

**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/
June 29, 2026
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Jonathon Bothers Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez-Leon Deputy City Clerk Nicholas Simpson City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr.
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1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members Madelyn Orochena and Jonathon Bothers participated in the work session via teleconference, respectively.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Committee and Board Reports

9. Public Hearing(s)

10. Consent Agenda

11. General and Administrative

A. Alcohol License: Carni Spirits

Consideration for approval of a Retail Package Alcohol License for Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Carni Spirits Corporation D/B/A Carni Spirits located at 2953 Cobb Parkway NW Suite 11/12, Kennesaw, GA 30152.
Applicant: Jeffrey Henley

Business License Manager Kayla Willis presented a Retail Package Alcohol License application for Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales for Carni Spirits Corporation D/B/A Carni Spirits located at 2953 Cobb Parkway NW Suite 11/12, Kennesaw, GA 30152. The applicant is Jeffrey Henley.

The applicant has completed the required alcohol workshop per Section 6-69. Signs have been posted, and this hearing has been properly advertised per Section 6-36. The current application and background check are on file.

A distance survey was completed by a certified surveyor and indicates that the business is within 300 feet of a private residence. Section 6-42 indicates that Mayor and Council may waive the distance requirement if the granting of such a license shall not have any adverse effect on the private residence.

The Finance Director recommends approval.

The Council will hear the request at next week's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2026.

12. Public Safety

A. Resolution: Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Cobb County Police

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Kennesaw and Cobb County Police for mutual aid and law enforcement assistance.

Kennesaw Police Chief Bill Westenberger presented a Resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Kennesaw and Cobb County Police for mutual aid and law enforcement assistance.

Police Chief recommends approval.

With Council consensus, Mayor Easterling recommended placing the item on the Consent Agenda for the 07-06-2026 regular City Council meeting.

B. Surplus: Police Department Vehicles

Approval to sell or dispose of surplus City vehicles.

Kennesaw Police Department Chief Bill Westenberger presented a surplus list of thirteen (13) vehicles. Staff will auction the surplus vehicles using the GovDeals online marketplace.

Vehicle	Reason for Deadline
Ford Interceptor Sedan	Age/Mileage

Ford Interceptor Sedan	Transmission failure
Ford Explorer	Age/Mileage
Ford Interceptor Sedan	Transmission failure
Ford E-350	Multiple fail points
Ford Interceptor Sedan	Age/Mileage
Ford Interceptor Sedan	Age/Mileage
Chevrolet Tahoe	Transmission problems
Ford Explorer	Engine failure
Ford Explorer	Age/Mileage

With Council consensus, Mayor Easterling recommended placing the item on the Consent Agenda for the 07-06-2026 regular City Council meeting.

13. Information Technology

14. Public Works and Building Maintenance

15. Recreation and Culture

16. Community Development

A. Final Plat Application: 1972, 1994 & 2004 Duncan Dr

Approval of the final plat application submitted by Gunnin Land Surveying; this plat will revise the lot lines for lot 29 and update the lot-area table to reflect the final as-built locations within the townhome subdivision known as Devin's Shire (Parcel #20013800470, 20013801940, 2001380190). Case #FP2026-03

Planning Director Channelle Campbell presented the final plat application submitted by Gunnin Land Surveying; this plat will revise the lot lines for lot 29 and update the lot-area table to reflect the final as-built locations within the townhome subdivision known as Devin's Shire (Parcel #20013800470, 20013801940, 2001380190).

The application was submitted by Gunnin Land Surveying to revise the final plat previously submitted for the Devin's Shire subdivision. The application was submitted to revise the lot lines for lots 29 and update the lot-area table to reflect the final as-built locations; the development will consist of thirty-five (35) townhomes. The Mayor and Council reviewed and approved the initial submission on September 16, 2024, and the plat was recorded in Plat Book 282, Page 811, on September 17, 2024. A subsequent revision was approved by Mayor and Council on June 16, 2025 and the plat recorded in Plat Book 283 Pg 523.

The Plan Review Committee has reviewed the revised final plat and deemed the plat is in compliance and recommends approval.

With Council consensus, Mayor Easterling recommended placing the item on the Consent Agenda for the 07-06-2026 regular City Council meeting.

17. Public Comments

6:30 PM FLOOR OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

SAMUEL RUSCH [City Resident]: Mr. Rusch began his comments by mentioning April 2025. According to him, during that time, the Council tried to stymie city residents from exercising free speech during the public comments section of City Council meetings.

He commented that a Kennesaw City Council member advised him that many of the seeclickfix.com repair tickets issued for his community were minor cosmetic issues not warranting repair. He asked the council member for clarity, but he was not given any.

He went on to highlight 3 seeclickfix.com repair tickets, two of which are still outstanding. He provided five (5) exhibits to Mayor and Council (See Exhibits 1-5.).

