

Mayor

Derek Easterling

City Manager

Jeff Drobney, ICMA-CM

City Clerk

Lea Alvarez, CMC

**Council**

Mayor Pro Tem Antonio

Jones

Madelyn Orochena

Tracey Viars

Pat Ferris

City Council**Meeting Agenda**

April 1, 2024 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)

1. Invocation**2. Pledge of Allegiance****3. Call to Order****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****7. Old Business****8. New Business****9. Committee and Board Reports**

- A. **Resolution: Amended Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission Bylaws**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to amend the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission bylaws Sections .01, .04, and .06.

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. **Resolution: 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the transmittal of updates to the Capital Improvement Element and the Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) covering the five-year period of 2024-2028.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. **Minutes: March 11, 2024, Work Session**
Approval of the March 11, 2024, City Council work session minutes.
- B. **Minutes: March 11, 2024, Executive Session**
Approval of the March 11, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.
- C. **Minutes: March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting**
Approval of the March 18, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

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

19. City Manager's Report

- A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

20. Mayor's Report

- A. **Appointments: Voting Delegates for Cobb Municipal Association**
Appointment of two voting delegates for Cobb Municipal Association business meetings.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

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



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: James Friedrich, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2024

TITLE: **Resolution: Amended Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission Bylaws**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution to amend the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission bylaws Sections .01, .04, and .06.

Summary:

The proposed amendments to the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission (KSCC) bylaws include changes to Sections .01, .04, and .06. These amendments are authorized under Section .10 of the KSCC bylaws. Section .01 addresses a minor administrative error. Section .04 addresses the qualifications of commissioners. Section .06 addresses the attendance and removal policy. These amendments were ratified by the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission at their March 20, 2024, special called meeting.

Recommendation:

The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. RESOLUTION - KSCC Amended Bylaws
2. Exhibit A

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE
KENNESAW SISTER CITIES COMMISSION'S BYLAWS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission seeks to make administrative changes to their bylaws; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section .10 of their bylaws, the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission has amended them to include updates to Sections .01, .04, and .06 as reflected in Exhibit A which are attached.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kennesaw City Council and Mayor approve the amended Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall become effective from and after its adoption and execution by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this __ day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW:

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

KENNESAW SISTER CITIES COMMISSION BYLAWS

.01 - Creation

- A. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission was established by the Kennesaw Mayor and Council by Resolution 2021-31, 2021 as an official City board with affiliated privileges and accountabilities.

.02 - Mission and Objectives

- A. The mission of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission is to promote cultural, economic and educational exchange between the City of Kennesaw and its Sister Cities as well as any other form of exchange the City may deem appropriate in the future. The Commission's objectives are:
 1. To cause the people of the City of Kennesaw and the people of similar cities abroad to acquire a consciousness of each other and to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, as citizens of their country and as part of the family of countries.
 2. To foster as a consequence of such awareness and knowledge a continuing relationship of mutual support between the people of the City of Kennesaw and the people of similar cities abroad.
 3. To handle the initiation, formalization, and maintenance of all Sister City relationships with the City of Kennesaw.
 4. To develop and enforce criteria for reviewing Sister City inbound inquiries, preparing outbound proposals, and evaluating current relationships.
 5. To recommend to the Mayor and Council, City Manager, City departments and boards specific Sister City relationships, programs, events, and other such matters.
 6. To collaborate with relevant Sister Cities, City departments, staff, boards and local, national or international organizations on such programs, events and other matters.

.03 - Responsibilities and Powers

- A. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission shall be authorized and encouraged to:
 1. Recommend to the Mayor and Council, City Manager, City departments and boards programs, international exchange opportunities, community outreach activities and other matters that promote the Commission's established mission.
 2. Propose an annual budget with anticipated revenues and expenditures and collect appropriate fees for such programs and activities in order to sustain the work of the Commission.
 3. Review all internal and external requests for Sister City partnerships, evaluate the effectiveness of such partnerships and provide recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding their approval, denial, or dissolution.
 4. Develop, utilize, and update criteria regarding the recommendation of new Sister City partnerships and the performance of such partnerships, including but not limited to the effectiveness of its exchanges and the consistency of its communications with individual Sister Cities.

