

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

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

1. Invocation

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members of Boy Scout Troop 510 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

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

Councilmember Ferris arrived to the Council Chambers at 6:35 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

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

6:35 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:36 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of an ORDINANCE to amend the Charter of the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, Part I, Article VI, "Municipal Court," Section 6.04, "Right of Appeal."

City Clerk Lea Alvarez presented the final public hearing to approve an ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, Part I, Article VI, "Municipal Court," Section 6.04, "Right of Appeal." Ms. Alvarez explained the current code section reflects the appellate procedures regarding the decisions of the municipal court to Cobb County Superior Court. The Georgia Legislature amended Chapter 3, Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A), which takes effect July 1, 2023. The city's proposed changes will align its code with the amendments to Chapter 3, Title 5 of the O.C.G.A. Ms. Alvarez stated, in accordance with O.C.G.A § 36-35-3 (b) (1), two consecutive public hearings were conducted. The public hearings were duly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on June 9, 16, and 23, 2023. A copy of the proposed ordinance was sent to the Clerk of Superior Court for public viewing. The City Clerk recommended approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Viars to approve [ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13, 2023](#) to amend the Charter of the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, Part I, Article VI, "Municipal Court," Section 6.04, "Right of Appeal," as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Ferris.

6:36 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

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

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 4-0 (Councilmember Jones absent). Motion passed.

11. Consent Agenda

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

by Councilmember Sinclair.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 4-0 (Councilmember Jones absent). Motion passed.

- A. Approval of the June 19, 2023 City Council regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of RESOLUTION granting a Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with Cobb County Water System

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29, 2023

- C. Approval of RESOLUTION for a programming and schematic design proposal and agreement with Croy Engineering and Croft & Associates for the Kennesaw Public Safety Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30, 2023

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT (City Resident): Mr. Bramlett shared the history of the Windsor Motel, which used to be located on Cobb Parkway, and was replaced by the Windsor shopping center (**See Exhibit A**).

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

19. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

City Manager Jeff Drobney did not have any updates to provide.

20. Mayor's Report

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

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Pat Ferris apologized for being late. He enjoyed the fireworks during the Salute to America event.

Councilmember Trey Sinclair had to work on July 3rd, but he heard Salute to America was a wonderful event.

Councilmember Lynette Burnette said the turnout for Salute to America was incredible and thanked all those who worked behind the scenes to make it happen.

Mayor Pro Tem Tracey Viars said it was the most "Monday" Wednesday; however, she absolutely enjoyed the Salute to America event and thanked everyone for its success.

22 Executive Session

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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 6:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lea Alvarez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

KENNESAW HISTORY

Windsor Motel

The Windsor Motel



The exact date the Windsor Motel opened on Cobb Parkway has yet to be determined, but according to the Patel family it was around 1952. It was first owned and operated by William “Bill” and Maureen Powell. Maureen’s family was from Warrington, England, and the Powells chose the business’s name because of her roots. A postcard from early in the motel’s history says it was “completely furnished with Palmer furniture, Airfoam mattresses, TV, air cooled and Central heat. Fine food.” It was connected to a restaurant, the Top Hat, which burned in a 1958 fire. The restaurant was eventually rebuilt.

In early 1979, the hotel was purchased by C. N. Patel, who, like the previous owner, was from England. He owned several similar businesses in Cobb County at the time as well. Patel’s son, R. J., began managing the Windsor in 1994. The motel was demolished in 2005 and replaced by the Windsor shopping center.

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

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City of Kennesaw

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Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

7/8/2023

Public Comment Sign-in

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