

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

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
June 2, 2025
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Pat Ferris Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Antonio Jones Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr.
Absent	Councilmember Tracey Viars

1. Invocation

City resident Carlene Fregeolle 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

5. Presentations

6. Public Comment

This section is for comment on any item on the agenda.

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. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING: Updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) 2025-2029

Consideration for approval of a Resolution adopting the updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) report covering the five-year period of 2025-2029. No action will take place until the regularly scheduled June 16, 2025, Mayor and Council meeting. Case# MISC2025-04.

Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented the first public hearing for a resolution to adopt updates to the Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) for the 2025–2029 period. Each year, the City of Kennesaw is responsible for preparing and submitting this report for regional approval by the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The report is required for jurisdictions that impose impact fees on new development and is essential to maintaining the City's Qualified Local Government status. Approval by the Department of Community Affairs and adoption by resolution are necessary for compliance. This hearing is the first of two, with the final hearing and adoption scheduled for June 16, 2025.

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

No comments.

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

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: May 10, 2025 Council Discussion Session

Approval of the May 10, 2025, Council Discussion Session minutes.

B. Minutes: May 12, 2025 Work Session

Approval of the May 12, 2025, City Council work session minutes.

C. Minutes: May 12, 2025 Executive Session

Approval of the May 12, 2025, City Council executive session minutes.

D. Minutes: May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approval of the May 19, 2025, City Council regular meeting minutes.

E. Resolution: Fireworks Display Services

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with PYRO Shows East Coast Inc. for July 3rd fireworks.

[Resolution No. 2025-39](#)

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena.

Vote taken: approved 4-0 [Councilmember Viars absent]. Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: RK Gas and Food Inc

Consideration for approval of a Retail Package Alcohol License for Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for RK Gas and Food Inc d/b/a Food Mart located at 1880 Old 41 HWY NW STE 100 Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicant: Raheen Dadani

Business License Manager Mariyah Nall presented a retail package alcohol license for beer, wine, and Sunday sales for RK Gas and Food Inc d/b/a Food Mart located at 1880 Old 41 Highway NW, Suite 100. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop per Sec. 6-69. Signs have been posted, and the request has been properly advertised per Sec. 6-36. The current application and background check results are on file. A distance survey completed by a certified surveyor indicated the business was not within the designated distance of a property line or structure listed in Section 6-42 and 6-43.

Motion by Councilmember Orochena to approve the retail package alcohol license for beer, wine, and Sunday sales for RK Gas and Food Inc d/b/a Food Mart located at 1880 Old 41 Highway NW, Suite 100 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: approved 4-0 [Councilmember Viars absent]. Motion passed.

B. Alcohol License: SPC Kennesaw, Inc.

Consideration for approval of a Retail Pouring Alcohol License for Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for SPC Kennesaw, Inc. d/b/a SuBourbon Bar located at 2718 Summers St, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Applicants: Mindaugas Judvytis, Randy Welte, Joseph Hsiao, and Matthew Hsiao

Ms. Nall presented a retail pouring alcohol license for liquor, beer, wine, and Sunday sales, for SPC Kennesaw, Inc. d/b/a SuBourbon Bar located at 2718 Summers Street. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop per Section 6-69. Signs have been posted, and the request has been properly advertised per Section 6-36. The current application and background check results are on file. A distance survey completed by a certified surveyor indicates the business is not within the designated distance of a property line or structure listed in Section 6-42 and 6-43.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve the retail pouring alcohol license for liquor, beer, wine, and Sunday Sales for SPC Kennesaw, Inc. d/b/a SuBourbon Bar located at 2718 Summers Street as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris asked the owner, Michael Judvytis, to share his plans for SuBourbon Bar. Mr. Judvytis, who has been part of the Kennesaw community since 2018 as the owner of Pisano's Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen, is excited to revitalize the bar located next door to his restaurant. His vision for SuBourbon is to transform it into a restaurant and bar with a speakeasy atmosphere, offering both lunch and dinner

service, along with a large outdoor patio featuring garage-style doors.