.04 - Board of Commissioners

- A. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners with no more than seven (7) commissioners. At least four (4) of the commissioners must be City of Kennesaw residents, employees of a business or organization within City limits or a combination of such distinctions. The Board shall include:
1. A ~~commissioner member from the Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission with a professional background, or supplemented by some experience, in public art, art education, curation, design, tourism or other related fields.~~
 2. A commissioner from the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority.
 3. A ~~staff member of Cobb Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development team with a professional background, or supplemented by some experience, in business, business management, economics, economic development, finance, or other related fields.~~
 4. A staff member of Kennesaw State University's ~~Division Office~~ of Global ~~Affairs-Education.~~
 5. A ~~staff faculty~~ member of the ~~North Cobb School for International Studies Cobb County School District.~~
 6. Two (2) members of the Kennesaw community dedicated to fulfilling the objectives of the Commission.
- B. The commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council with the recommendation of current commissioners and City staff before the first regular meeting of a new calendar year. ~~The A commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council and~~ may be removed at any time with ~~or without~~ cause ~~by a majority vote of the City Council as set forth in the Kennesaw Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-71(g).~~
- C. The commissioners shall be appointed to a two-year term.
- D. Any commissioner in good standing shall be eligible for reappointment by the Mayor and Council for an unlimited number of terms.
- E. The terms of the inaugural commissioners appointed at the first regular meeting shall be as follows: two (2) commissioners for a term of one year, three (3) commissioners for a two-year term and two (2) commissioners for a three-year term.
- F. The commissioners shall receive no compensation or expenses from the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission or the City of Kennesaw.

.05 - Officers

- A. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission Board shall have a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary nominated from and elected by the Board of Commissioners annually at the first meeting of each calendar year.
- B. The Chair shall preside over all Commission meetings, sign documents, and ensure all matters of the Commission are properly handled.
- C. The Vice-Chair shall exercise or perform all the duties and responsibilities of the Chair during their absence, disability or disqualification and fill the office of the Chair if it becomes vacant.
- D. The Secretary shall keep Commission records and prepare agendas, action and draft minutes and other relevant documents to submit to the City Clerk's Office.
- E. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission will also have a staff liaison from within the City who will be appointed by the City Manager to facilitate Commission projects with relevant staff, departments and boards and ensure the Commission remains within its purpose.
- F. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission will have a Council liaison who will be appointed by the Mayor during the first Mayor and Council meeting of the calendar

year to communicate the interests of the Mayor and Council to the Commission and recommend the proceeding of Commission business.

.06 - Attendance, Removal, Resignation and Vacancies

- ~~A. The Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission attendance policy is intended to encourage the full participation and contribution of all commissioners. An attendance problem occurs if any of the following conditions arise in regard to a commissioner's attendance at Commission meetings:~~
- ~~1. The commissioner has two (2) unexcused absences in a row; this is when the commissioner fails to indicate to the Chair their inability to attend a meeting ahead of time.~~
 - ~~2. The commissioner misses one-third of the total number of Commission meetings in one (1) calendar year as a result of multiple unexcused absences.~~
- A. In accordance with the City of Kennesaw Code of Ordinances Section 2-71, except as otherwise provided by state law, any member of a board, commission, or authority may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the mayor and city council. Cause shall be defined as malfeasance or misfeasance in office or failure to attend three consecutive regular, scheduled meetings or failure to attend a minimum of 70 percent of such regularly scheduled board, commission, or authority meetings within any calendar year. While attendance in person is preferred, a member of a board, commission, or authority may attend a meeting by telephonic means. All votes in which a member is present via telephonic means shall require a roll call vote which shall be recorded in the minutes.
- ~~The Commission may recommend to the Mayor and Council by a majority vote the removal and replacement of any commissioner who has neglected their responsibilities through excessive absences or other forms of misconduct.~~
- B. Any commissioner may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair and Secretary.
- C. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Mayor and Council, and such appointed commissioner shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

.07 - Conflict of Interest

- A. Whenever the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission handles an agenda item in which a commissioner has ownership or other economic or vested interest, including the involvement of relatives, that commissioner shall be restricted from presenting, discussing (other than answering a direct question) or voting on the item.

