randall Bentley, Sr. (Solicitor); Bentley, Bentley, and Bentley (City Attorney); City Manager; and City Clerk.

F. Appointments: 2025 Boards and Commissions

Consideration for the ratification of (re)appointments to any board, committee, authority or commission.

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



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Resolution: Qualifying Fees**

Consideration for approval of a Resolution setting qualifying fees for the November 2025 election for City Council Posts 3, 4, and 5 and authorization to advertise said notice and fees.

Summary:

Georgia Election Code § 21-2-131 requires the governing authority of any municipality to set qualifying fees and to publish such fees by February 1st of each year in the year of an election of said office. Further, the required fee is 3% of the gross salary of said office. In 2025, the qualifying fees for City Council Posts 3, 4 and 5 will be \$360.00, respectively.

Recommendation:

The City Clerk recommends approval to set the fees as shown and to publish the required notice in the Marietta Daily Journal.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2025 - Council Qualifying Fees
2. Legal Ad - Qualifying Fees for Council Posts 3 4 and 5

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW
SETTING QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2025 NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR
COUNCIL POSTS 3, 4 and 5
AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE SAID NOTICE AND FEES**

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

WHEREAS, the Georgia Election Code §21-2-131 requires the governing authority of any municipality to set qualifying fees and publish such fees by February 1st of each year in the year of an election of said office; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Council Posts 3, 4 and 5 are up for re-election in November; and

WHEREAS, the required fee is 3% of the gross salary of said office; and

WHEREAS, the required noticing shall be published in the Marietta Daily Journal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Kennesaw that the 3% qualifying fees for the November 2025 election for Council Posts 3, 4 and 5 are hereby set at \$360 each. Staff is directed to publish the required notice in the Marietta Daily Journal.

PASS AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this ___ day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF KENNESAW**

Notice is hereby given the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kennesaw at their regular Council meeting on January 6, 2025, approved Resolution No. 2025-01 setting the qualifying fees for the positions up for re-election in the General Election to be held November 4, 2025. Qualifying fees are set as follows:

Council Post 3	\$360.00
Council Post 4	\$360.00
Council Post 5	\$360.00

Lea Alvarez
City Clerk

Legal ad to run January 10, 2025



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: **Minutes: December 9, 2024 Work Session**
Approval of the December 9, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2024-12-09 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: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
December 9, 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

5. Presentations

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Committee and Board Reports

9. Public Hearing(s)

A. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 2112 & 2114 Old 41 Highway, 1620 North Roberts Road

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Fabric Housing Acquisitions, LLC for the property located at 2112 & 2114 Old 41 Hwy, and 1620 N. Roberts Rd (20017501190, 20017501210, 20017500210, 20017400080). Case #RZ2024-04

Zoning Administrator and Planner Darryl Simmons presented a request to postpone a rezoning request submitted by Fabric Housing Acquisitions, LLC for the property located at 2112 & 2114 Old 41 Highway and 1620 North Roberts Road to the January

13, 2025, City Council work session and the January 21, 2025, City Council regular meeting. The applicant is requesting to amend a master plan that was previously approved in 2018 and then again in 2022. The rezoning application was duly advertised and posted for the November meetings, but the applicant and their legal team submitted a letter, dated November 8, 2024, wishing to postpone the hearing until the December meetings.

Since then, Planning and Zoning staff have met with the applicant and expressed their concerns regarding the application. The proposed plan did not meet the criteria or the intent of the original agreements. Based on those concerns, the application submitted a letter on December 2, 2024, requesting to postpone the hearing until the January 13, 2025, City Council work session and the January 21, 2025, City Council regular meeting to rework the site plan and proposal. Mr. Simmons emphasized that since it is anticipated that significant changes will be made, the application will also go back before the Planning Commission in January.