Rusch questioned why the issues addressed in the seeclickfix.com repair requests have not received the priority attention from the City as it should.

JORY LYONS [City Resident]: Mr. Lyons commented that he was addressing the Council because he feels that the Mayor is not prioritizing the requests of his community. Lyons is requesting a town hall to discuss the needs in the Woodland Acres community. He also wants to replace the chain at Woodland Acres Park with a bollard. Lyons also wants to know why a trail camera was installed in Woodland Acres Park. In closing, he wished everyone a safe and happy Independence Day.

MATTHEW MAYO [City Resident]: Mr. Mayo commented that last last week while at Woodland Acres Park, a camera was discovered near the entrance to the park. Mayo contacted Kennesaw Police to find out who owned the camera. He was advised that the camera was owned by the City of Kennesaw. Mayo asked the city council if they had any knowledge of the camera, when it was placed there, who placed it there, and how long it would be there. Mr. Mayo requested a town hall for Woodland Acres residents.

6:46 PM FLOOR CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

18. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

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

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

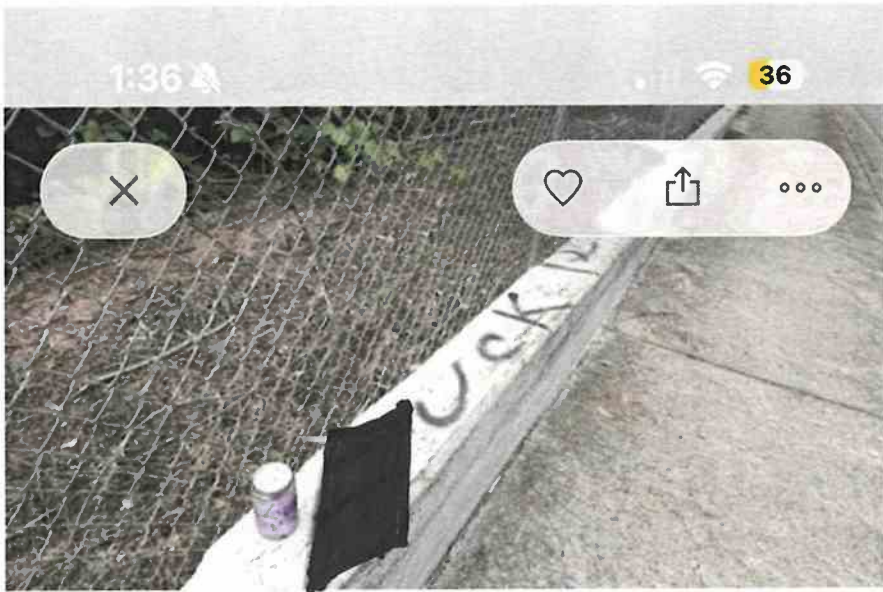
the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

22. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.