.08 - Meetings and Quorum

- A. Regular meetings of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission shall be held monthly at City Hall on a reoccurring day of the week determined by the commissioners. The first meeting of the new calendar year shall be held to elect officers from within the Commission and to conduct other business that may come before the meeting.
- B. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no official Commission business shall be conducted.
- C. The Chair, when they deem necessary, or four (4) commissioners may call for a special meeting of the Commission, and each call for a special meeting shall be in writing, giving a minimum of twenty-four (24) hour notice to commissioners and the City Clerk's Office along with a prepared agenda.
- D. The Chair may cancel a regularly scheduled Commission meeting if there is a lack of business to conduct or an insufficient number of commissioners able to attend.
- E. All Commission meetings shall follow the notice, recordkeeping and public attendance requirements of the State of Georgia's Open Meetings and Open Records Acts.

.09 - Committees

- A. There shall be a standing committee presided over by a commissioner appointed by the Chair annually for each of the Sister Cities authorized by the Commission and the Mayor and Council. These subcommittees shall:
 - 1. Have the primary responsibility of developing programs with its Sister City in furtherance of the objectives established by this Resolution.
 - 2. Ensure the City of Kennesaw is habitually and effectively in communication with its Sister City.
 - 3. Consist of commissioners, who will assist in the development of such programs with the Sister City.
- B. The Commission may create or dissolve other standing or ad hoc committees as necessary for the fulfillment of the Commission's objectives. Such committees shall be presided over by a commissioner appointed by the Chair annually or as needed.

.10 - Amendments

- A. These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission at any regular or special meeting.
- B. All amendments must be submitted to the Mayor and Council and ratified for final approval by the City Council, which reserves the right to reject any amendment with or without cause.



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Darryl Simmons, Zoning Administrator

DATE: April 1, 2024

TITLE: **Resolution: 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program**
 Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the transmittal of updates to the Capital Improvement Element and the Short Term Work Program (CIE/STWP) covering the five-year period of 2024-2028.

Summary:

Recommendation:

The Planning and Zoning Administrator recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Transmittal Resolution-2024
2. 2024 Collective Summary of Five Year Capital Improvement v2
3. Copy of Annual Fee Financial Report FY 2022-2023 (003)
4. Copy of Draft Annual STWP2024-2028 ds version - rv LA
5. MDJ Proof
6. AD400302_jnl
7. MDJ Legal Advertisement transmittal 2024

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSMITTAL OF UPDATES TO THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT AND THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM COVERING
THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 2024-2028**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw has prepared an annual update to the Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element and Short-Term Work Program was prepared in accordance with the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements and the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and a Public Hearing was held on April 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kennesaw City Hall.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, which the Mayor and the Council of the City of Kennesaw does hereby submit for transmittal the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Work Program covering the five-year period 2023-2027 to the Atlanta Regional Commission for Regional review, as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Approved at the regular meeting of the Kennesaw Mayor and Council on this _____ day of April, 2024