10. Consent Agenda

- A. **Minutes: November 25, 2024 Work Session**
Approval of the November 25, 2024, City Council work session minutes.
- B. **Minutes: November 25, 2024 Executive Session**
Approval of the November 25, 2024, Executive Session minutes.
- C. **Minutes: December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the December 2, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

11. General and Administrative

- A. **Resolution: GIRMA Fund for First Responder's PTSD Program**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to add membership into the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency's (GIRMA) Fund for the First Responder's PTSD Program.

Human Resources Director Brian Acker presented a resolution to add membership into the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency's (GIRMA) Fund for the First Responder's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program.

Mr. Acker shared that earlier this year, the Ashley Wilson Act was passed, which states that all Georgia public entities must offer a supplemental benefit program for eligible first responders diagnosed with PTSD resulting from exposure to line-of-duty traumatic events. The program includes an initial diagnostic benefit and a long-term benefit in the event they cannot return to their first responder duties due to the diagnosis. Mr. Acker noted that these benefits can be accessed confidentially. By way of the resolution, the City is requesting membership into GIRMA's Fund for the First Responder's PTSD program. The policy is underwritten by MetLife. The first year annual premium quote is \$10,508.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked if the first responders would have to report the request to their supervisors. Mr. Acker stated that the request would be made through GIRMA and that it is confidential.

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

B. Alcohol License Renewal: Stop 2 Go Shell

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Damanis Food and Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell located at 2515 N Cobb Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Business License Manager LaMaya Edmonds presented a 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Damanis Food and Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell located at 2515 North Cobb Parkway. Ms. Edmonds stated that Stop 2 Go Shell is an existing business with a current alcohol license. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person. The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 30 days effective August 3, 2024. Stop 2 Go Shell has not had any further violations.

C. Alcohol License Renewal: Racetrac #052

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Racetrac #052 located at 1625 Old 41 Hwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Ms. Edmonds presented a 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine and Sunday Sales for Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a RaceTrac #052 located at 1625 Old 41 Highway. RaceTrac #052 is an existing business with a current alcohol license. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person. The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 30 days effective August 3, 2024. RaceTrac #052 has not had any further violations.

D. Alcohol License Renewal: Cobb Food Mart

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart located at 2651 N Cobb Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Ms. Edmonds presented a 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sundal Sales for RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart located at 2651 North Cobb Parkway. Cobb Food Mart is an existing business with a current alcohol license. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person as well as not having a server permit. The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 7 days effective August 3, 2024. Cobb Food Mart has not had any further violations.

E. Alcohol License: Bottle Shop

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for MCRAA Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Pkwy #111 Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicant: Chandulal Mendpara

Ms. Edmonds presented an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for MCRAA Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Parkway #111. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshops, signs have been posted, and the request has been properly advertised. The current application, background check and fingerprint results are on file.

F. Resolution: IGA between the City of Kennesaw and the KDA for the Jiles Place Property Transfer

Consideration for approval of a Resolution confirming the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Development Authority (KDA) regarding the transfer of the Jiles Place Property.

Finance Director Gina Auld presented a resolution confirming the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Development Authority (KDA) regarding the transfer of the Jiles Place property. Ms. Auld noted that in 2018, the Jiles Place property was transferred from the KDA to the City and that staff is seeking approval for the City to transfer it back to the KDA to ratify a current lease they have. The person who is leasing the property is interested in purchasing the property. Ms. Auld said the City acquired that property in 2009 as part of the downtown Main Street assemblage. Subsequently, it sold all the properties in 2016, except for Jiles Place. Jiles Place now has a potential buyer, so the City would like to transfer it back to the KDA to sell it.

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

G. Resolution: Dedication of remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Consideration for approval of a Resolution dedicating remaining ARPA Funds of approximately \$250,000 to the Public Safety Facility and Real Time Crime Center.

City Manager Jeff Drobney presented a resolution dedicating the remaining ARPA funds of approximately \$250,000 to the Public Safety Facility and Real Time Crime Center. Dr. Drobney shared that ARPA funds have to be committed by the end of December. This dedication is not increasing the budget for the Public Safety Facility.