Nicholas Simpson, Deputy City Clerk



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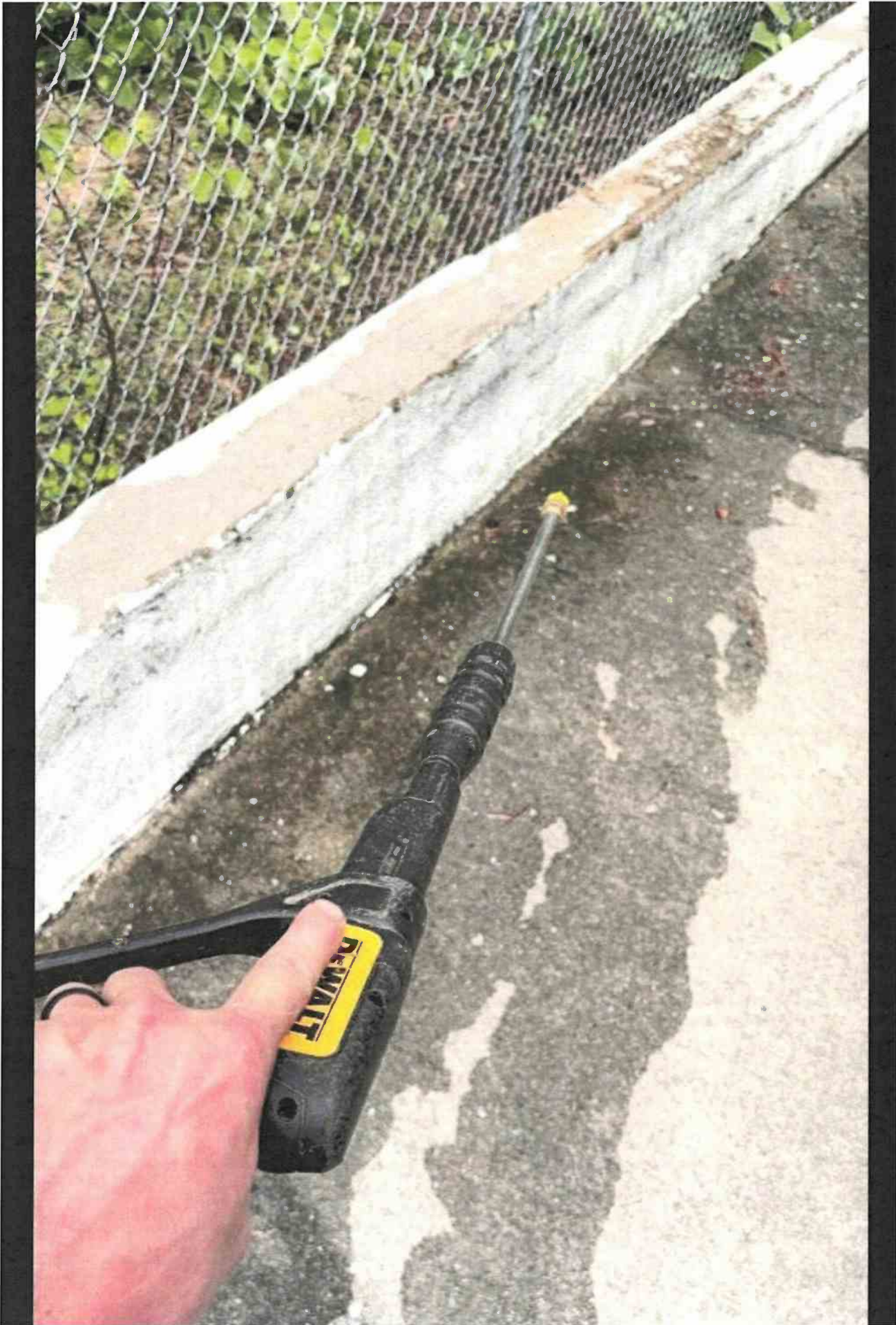
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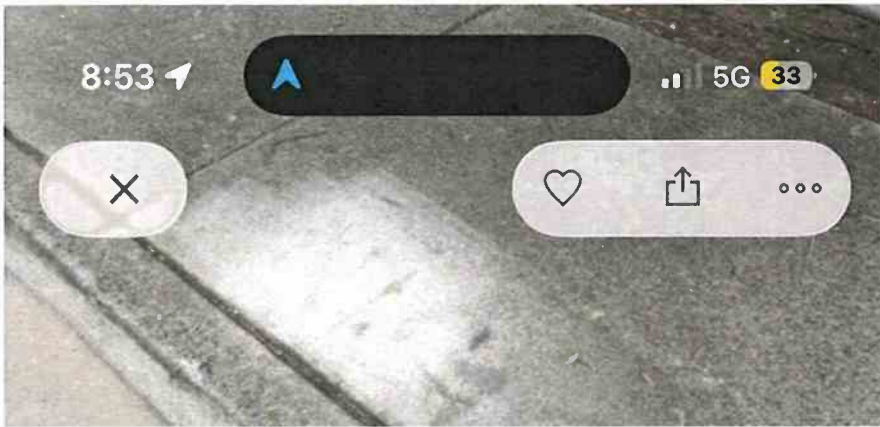
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Markques Givens

5/29/26 8:08 AM

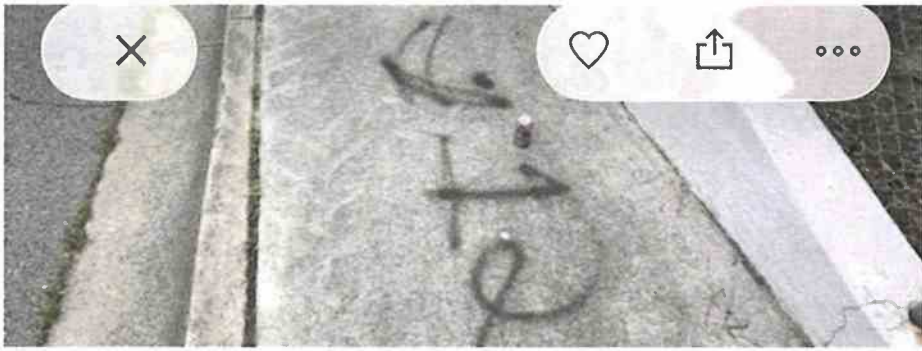
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5/29/26 8:55 AM

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

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**City Council Work Session
6/29/2026
Public Comment Sign-in**

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2	Matthew Mayo	2570 Woodland Dr	Woodland Acres
3	Samuel Rusch	2459 Pine Dr NW	↓
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