Attest:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

CITY OF KENNESAW
SUMMARY OF FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2		FY2023-2024	FY2024-2025	FY2025-2026	FY2026-2027	FY2027-2028	TOTAL	
3	Police vehicles	200,000	200,000	200,000	250,000	350,000	\$ 1,200,000	
4	Parks & Recreation Vehicles	30,000	40,000	45,000	80,000	80,000	\$ 275,000	
5	Street Vehicles	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$ 650,000	
6	Stormwater Utility CIP Project	500,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	350,000	\$ 1,850,000	
7	Street Improvements	800,000	900,000	800,000	300,000	350,000	\$ 3,150,000	
8	Drainage Improvements	750,000	800,000	800,000	300,000	NA	\$ 2,650,000	
9	Neighborhood Park Improvements	20,000	40,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	\$ 170,000	
10	Smith-Gilbert Gardens Improvements	200,000	100,000	100,000	NA	NA	\$ 400,000	
11	Computer System Upgrades	70,000	75,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ 445,000	
12	Traffic Improvements	4,000,000	10,000,000	4,000,000	7,000,000	9,000,000	\$ 34,000,000	
13	Community Center Improvements	50,000	250,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 300,000	
14	Swift-Cantrell Park Improvement	100,000	100,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 200,000	
15	Depot Park Amphitheater	4,000,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 4,000,000	
16	Public Safety Building	NA	7,500,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	NA	\$ 11,000,000	
17	East Park Community Park	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	NA	\$ 1,000,000	
18	Depot Park Phases 9 - 12	800,000	500,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 1,300,000	
19	Public Works Building Improvements	1,000,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 1,600,000	
20	Public Works Site Improvements	350,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 350,000	
21	Cemetery Improvements - Street Paving	NA	100,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 100,000	
22	Cemetery Improvements - Erosion Control	NA	NA	50,000	NA	NA	\$ 50,000	
23	Smith-Gilbert Gardens Education Center	NA	NA	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	
24	Fleet Maintenance Facility Upgrade	NA	NA	NA	2,500,000	NA	\$ 2,500,000	
25	Community Center Expansion	NA	NA	NA	200,000	9,800,000	\$ 10,000,000	
26	City Hall Upgrade	NA	NA	NA	200,000	9,800,000	\$ 10,000,000	
27	Adams Park Improvements	NA	100,000	250,000	250,000	100,000	\$ 700,000	
28	Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements	NA	50,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	\$ 450,000	
29	Hiram-Butler House Improvements	NA	200,000	250,000	NA	NA	\$ 450,000	
30	Trail Improvements - Pedestrian Bridges	NA	250,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 250,000	
31	Swift Cantrell Traffic Light	NA	350,000	NA	NA	NA	\$ 350,000	
32	Neighborhood Street Improvements	NA	3,000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	\$ 7,500,000	
33	Cobb International Blvd Reclamation	NA	NA	2,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	
34								
35	Totals	\$ 13,220,000	\$ 25,405,000	\$ 15,380,000	21,015,000	38,270,000	113,890,000	

2023-2024								
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT START DATE	PROJECT END DATE	EST. COST OF PROJECT	% FUNDING FROM IMPACT FEES	OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR	IMPACT FEES ENCUMBERED THROUGH YEAR	STATUS/REMARKS
Police vehicles	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 1,200,000	10%	GF/CPF/CSIF	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	Programmed for FY 2024
Parks & Recreation Vehicles	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 275,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 30,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Street Vehicles	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 650,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Stormwater utility CIP Project	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 1,850,000	0%	Stormwater	\$ 500,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Street Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 3,150,000	0%	SPLOST/LMIG	\$ 800,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Drainage Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 2,650,000	0%	CDBG/SPLOST/HUD Earmark	\$ 750,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Neighborhood Park Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 170,000	50%	General Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	Programmed for FY 2024
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 400,000	0%	SPLOST/Grants	\$ 200,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Computer System Upgrades	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 445,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 70,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Traffic Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 34,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 4,000,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Community Center Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 300,000	0%	SPLOST/GF	\$ 50,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Swift-Cantrell Park Improvement	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 200,000	25%	SPLOST	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	Programmed for FY 2024
Depot Park Amphitheatre	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 11,000,000	5%	SPLOST	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 200,000	Programmed for FY 2024
East Park Community Park	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 1,000,000	50%	Grants	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	Programmed for FY 2024
Depot Park Phases 9 - 12	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 1,300,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 800,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Public Works Building Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 1,600,000	0%	SLFRF	\$ 1,000,000		Programmed for FY 2024
Public Works Site Improvements	10/1/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 350,000	0%	SLFRF	\$ 350,000		Programmed for FY 2024
TOTAL			\$ 60,540,000			\$ 13,220,000	\$ 380,000	

