

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

**Livestream: [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/)  
December 16, 2024  
6:30 PM**

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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>City Clerk Lea Alvarez<br>City Manager Jeff Drobney<br>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

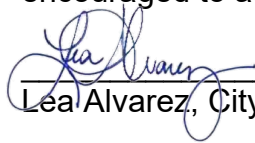
for families who do not have what they need this season.

## **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, 2024, 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.



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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                         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>55</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>541</b>                | <b>575</b>                |

|                              | 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         |
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| 1  | Andrew J. Brantlett | 2990 Kennelfield Ct. | Local history |
| 2  | JOHN LITTLE         | 3035 WINDOVER LANE   | PARK STREET   |
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