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

12. Public Safety

A. Crime Statistics: November 2024

Consideration to accept the November 2024 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the November 2024 crime statistics [see **Exhibit A**].

B. Resolution: Fusus Contract Extension

Consideration for approval of Resolution to extend the current contract with Axon (FUSUS) and authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Chief Westenberger presented a resolution to extend the current contract with Axon (FUSUS) and requested authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement. Last year, the Kennesaw Police Department received a grant from the State that it applied to Fusus. Fusus is an integrated camera system that pulls Flock cameras, Department of Transportation cameras, and private cameras (with the owners' permission) to one location. That contract was \$75,000 per year. Since then, Axon purchased Fusus. Axon contacted the Kennesaw Police Department and told them they would see significant increases in the coming years. Axon proposed tying the Department to an extended contract for seven years. The original contract is set to expire in 2026. Chief Westenberger stated that the savings for the additional four-year period starting in 2027 would be in excess of \$70,000. The contract provides flexibility so that if the Department was unable to fund the system, they would have the ability to withdraw.

Councilmember Ferris needed clarification if Axon was asking for a seven-year contract. Chief Westenberger stated the Department was approached with a five-year or a 10-year contract. The 10-year contract felt a little too long, and the five-year contract was too short.

Councilmember Ferris asked about terminating the contract, if needed. Chief Westenberger read Section 16.2 under the Termination clause in the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement into the record: "If sufficient funds are not appropriated or otherwise legally available to pay the fees, Customer may terminate this Agreement. Customer will deliver notice of termination under this section as soon as reasonably practicable."

Chief Westenberger emphasized Fusus is a critical tool for the Kennesaw Police Department.

Councilmember Ferris asked Chief Westenberger to monitor the services of Axon. He is concerned about Fusus being purchased by Axon and the possibility of the quality of services being impacted by the acquisition.

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. Resolution: Landscape Services

Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding the bid and contract for landscape services to Creative Cuts Landscapes DBA Creative Landscape

Group.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart presented a resolution awarding the bid and contract for landscape services to Creative Landscape Group. As a part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, funds were allocated to seek a landscape service contract. The City advertised an RFP for those services and received four bids. The bid opening consisted of a base bid for items staff knew were needed as part of the contract and there were add-on alternates to select if they fit within budget. The full bid, including the add-ons, came in below what was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025. The contract will be for the maintenance of City Hall, Watts Drive median, the Southern Museum, Gateway Park, Depot Park, and Commemorative Park.

Being able to afford the entire bid with the budget allocated, the low bid was Creative Landscape Group in the amount of \$107,405.25.

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

B. Resolution: Adams Park Restroom Facility Reconstruction

Consideration of approval for a Resolution to award construction of the Adams Park Restroom Facility to S.H. Creel Contracting.

Facilities Director Robbie Balenger presented a resolution to award construction of the Adams Park Restroom Facility to S.H. Creel Contracting. The restroom is near Field 6 and needs to be replaced to better serve the citizens. The City received three bids with the lowest responsible bid being S.H. Creel Contracting in the amount of \$374,152.80. The contractor was not the lowest bid at the opening. During due diligence, it was realized that the lowest bid was missing a significant portion of the responsive documents requested through the bid documents.

Councilmember Ferris asked if staff was going to tear down the existing restroom and place the new one in the same spot. Mr. Balenger responded he was correct.

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

15. Recreation and Culture

16. Community Development

A. Final Plat Application: 2640 S. Main Street

Consideration for approval of a final plat submitted by Station at South Main, LLC to subdivide existing parcel 20016701150 into five (5) commercial tracts. Case #PS2024-01

Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented a final plat submitted by Station at South Main, LLC to subdivide existing parcel 20016701150 into five commercial tracts. The multifamily building has been constructed, and the townhomes are currently under construction. The development team had been working with staff to get everything lined

up for the commercial to be marketed, but they had to provide some additional information to Cobb Water and Sewer for them to sign off the plat. Cobb Water and Sewer has approved the plat. This plat will establish the five commercial tracts that will front South Main Street, so they can aggressively market them and begin to attract users for those tracts.