2024-2025								
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT START DATE	PROJECT END DATE	EST. COST OF PROJECT	% FUNDING FROM IMPACT FEES	OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR	IMPACT FEES ENCUMBERED THROUGH YEAR	STATUS/REMARKS
Police vehicles	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 1,200,000	10%	GF/CPF/CSIF	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	Programmed for FY 2025
Parks & Recreation Vehicles	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 275,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 40,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Street Vehicles	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 650,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Stormwater utility CIP Project	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 1,850,000	0%	Stormwater	\$ 500,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Street Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 3,150,000	0%	SPLOST/LMIG	\$ 900,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Drainage Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 2,650,000	0%	CDBG/SPLOST/HUD Earmark	\$ 800,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Neighborhood Park Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 170,000	50%	General Fund	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	Programmed for FY 2025
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 400,000	0%	SPLOST/Grants	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Computer System Upgrades	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 445,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 75,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Traffic Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 34,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 10,000,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Community Center Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 300,000	0%	SPLOST/GF	\$ 250,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Swift-Cantrell Park Improvement	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 200,000	25%	SPLOST	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	Programmed for FY 2025
Public Safety Building	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 11,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 7,500,000		Programmed for FY 2025
East Park Community Park	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 1,000,000	50%	Grants	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	Programmed for FY 2025
Depot Park Phases 9-12	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 1,300,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 500,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Cemetery Improvements - Street Paving	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 100,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Adams Park Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 700,000	50%	General Fund/HUD Earmark	\$ 100,000	\$50,000	Programmed for FY 2025
Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 450,000	25%	General Fund/SPLOST	\$ 50,000	\$12,500	Programmed for FY 2025
Hiram-Butler House Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 450,000	0%	GF/SPLOST/HUD Earmark/Grants	\$ 200,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Trail Improvements - Pedestrian Bridges	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 250,000	0%	HUD Earmark	\$ 250,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Swift-Cantrell Traffic Light	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 350,000	0%	DOT Earmark	\$ 350,000		Programmed for FY 2025
Neighborhood Street Improvements	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 7,500,000	0%	HUD Earmark	\$ 3,000,000		Programmed for FY 2025
TOTAL			\$ 68,390,000			\$ 25,405,000	\$ 252,500	

2025-2026								
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT START DATE	PROJECT END DATE	EST. COST OF PROJECT	% FUNDING FROM IMPACT FEES	OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR	IMPACT FEES ENCUMBERED THROUGH YEAR	STATUS/REMARKS
Police vehicles	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 1,200,000	10%	GF/CPF/CSIF	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	Programmed for FY 2026
Parks & Recreation Vehicles	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 275,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 45,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Street Vehicles	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 650,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 150,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Stormwater utility CIP Project	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 1,850,000	0%	Stormwater	\$ 250,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Street Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 3,150,000	0%	SPLOST/LMIG	\$ 800,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Drainage Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 2,650,000	0%	CDBG/SPLOST/HUD Earmark	\$ 800,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Neighborhood Park Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 170,000	50%	General Fund	\$ 35,000	\$ 17,500	Programmed for FY 2026
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 400,000	0%	SPLOST/Grants	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Computer System Upgrades	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 445,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Traffic Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 34,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 4,000,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Public Safety Building	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 11,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2026
East Park Community Park	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 1,000,000	50%	Grants	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	Programmed for FY 2026
Cemetery Improvements - Erosion Control	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 50,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 50,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Education Center	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 6,000,000	0%	Grants/SPLOST	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Adams Park Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 700,000	50%	General Fund/HUD Earmark	\$ 250,000	\$125,000	Programmed for FY 2026
Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 450,000	25%	General Fund/SPLOST	\$ 100,000	\$25,000	Programmed for FY 2026
Hiram-Butler House Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 450,000	0%	GF/SPLOST/HUD Earmark/Grants	\$ 250,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Neighborhood Street Improvements	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 7,500,000	0%	HUD Earmark	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2026
Cobb International Blvd Reclamation	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 11,000,000	0%	DOT Earmark	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2026
TOTAL			\$ 82,940,000			\$ 15,380,000	\$ 312,500	