City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr. provided a clarification regarding the bar's name and previous ownership. He explained that a Consent Order from the License Review Board permitted SPC Kennesaw, Inc. to operate under the name SuBourbon Bar until tonight's meeting, when the new application was presented to the Mayor and Council.

Vote taken: approved 4-0 [Councilmember Viars absent]. Motion passed.

C. Alcohol License: Antojoland, LLC

Consideration for approval of a Retail Pouring Alcohol License for Beer and Sunday Sales for Antojoland, LLC d/b/a Antolandandia located at 2851 Cobb Pkwy NW STE 210 Kennesaw, GA 30152. Applicants: Natalia Rendon and Abraham De Niz.

Ms. Nall presented a retail pouring alcohol license for beer and Sunday sales for Antojoland, LLC d/b/a Antolandandia located at 2851 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite 210. The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop per Sec. 6-69. Signs have been posted, and the request has been properly advertised per Sec. 6-36. The current application and background results are on file. A distance survey completed by a certified surveyor indicates the distances of the business and a list of designated property lines or structures listed in Section 6-42 and 6-43. Section 6-42 refers to all locations within 300 feet of a private residence. This location is within 300 feet of a private residence. Section 6-42 states the Mayor and Council may waive the distance requirement if the quiet enjoyment of the premises by the residents thereof shall not be adversely affected and the granting of such a license shall not have any adverse effect on the private residence.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve a retail pouring alcohol license for beer and Sunday sales for Antojoland, LLC d/b/a Antolandandia located at 2851 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite 210 as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris.

Vote taken: approved 4-0 [Councilmember Viars absent]. Motion passed.

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment

This section is for general comment.

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared the history of the Meyerhardt Lodge [See **Exhibit A**].

6:44 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney thanked the staff for a successful Kennesaw Concert Series event on Friday night and shared that he is looking forward to the next concert in two weeks, featuring a Michael Jackson tribute.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris shared that he stepped outside his home to enjoy Friday night's concert and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Drobney and the city staff for a job well done.

Councilmember Gutierrez was unable to attend the concert as it was the day before his wedding—congratulations to him! Mayor Easterling asked to revisit the discussion item he withdrew from the last work session at the June 30 work session, upon returning from his honeymoon.

Councilmember Jones recognized and thanked city staff for their hard work and dedication in making the concert a success.

Councilmember Orochena announced that this Friday's First Friday Concert Series will take place at the Downtown Plaza at 7:00 p.m. She also highlighted a full lineup of events on Saturday, including the Sun Run 5K in the morning, a Tour Through Time at the Southern Museum, and the Outdoor Movie Series at Swift-Cantrell Park in the evening.

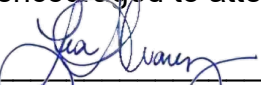
22. Executive Session

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 6:50 p.m. The next work session will be held

on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

KENNESAW HISTORY

Meyerhardt Lodge

The first Masonic lodge in the Cobb County was the Kennesaw Lodge, chartered in 1843 in Marietta. It was named after the nearby Kennesaw Mountain.

In 1890, a group of Kennesaw citizens led by T. J. Hardage began to organize a lodge of their own. Since a lodge already existed named after Kennesaw, they could not choose that title. Instead, they named it after Max Meyerhardt, a Masonic leader from Rome, Georgia.

Meyerhardt was born in Prussia in 1855, and his family moved to Rome when he was very young. He was a civic leader in the Rome area, and his father was a founder of the local synagogue. By the 1890s, he was a well-respected Mason across the state, so it made sense the new lodge in Kennesaw would choose him as a namesake.

Meyerhardt would later go on to become the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and establish the Masonic Home of Georgia, a Macon orphanage. He died in 1923.



Max Meyerhardt
Image from the Masonic Home of Georgia

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the June 2, 2025,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

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

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**City Council Meeting
6/2/2025
Public Comment Sign-in**

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