

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
June 5, 2023
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Tracey Viars Councilmember Pat Ferris Councilmember Antonio Jones Councilmember Trey Sinclair City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr.
Present via Zoom	Councilmember Lynette Burnette

1. Invocation

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Scout Troop 422 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. This public meeting is being conducted via the use of real-time telephonic technology allowing the public simultaneous access to the public meeting. You may also attend in person with limited seating available at both the Council Chambers and the Ben Robertson Community Center, if needed. Mayor and Council will be conducting their meeting via real-time telephonic technology using Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live. You can access the meeting via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>
- B. 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

Mayor Derek Easterling presented Kennesaw City Court Clerks Brittany Swiney, Lisa DiGiovanni and Kelly Hardin with the proclamation celebrating the week of June fifth to be Municipal Court Clerk Week.

- A. A PROCLAMATION declaring June 5-9, 2023 as Municipal Court Clerks Week in the City of Kennesaw.

Mayor Derek Easterling presented a proclamation declaring June 5-9, 2023 as Municipal Court Clerks week in the City of Kennesaw to our Court Services department. We thank you for all you do!

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

[The City Attorney swore-in any witnesses or individuals offering comments on the agenda].

6:37 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No Comment.

6:38 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of RESOLUTION adopting the updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) report covering the five-year period of 2023-2027. No action will take place until the regularly scheduled June 19, 2023, Mayor and Council meeting. Case# MISC2023-04.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator Albert Trevino presented this item as the first of two public hearings in order to meet a two-meeting requirement before adoption of the Capital Element and Short Term Work Program. This plan will span from 2023 until 2027. He noted that the city collects impact fees from new multifamily and commercial structures. As per state law, the city is required to show its short term and long term projects as well as the accompanying financial statements. This item has been reviewed and accepted by the Atlanta Regional Commission and the State Of Georgia Department Of Community Affairs. Planning and Zoning will continue with the required hearings in order to stay in compliance and this item will be voted on at the June 19, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

6:39 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No Comment.

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

Action will not be taken on this item until the June 19, 2023 regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the May 1, 2023 City Council executive session minutes.
- B. Approval of the May 8, 2023 City Council work session minutes.
- C. Approval of the May 15, 2023 City Council regular meeting minutes.
- D. Approval of RESOLUTION and authorization for the Mayor to execute the Lease Supplement with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) for the direct leasing program for two (2) 2022 Ford Interceptors for Police use.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25, 2023

- E. Parcel Combination plat application submitted by Surina Narine and Avery Richardson for 0 Live Oak Drive (20017701170) and 0 Live Oak Drive (20017701180). Case number PC2023-05.

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

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

12. General and Administrative

- A. Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License for Beer and Sunday Sales for Lukes of Kennesaw LLC d/b/a Buffalo Lukes located at 2768 Cobb Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicant: Robert Stoll.

Business License Manager Derek Cox presented this item on behalf of Buffalo Lukes. This business is applying for a Beer and Sunday Sales Alcohol License. The business owner has completed the necessary workshops, and signs have been posted and properly advertised. He did make the Council aware that this business is located within 600 feet of the Ben Robertson Community Center and Adams Park and asked the Council to make an exception and waive the distance requirement. Mr. Cox also acknowledged the applicant, Robert Stoll, was present in the Chambers. Councilmember Ferris then asked when Mr. Stoll planned on opening, and he replied hopefully within the next 30 days.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve an Alcohol License for Beer and Sunday Sales for Lukes of Kennesaw LLC d/b/a Buffalo Lukes located at 2768 Cobb Parkway, as presented, as well as waiving the 600 feet distance requirement as allowed for in the Code. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

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

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

- A. Approval of RESOLUTION to award bid and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract to F. S. Scarbrough, LLC for resurfacing of various streets - 2023 LMIG

[Mayor Easterling recused himself from discussion and voting on item 15. A due to the proximity of his residence to the project. Mayor Pro Tem Viars called for a motion, second, discussion, and vote].