2026-2027								
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT START DATE	PROJECT END DATE	EST. COST OF PROJECT	% FUNDING FROM IMPACT FEES	OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR	IMPACT FEES ENCUMBERED THROUGH YEAR	STATUS/REMARKS
Police vehicles	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 1,200,000	10%	GF/CPF/CSIF	\$ 250,000	\$ 25,000	Programmed for FY 2027
Parks & Recreation Vehicles	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 275,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 80,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Street Vehicles	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 650,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 150,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Stormwater utility CIP Project	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 1,850,000	0%	Stormwater	\$ 250,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Street Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 3,150,000	0%	SPLOST/LMIG	\$ 300,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Drainage Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 2,650,000	0%	CDBG/SPLOST	\$ 300,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Neighborhood Park Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 170,000	50%	General Fund	\$ 35,000	\$ 17,500	Programmed for FY 2027
Computer System Upgrades	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 445,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Traffic Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 34,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 7,000,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Public Safety Building	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 11,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 1,500,000		Programmed for FY 2027
East Park Community Park	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 1,000,000	100%	Grants	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Programmed for FY 2027
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Education Center	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 6,000,000	0%	Grants/SPLOST	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Fleet Maintenance Facility Upgrade	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 2,500,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 2,500,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Community Center Expansion	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 10,000,000	50%	SPLOST/HUD Earmark	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	Programmed for FY 2027
City Hall Upgrade	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 10,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 200,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Adams Park Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 700,000	50%	General Fund/HUD Earmark	\$ 250,000	\$125,000	Programmed for FY 2027
Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 450,000	25%	General Fund/SPLOST	\$ 150,000	\$37,500	Programmed for FY 2027
Neighborhood Street Improvements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 7,500,000	0%	SPLOST/HUD Earmark	\$ 1,500,000		Programmed for FY 2027
Cobb International Blvd Reclamation	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$ 11,000,000	0%	SPLOST/DOT Earmark	\$ 4,000,000		Programmed for FY 2027
TOTAL			\$ 104,540,000			\$ 21,015,000	\$ 555,000	

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Neighborhood Park Improvements	10/1/2027	9/30/2028	\$ 170,000	50%	General Fund	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	Programmed for FY 2028
Computer System Upgrades	10/1/2027	9/30/2028	\$ 445,000	0%	General Fund	\$ 100,000		Programmed for FY 2028
Traffic Improvements	10/1/2027	9/30/2028	\$ 34,000,000	0%	SPLOST	\$ 9,000,000		Programmed for FY 2028
Smith-Gilbert Gardens Education Center	10/1/2027	9/30/2028	\$ 6,000,000	0%	Grants/SPLOST	\$ 2,000,000		Programmed for FY 2028
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TOTAL			\$ 87,390,000			\$ 38,270,000	\$ 208,000	

ANNUAL FEE FINANCIAL REPORT - FY 2022-2023
CITY OF KENNESAW, GEORGIA

	PARKS/REC	Police	Total
IMPACT FEE FUND BALANCE FROM FY 2021-2022 (ENDING 09/30/2022)	\$ 680,337.16	\$ 151,029.68	\$ 831,366.84
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IMPACT FEES COLLECTED IN FY 2022-2023	\$ 917,431.48	\$ 77,274.65	\$ 994,706.13
INTEREST EARNED	\$ 18,220.96	\$ 2,603.58	\$ 20,824.54
ADMINISTRATIVE/OTHER COST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(IMPACT FEE REFUNDS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(PROJECT EXPENDITURES)	\$ 32,372.27	\$ -	\$ 32,372.27
IMPACT FEE FUND BALANCE ENDING FY 2022-2023 (9/30/23)	\$ 1,583,617.33	\$ 230,907.91	\$ 1,814,525.24
IMPACT EXPENDITURES ENCUMBERED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