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

17. Public Comments

6:56 P.M. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:57 P.M. Floor Closed for Public Comments

18. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney and his staff have been working to try and set up a Legislative Update with the Kennesaw Delegation. The date and time chosen was Friday, December 20, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

After brief discussion, the Council decided not to proceed with the Legislative Update.

Dr. Drobney recognized and thanked everyone who worked to make A Day with Santa a success.

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 Gutierrez shared that he had just got back from Vermont for a work trip. Driving in five or six inches of snow every night made him miss Kennesaw!

Councilmember Ferris said he has been driving around the city looking at all the lights and decorations. He exclaimed that our Christmas tree was magnificent and thanked all the staff members for putting the tree together.

Councilmember Orochena had a great time watching the parade during A Day with Santa.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked Public Works and Parks and Recreation for a wonderful

Day with Santa event and reminded everyone to check on their friends during the holiday season.

Councilmember Viars reiterated that the staff did a great job with the lighting and decorations this holiday season. She received a lot of compliments over the weekend regarding Mayor Easterling's joy and enthusiasm during the Day with Santa event.

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.

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

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

7:03 p.m. Recess to Executive Session

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

7:14 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 Viars.

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

22. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk



November 2024 Crime Statistics

Crimes	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Assault Offenses	36	23	328	350
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1	30	12
Burglary	2	3	33	29
Homicide Offenses	1	0	3	0
Larceny	12	9	129	155
Sex Offenses	1	2	15	20
Robbery	0	0	3	9
Total	55	38	541	575

	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Dispatched Calls for Service	815	754	8,546	9,035
Self-Initiated Activity	1,071	981	13,010	11,033
Traffic Citations	512 (-109)	621	6,237 (-2,136)	8,373
Traffic Warnings*	608 (+196)	412	6,716 (+3,682)	3,034
Arrests**	53	79	934	939

* Warnings do not include verbal warnings

** Arrests do not include juvenile arrests

	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Auto Accidents	122 (-8)	130	1201 (-7)	1,208
Accident W/ Injury	13	13	100 (-23)	123
Hit and Run	8 (-1)	9	130 (-32)	162
Hit and Run W/ Injury	0	0	1 (+1)	0
Person Hit by Auto W/ Injury	1 (-1)	2	7 (-1)	8

Bill Westenberger
Chief of Police



Kennesaw Police Department
2539 J. O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, GA, 30144
911 Call Center: (770) 422-2505
Criminal Investigations Division: (770) 429-4533



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

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS LEGIBLE AND CLEAR

City Council Work Session

12/9/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Minutes: December 9, 2024 Executive Session**
Approval of the December 9, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: **Minutes: December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the December 16, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2024-12-16 City Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

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

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
December 16, 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 6:31 p.m.

4. Announcements

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)

A. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 2112 & 2114 Old 41 Highway, 1620 North Roberts Road

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Fabric Housing Acquisitions, LLC for the property located at 2112 & 2114 Old 41 Hwy, and 1620 N. Roberts Rd (20017501190, 20017501210, 20017500210, 20017400080). Case #RZ2024-04

Zoning Administrator and Planner Darryl Simmons presented a rezoning request to amend a master plan that was approved in 2018 and 2022. The applicant wished to amend certain conditions with a revised site plan. Mr. Simmons stated that the application was duly advertised and was slated to be heard in the November public hearing cycle. On November 6, 2024, the application was heard before the Planning Commission and was scheduled to be heard at the November 18, 2024, City Council regular meeting; however, staff met with the applicant and expressed a number of concerns. On November 8, 2024, the applicant submitted a letter requesting a postponement of the hearing to the December public hearing cycle. On December 2, 2024, staff received a letter requesting further postponement to January 2025. The request will be heard at the January 2, 2025, Planning Commission meeting, the January 13, 2025, City Council work session, and the January 21, 2025, City Council regular meeting.