Public Work Director Stewart presented this item and spoke about awarding the bid and contract to F.S. Scarbrough, LLC for the 2023 LMIG Street Resurfacing Project. There were originally seven bids submitted for the resurfacing of three streets: Morningside Trail between Somerset Ridge and Greensward View, Park Trace between Brandywine Road and the end of the cul-de-sac, and Winterthur Main between Legacy Park Circle and Somerset Ridge. F.S. Scarborough was the lowest bidder at \$147,402.00. Public Works Director Stewart recommends approval.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve [RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26, 2023](#) awarding the bid and contract to F.S. Scarbrough, LLC for the resurfacing of various streets. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

Councilmember Jones inquired about whether the street resurfacing would address the elevated sewer holes on a few of the streets. Public Works Director Stewart replied that the elevation of the sewer holes would be addressed to be flush with the rest of the road.

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

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

19. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates
- B. Approval of the Amended and Restated Galleria Convention Funding and Operating Agreements with the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority.

City Manager Jeff Drobney reminded Council that Cobb Galleria representatives Rob Turner and Michelle Swan presented the renewal of the Galleria Convention Funding and Operating Agreements with the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority. He stated that these agreements have been in place since 1993 and that this is just a

re-authorization of the current agreement. The City Manager recommended approval and stated that Legal had reviewed everything.

Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the amended and restated Galleria Convention Funding and Operating Agreements with the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

Councilmember Ferris asked if there were any amendments to the original document that were questioned by Legal. Dr. Drobney responded there were no changes to the original documents.

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

- C. Recommendation of the City Manager to ratify the appointment of Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Bill McNair, to Parks and Recreation Director.

City Manager Jeff Drobney gave a brief overview of the interview process and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair's accolades. Dr. Drobney then recommended that Mr. McNair be appointed to Parks and Recreation Director.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to ratify the appointment of Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Bill McNair, to Parks and Recreation Director. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Viars.

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

21. Council Comments

Councilmember Burnette is looking forward to coming home from her travels abroad.

Councilmember Jones said it was a great weekend for the police and the community at the car show. He then shouted out to Officer Irvin for his beautiful car that he brought to the show.

Councilmember Ferris noted the great events that are coming up in the city, such as the third of July Celebration, Farmers Markets, the races and many other events.

Councilmember Sinclair congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair for his new appointment and was thankful to Scout Troop 422 for coming out to the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Viars praised Officer Buchanan for the wonderful job he did with the car show this past weekend. She also brought awareness to the First Friday Concert and thanked Mayor Easterling for letting her act on his behalf during the meeting.

20. Mayor's Report

[This item was taken out of order and Mayor Easterling returned to this item after Council Comments]

A. Acceptance of the resignation of Joe Bozeman from the Cemetery Preservation Commission

Mayor Easterling called for the acceptance of Mr. Joe Bozeman's resignation from the Cemetery Preservation Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to accept the resignation of Joe Bozeman from the Cemetery Preservation Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

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

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

[This item was taken out of order and Mayor Easterling addressed it after the Mayor's Report]

6:53 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett gave a historical lesson about a town called Kenesaw, located in Nebraska. (Exhibit A)

6:54 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

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 6:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Monday, June 19th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

Lily Smith, Deputy City Clerk

KENNESAW HISTORY

Kenesaw, Nebraska

Main Street in Kenesaw,
Nebraska

Circa 1922



In 1871, as the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was built across the state of Nebraska, the new towns along the line were named alphabetically. After naming Harvard, Inland, and Juniata a name starting with K was needed. One individual, whose name has been lost to history, suggested the town be named after the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The battle's name was sometimes written with two ns, while others spelled it with just one. The railroad chose the latter option, and Kenesaw, Nebraska, was born.

The first settlers arrived in 1872, and the Village of Kenesaw was incorporated in 1884. It would be another three years before Kennesaw, Georgia, was incorporated. Today, Kenesaw, Nebraska, has less than 1,000 residents. While there have been apartment buildings, hotels, and bars across the United States called Kennesaw, Georgia and Nebraska have the only communities with this name.

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett
at the June 5, 2023,
City of Kenesaw Mayor &
Council Meeting

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City of Kennesaw

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Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

6/5/2023

Public Comment Sign-in

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