City of Kennesaw Annual Short Term Work Program Update FY2027/2028							
Project Number	Plan Element		Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Land Use	Implement next phase of annexation plan city wide	2027	2028	N/A	N/A	Economic Dev. & Planning
2	Public Facilities	Storm Water Utility CIP Project	2027	2028	\$350,000	SPLOST	Public Works
3	Public Safety	police vehicles	2027	2028	\$350,000	Court Services/GF	Economic Development
4	Economic Development	Apply for grants for development projects	2027	2028	\$5,000	N/A	Economic Development & Planning
5	Land Use	Revise land use strategy for major corridors	2027	2028	NA	GF	Planning and Zoning
6	Land Use	Trail linkage study to be initiated with Town Center CID	2027	2028	N/A	NA	Community Development
7	Land Use	Review of Historic District Guidelines	2027	2028	N/A	NA	Planning
8	Community Development	Annual review of Unified Development Code	2027	2028	N/A	NA	Community Development
9	Community Facilities	coordinate with police department on exploring technology for safety and business recruitment	2027	2028	N/A	N/A	Park and Recreation
10	Community Facilities	Continued marketing of Downtown venues in cooperation with Downtown Merchants	2027	2028	N/A	KDDA	Economic Development
11	Information Technology	City Wide Software Upgrades/purchases City Wide Computer upgrade and integration WI-FI integration in parks	2027	2028	\$100,000	GF	Information Technology
12	Information Technology	GIS upgrades for land use analysis and public safety	2027	2028		GF	Community Development
13	Community Facilities	Traffic Improvements	2027	2028	\$9,000,000	SPLOST	Public Works
14	Community Facilities	Promote partnerships with Gardens,KDDA and art Commisison	2027	2028	N/A	N/A	Community Development
15	Community Facilities	Street Improvements	2027	2028	\$350,000	SPLOST	Public Works
16	Community Facilities	Continue to promote quarterly community outreach meetings	2027	2028	N/A	GF	Planning
18	Land Use	Major update to City of Kennesaw Comprehensive Plan	2027	2028		GF	Planning
19	Community facilities	Community Center Expansion	2027	2028	\$9,800,000	SPLOST	Parks and Recreation
	Community Facilities	Smith Gilbert Gardens Education Center	2027	2028	\$2,000,000	GF	Parks and Recreation

FY 2023/2024							
Project Number	Plan Element	Project Description	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Community Facilities	LCI plan project evaluation for next study area	2023	2024	N/A	NA	Planning and Zoning
2	Community Facilities	review sustainability policies for city facilities	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Public Works
3	Economic Development	Continue business recruitment, expansion and retention efforts	2023	2024	\$5,000	GF, KDA & KDDA	Economic Development
4	Economic Development	Apply for grants for development projects	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Economic Development & Planning
5	Community Facilities	Evaluate effectiveness of Museum marketing strategies and make adjustments as needed	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Museum & Economic Dev
6	Community Facilities	Upgrade neighborhood parks	2023	2024	\$20,000	GF	Parks and Recreation
7	Land Use	Initiate study for sustainability initiatives and incentive program for new development	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Community Development
8	Community facilities	Reevaluating Trail Master plan	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Parks and Recreation
9	Housing	Continue strategies (through zoning) aimed at the identification and preservation of existing sound housing and stable residential neighborhoods including preservation of historic properties	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Community Development
10	Land Use	Explore policies that can promote more diverse housing development	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
11	Information Technology	City Wide Computer upgrade and integration	2023	2024	\$70,000	GF	Information Technology
12	Community Facilities	Traffic Improvements	2023	2024	\$4,000,000	SPLOST	Public Works
13	Economic Development	Continue implementation of downtown master plan	2023	2024	N/A	SPLOST	Community Development
14	Community Facilities	Research alternative methods for water quality solutions for new development	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Public Works
15	Community Facilities	Storm Water Utility assesment and system analysis	2023	2024	N/A	GF	Public Works
16	Community Facilities	Street Improvements	2023	2024	\$800,000	SPLOST	Parks and Recreation
17	Community Facilities	Drainage Improvements	2023	2024	\$750,000	SPLOST	Public Works
18	Land Use	Evaluate downtown entertainment district signage standards	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
19	Community Facilities	Depot master plan review of projects	2023	2024	N/A	N/A	Parks and Recreation
20	Community Facilities	Smith-Gilbert Gardens facility improvements	2023	2024	\$200,000	SPLOST	Parks and Recreation
21	Land Use	Historic District Standards reevaluation with consultants	2023	2024	\$7,000	GF	Planning and Zoning