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

No comments.

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

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to postpone the rezoning request submitted by Fabric Housing Acquisitions, LLC for the property located at 2112 and 2114 Old 41 Highway and 1620 North Roberts Road (20017501190, 20017501210, 20017500210, 20017400080) to the January 13, 2025, City Council work session and the January 21, 2025, City Council regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: November 25, 2024 Work Session

Approval of the November 25, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: November 25, 2024 Executive Session

Approval of the November 25, 2024, Executive Session minutes.

C. Minutes: December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of the December 2, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

- D. **Resolution: GIRMA Fund for First Responder's PTSD Program**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to add membership into the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency's (GIRMA) Fund for the First Responder's PTSD Program.

Resolution No. 2024-61

- E. **Resolution: IGA between the City of Kennesaw and the KDA for the Jiles Place Property Transfer**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution confirming the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Development Authority (KDA) regarding the transfer of the Jiles Place Property.

Resolution No. 2024-62

- F. **Resolution: Dedication of remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution dedicating remaining ARPA Funds of approximately \$250,000 to the Public Safety Facility and Real Time Crime Center.

Resolution No. 2024-63

- G. **Resolution: Fusus Contract Extension**
Consideration for approval of Resolution to extend the current contract with Axon (FUSUS) and authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Resolution No. 2024-64

- H. **Resolution: Landscape Services**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution awarding the bid and contract for landscape services to Creative Cuts Landscapes DBA Creative Landscape Group.

Resolution No. 2024-65

- I. **Resolution: Adams Park Restroom Facility Reconstruction**
Consideration of approval for a Resolution to award construction of the Adams Park Restroom Facility to S.H. Creel Contracting.

Resolution No. 2024-66

- J. **Final Plat Application: 2640 S. Main Street**
Consideration for approval of a final plat submitted by Station at South Main, LLC to subdivide existing parcel 20016701150 into five (5) commercial tracts.
Case #PS2024-01

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

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

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License Renewal: Stop 2 Go Shell

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Damanis Food and Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell located at 2515 N Cobb Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Business License Manager LaMaya Edmonds requested approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Damanis Food and Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell located at 2515 North Cobb Parkway. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person. The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 30 days effective August 3, 2024. Stop 2 Go Shell has had no further violations.

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Damanis Food and Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Stop 2 Go Shell located at 2515 North Cobb Parkway as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

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

B. Alcohol License Renewal: Racetrac #052

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Racetrac #052 located at 1625 Old 41 Hwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Ms. Edmonds requested approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Racetrac #052 located at 1625 Old 41 Highway. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person. The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 30 days effective August 3, 2024. Racetrac #052 has not had any further violations.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to approve the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Racetrac #052 located at 1625 Old 41 Highway as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

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

C. Alcohol License Renewal: Cobb Food Mart

Consideration for approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart located at 2651 N Cobb Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Ms. Edmonds requested the approval of the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart located at 2651 North Cobb Parkway. The business was cited on June 24, 2024, for providing alcohol to an underage person as well as failure to provide permits.

The License Review Board suspended the alcohol license for a period of 7 days effective August 3, 2024. Cobb Food Mart has not had any further violations.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the 2025 annual renewal of the Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for RS Diamond Jubilee LLC d/b/a Cobb Food Mart located at 2651 North Cobb Parkway as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

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

D. Alcohol License: Bottle Shop

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for MCRAA Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Pkwy #111 Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicant: Chandulal Mendpara

Ms. Edmonds requested approval of an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for MCRAA Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Parkway #111. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshops, signs have been posted, and the application has been properly advertised. The current application, background check, and fingerprint results are on file.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve an Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Sunday Sales for MCRAA Inc. d/b/a Bottle Shop located at 2774 Cobb Parkway #111 as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

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

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Statistics: November 2024

Consideration to accept the November 2024 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the November 2024 crime statistics [See **Exhibit A**].

