

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
January 16, 2024
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Pat Ferris Councilmember Trey Sinclair City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney 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

- 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

6:32 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

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

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the January 2, 2024, City Council Meeting A minutes.

B. Approval of the January 2, 2024, City Council Meeting B minutes

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve the Consent Agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

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

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

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett shared another local history story about the origins of student housing for Kennesaw State University (See **Exhibit A**).

JOHN LITTLE [City Resident]: Mr. Little has lived within the city limits for only a year. He enjoys living within the city and all its services. However, he requested the Council impose a four-year moratorium on multifamily building permits, except for assisted living. Mr. Little says Kennesaw is inundated with multifamily apartments.

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

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney thanked all the city staff that pre-treated the city during the cold weather event we had.

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 Jones encouraged everyone to stay warm.

Councilmember Sinclair encouraged everyone to stay warm as well.

Councilmember Ferris asked everyone to take care of their neighbors in this weather and to stay safe.

Councilmember Orochena hoped everyone enjoyed a peaceful Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and reminded the public of the Book Swap this weekend at the Ben Robertson Community Center.

Councilmember Viars congratulated Mayor Easterling on his State of the City last week.

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 6:39 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

KENNESAW HISTORY

KSU in Kennesaw

Photo of the Save Inn, on
Cobb Parkway in Kennesaw

From the September 1978
Sentinel



Save Inn, located on U. S. 41, makes its convenient location available to Kennesaw student.

With the opening of Interstate 75 in the mid-1970s, many automobile travelers choose the new route instead of Cobb Parkway. Because of this, motel owners along Highway 41 began trying to find ways to attract new business.

One of these motels was the Save Inn. It was built back in 1972 as the Pacemaker Red Carpet Inn, and was renovated and renamed the Save Inn in 1977. In 1978, the motel's sales director Janie Sutler came up with a way to increase their business. Kennesaw College (now KSU) that was nearby had no official option for student housing. Sutler's plan was to offer students dorm-like accommodations at the Save Inn.

The students who stayed at the Save Inn paid \$175 for a private room, or \$100 each if they had a roommate. The inn was also interested in hiring students for jobs around the motel. While the idea was very short lived, it was the first attempt for KSU student housing. The Save Inn went downhill in the late 1970s and into the 1980s, and would undergo a number of name changes during its history and would end its life as Budgetel.

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the January 16, 2024,
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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Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

1/16/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

	Name	Address	Topic
1	Andrew J. Brant	2990 Amersford Ct. Kennesaw	Local history
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