Motion by Councilmember Viars to accept the November 2024 crime statistics as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

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

Mayor Easterling read a commendation letter from a School Resource Officer from Awtrey Middle School regarding the Kennesaw Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division. He praised Detectives Wood, Ange, and Moon for their professionalism.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared Christmas letters to Santa from Kennesaw residents published in both the *Cobb County Times* and *Marietta Journal* in 1924 [See **Exhibit B**].

JOHN LITTLE [City Resident]: Mr. Little recognized the Parks and Recreation department for putting mulch down on the trail that starts at First Baptist Church of Kennesaw. He was appreciative as he uses the trail often.

6:43 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney had nothing to report tonight.

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.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to accept the resignation of Carley Cole from the Urban Redevelopment Agency. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

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

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Gutierrez has been spending the last few days wrapping presents for his family.

Councilmember Ferris shared that he attended the Wreaths Across America event that occurred over the weekend. He recognized the different organizations and individuals involved in making the event a success.

Councilmember Orochena wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones attended the Cobb Municipal Association meeting last week as well as Wreaths Across America. He thanked everyone for the wonderful events.

Councilmember Viars thanked all those who have worked to make this holiday special

for families who do not have what they need this season.

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 6:49 p.m. The next work session held on December 30, 2023, has been canceled. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

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November 2024 Crime Statistics

Crimes	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Assault Offenses	36	23	328	350
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1	30	12
Burglary	2	3	33	29
Homicide Offenses	1	0	3	0
Larceny	12	9	129	155
Sex Offenses	1	2	15	20
Robbery	0	0	3	9
Total	55	38	541	575

	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Dispatched Calls for Service	815	754	8,546	9,035
Self-Initiated Activity	1,071	981	13,010	11,033
Traffic Citations	512 (-109)	621	6,237 (-2,136)	8,373
Traffic Warnings*	608 (+196)	412	6,716 (+3,682)	3,034
Arrests**	53	79	934	939

* Warnings do not include verbal warnings

** Arrests do not include juvenile arrests

	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	YTD (01/01/24 - 11/30/24)	YTD (01/01/23 - 11/30/23)
Auto Accidents	122 (-8)	130	1201 (-7)	1,208
Accident W/ Injury	13	13	100 (-23)	123
Hit and Run	8 (-1)	9	130 (-32)	162
Hit and Run W/ Injury	0	0	1 (+1)	0
Person Hit by Auto W/ Injury	1 (-1)	2	7 (-1)	8

Bill Westenberger
Chief of Police



Kennesaw Police Department
2539 J. O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, GA, 30144
911 Call Center: (770) 422-2505
Criminal Investigations Division: (770) 429-4533



KENNESAW HISTORY

Christmas Letters

Last year, I shared several excerpts from letters to Santa from Kennesaw's past, and I wanted to continue the tradition today by focusing on holiday wishes from a century ago. In 1924, letters to Santa were published in both the *Cobb County Times* and *Marietta Journal*.

Sixth grader Katie Mae Ellison wrote "Dearest Old Santa," asking for an umbrella, nuts, fruits, and candies. Juanita Leavell, a four-year-old, had a long list: a corn popper, an iron, candy, apples, oranges, bananas, a doll for her brother, a rubber doll for her sister, plus more candy and fruits. Five-year-old Willie Nell Kendall asked for a sleepy doll, a china tea set, nuts, and fruit. Siblings Evelyn and Thomas Turner asked for a harp, fruit, a doll, crayons, and firecrackers.

Several members of the Chastain family wrote to Santa that year. Billy Chastain wanted a "little car I can ride in" and a toy train, while Frank Chastain wanted a toy pistol, a tricycle, and a box of firecrackers. Last but certainly not least, Louise Chastain had a list that included "a big doll that will say mamma" and "some good books to read." She closed the letter asking Santa to not "forget the poor little orphan boys and girls."



December 18, 1924 *Marietta Journal*

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the December 16, 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
12/16/2024
Public Comment Sign-in**

	Name	Address	Topic
1	Andrew J. Bramlett	2990 Kennelfield Ct.	Local history
2	JOHN LITTLE	3035 WINDOVER LANE	PARK STREET
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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: **Meeting Schedule: 2025 City Council Work Sessions and Regular Meetings**
Approval of the 2025 City Council work sessions and regular meetings schedule.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule - 2025



Public Notice

The City of Kennesaw hereby gives notice the regularly scheduled meeting dates of the Mayor and City Council are the **1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.**, except for when a meeting falls on a scheduled holiday, said meeting shall be held the following night.

Below is the list of regularly scheduled Mayor and Council Work Sessions and regular Council meetings for calendar year 2025. All meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia. Public attendance is encouraged.

<u>Agenda Work Sessions</u> 6:30 P.M.	<u>Council Meetings</u> 6:30 P.M.
December 30, 2024	January 06, 2025
January 13, 2025	*January 21, 2025*
January 27, 2025	February 3, 2025
February 10, 2025	February 17, 2025
February 24, 2025	March 3, 2025
March 10, 2025	March 17, 2025
March 31, 2025	April 7, 2025
April 14, 2025	April 21, 2025
April 28, 2025	May 5, 2025
May 12, 2025	May 19, 2025
May 27, 2025	June 2, 2025
June 9, 2025	June 16, 2025
June 30, 2025	July 7, 2025
July 14, 2025	July 21, 2025
July 28, 2025	August 4, 2025
August 11, 2025	August 18, 2025
August 25, 2025	*September 2, 2025*
September 8, 2025	September 15, 2025
September 29, 2025	October 6, 2025
October 13, 2025	October 20, 2025
October 27, 2025	November 3, 2025
November 10, 2025	November 17, 2025
November 24, 2025	December 1, 2025
December 8, 2025	December 15, 2025
December 29, 2025	January 05, 2026

*Denotes meetings occurring on a **Tuesday** due to a holiday*

Lea Alvarez
City Clerk
City of Kennesaw

City of Kennesaw 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue Kennesaw, Georgia 30144



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Appointment: Mayor Pro Tem**
Consideration for the appointment of the 2025 Mayor Pro Tem.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: **Registration: 2025 Lobbyist Session**
Consideration for approval for the Mayor to sign a lobbyist registration letter authorizing Fred Bentley, Jr. and Randall Bentley, Sr. to lobby on behalf of the City of Kennesaw.

Summary:

Recommendation:

City Clerk recommends approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign the registration letter.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2025 Lobbyist Letter

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November 26, 2024

Via Hand-Delivery

Mayor Derek Easterling
City of Kennesaw
2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave.
Kennesaw, GA 30144

RE: 2025 Legislative Session

Dear Mayor Easterling:

This will serve to outline the firm's proposal for lobbying services for the 2025 legislative term. In this regard, we encourage you to approve the list of names in advance so that we can effectively and expeditiously address any specific legislative needs. As you are aware, the legislature often moves matters very quickly and it is critical to mount an effort over a limited time period. As we have performed in years past, we have worked with the City Manager's office, and we request that the firm be engaged to monitor and provide input to State elected officials on your behalf to protect City interests.

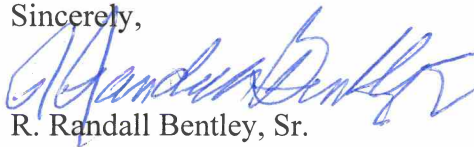
The State Ethics Commission implemented a new Lobbyist E-Filing System beginning with the 2024 calendar year. In the past, we simply renewed current clients online, but the new rule requires the client to create an account with the new lobbyist system. Per our records, Lea Alvarez provided us with the name and email address required and was responsible for creating the authorization account with the State Ethics Commission. We in turn will provide this information to the State Ethics Commission and that designated person will be contacted by the Commission to renew the account and authorize Bentley, Bentley & Bentley to lobby on the City's behalf. The City will have access to this account to authorize us in the new system for the 2025 Legislative term. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact us.

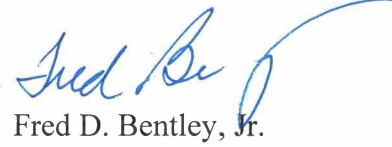
We would also propose that we prepare and shepherd the annual clean up annexation bill so that the City remains protected from any legal challenges involving the City boundaries. We, of course, will be happy to involve whomever the City Council and Mayor designates in this process to ensure continuity is achieved.

We trust this arrangement will provide the City the flexibility to ensure that its interests are adequately protected during this session.

Thank you and I look forward to working with the City of Kennesaw.

Sincerely,


R. Randall Bentley, Sr.


Fred D. Bentley, Jr.

Names of Lobbyists for City of Kennesaw

Fred D. Bentley, Jr.
R. Randall Bentley, Sr.

Authorized by :

City of Kennesaw

Derek Easterling, Mayor

Attest:

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jennifer Gordy, Assistant Finance Director
DATE: January 6, 2025
TITLE: **Resolution: 2025 Alternate Check Signer**
Consideration for the appointment of an alternate check signer and approval of a Resolution to designate an alternate check signer for 2025.

Summary:

On the occasions the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are unavailable to sign checks, an alternate check signer is necessary in accordance with Kennesaw Code of Ordinances § 2-154.

Recommendation:

Finance Director recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2025 - Alternate Check Signer

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____, 2025

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATE CHECK SIGNER

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

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

WHEREAS, documents of the City requiring execution, including but not limited to checks, drafts and money orders shall bear signatures of the Mayor, or in his absence, the Mayor Pro Tern, or an alternate designated by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2025, members of the elected body of the City of Kennesaw selected an alternate Council designated signer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the 2025 alternate signer for the City of Kennesaw shall be Councilmember _____ who is authorized to execute documents including but not limited to checks, drafts, and money orders for said City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this 6th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jennifer Gordy, Assistant Finance Director

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Resolution: 2025 Bank Signature Cards**
 Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing signatures for the City of Kennesaw and transmission of documents to the bank for 2025 new signature cards.

Summary:

Kennesaw Code of Ordinances § 2-154 states documents of the City requiring execution, including but not limited to checks, drafts, and money orders, shall bear signatures of the Mayor, or in his/her absence, the Mayor Pro Tem, or an alternate designated by the Mayor and City Council. When required, the second signature shall be that of the City Clerk, or in his/her absence, the Deputy City Clerk or the City Manager. This resolution is for approval of the list of designated people authorized to sign documents as appointed tonight and authorization to submit the information to the bank for new signature cards.

Recommendation:

Finance Director recommends approval and authorization.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RES 2025 - Authorized Bank Signatures

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW AND
TO TRANSMIT DOCUMENT TO THE BANK FOR NEW SIGNATURE CARDS**

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

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, on January 6, 2025, members of the elected body of the City of Kennesaw selected a new Mayor Pro Tern and authorized an alternate Council designated signer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officers and staff of the City of Kennesaw shall be authorized to execute documents including but not limited to checks, drafts and money orders for said City.

Derek Easterling, Mayor

_____, Mayor Pro Tern

_____, Council designated authorized signature

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Christie Burgner, Deputy City Clerk

Jeff Drobney, City Manager

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this 6th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Appointments: 2025 City Appointments**

Consideration for the ratification of the following City appointments: H. Luke Mayes (Chief Judge/ Probable Cause Judge); Charles Chesbro (Associate Judge); Randall Bentley, Sr. (Solicitor); Bentley, Bentley, and Bentley (City Attorney); City Manager; and City Clerk.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

DATE: January 6, 2025

TITLE: **Appointments: 2025 Boards and Commissions**
Consideration for the ratification of (re)appointments to any board, committee, authority or commission.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None