City of Kennesaw Annual STWP Update 2024/2025							
Project Number	Plan Element	Project Description	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Economic Development	Continue business recruitment, expansion and retention efforts	2024	2025	\$8,000	KDA & KDDA	Economic Development
2	Community Facilities	Evaluate master trail system tie-in to Cobb County System	2024	2025	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning/parks and recreation
3	Community Facilities	Erosion Control measures installation for City Cemetery areas along southern and Northern areas (bordering the Revival Development between Lewis Family and Pauper sections)	2024	2025	\$50,000	N/A	Public Works
4	Land Use	Pursue potential program creation that will provide a rescue fund to repair and rehabilitate historic properties and structures on private property	2024	2025	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
5	Community Facilities	Storm Water Utility CIP Project	2024	2025	\$500,000	SPLOST	Public Works
6	Community Facilities	Traffic Improvements	2024	2025	\$10,000,000	SPLOST	Public Works
7	Land Use	Annual review of Unified Development code	2024	2025	NA	NA	Planning and Zoning
8	Community Facilities	Smith Gilbert Gardens facility improvements	2024	2025	\$100,000	SPLOST	Parks and Recreation
9	Community Facilities	Street Improvements	2024	2025	\$900,000	SPLOST	Public Works
10	Community Facilities	Pave Streets throughout city cemetery	2024	2025	\$100,000	GF	Public Works
11	Land Use	Strengthen enforcement of housing codes in order to revitalize neighborhoods	2024	2025	N/A	N/A	Community Development
12	Community Facilities	Reevaluate Future land use maps and character areas as identified in the comprehensive plan	2024	2025	N/A	N/A	Community Development
13	Information Technology	City Wide Computer upgrade and integration	2024	2025	\$75,000	GF	Information Technology
14	sign standards	Amend the Unified Development Code to address design standards issues	2024	2025	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
15	Community Facilities	Community Center Improvements	2024	2025	\$250,000	GF	Parks and Recreation
16	Community Facilities	Review status of adopted redevelopment areas	2024	2025	NA	NA	Economic Development/Planning

City of Kennesaw Annual STWP Update FY2025/2026							
Project Number	Plan Element	Project Description	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Economic Development	Continue implementation of Kennesaw LCI downtown master plan	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Mayor and Council & City Manager
2	Land Use	review downtown master plan	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
3	Economic Development	Continue business recruitment, expansion and retention efforts	2025	2026	\$5,000	GF, KDA, KDDA	Economic Development
4	Community Facilities	re-evaluate storm water management plan	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Public Works
5	Land Use	reviewing comprehensive plan and objectives	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
6	Land Use	Evaluate existing development regulations for provisions that may limit diversity in housing types and barriers to revitalization and infill development and recommend changes where appropriate	2025	2026	\$5,000	KDDA, GF, and DCA Grants	Community Development
7	Community Facilities	Traffic Improvements	2025	2026	\$4,000,000	SPLOST	Public Works
8	Land Use	Analyze Senior Housing inventory	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
9	Land Use	Annual review of Unified Development code	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development, Public Works
10	Land Use	Develop additional development standards for the provision and location of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in connection with private development projects.	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
11	Community Facilities	Upgrade neighborhood parks	2025	2026	\$35,000	GF	Parks and Recreation
12	Land Use	identify areas of city in transition that is appropriate for redevelopment	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
13	Community Facilities	Establish strategies and priorities for funding road improvements needed in the city in conjunction with county, state, regional and federal agencies.	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Public Works/Economic Development
14	Land Use	re-evaluate needs for student housing demand	2025	2026	NA	NA	Planning and Zoning
15	Community Facilities	Promote the expansion of local public transit alternatives in conjunction with Cobb County, DOT, GRTA, CCT, ARC and other state/regional agencies.	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
16	Community Facilities	Storm Water Utility CIP Project	2025	2026	\$250,000	SPLOST	Public Works
17	Information Technology	City Wide Computer upgrade and integration	2025	2026	\$100,000	GF	Information Technology
18	Environmental	Evaluate environmentally sensitive areas affected by development	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Public Works/Community development
19	Land Use	Participate in regional and local transportation studies and initiatives to discuss rail connectivity to cities and county	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
20	Land Use	Work with Cobb County to implement a greenbelt system for flood plains that can also be used as a passive recreation resource.	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
21	Economic Development	Evaluate Economic Development Incentive program	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Community Development
22	Community Facilities	Review trail network program	2025	2026	N/A	N/A	Parks and Recreation

City of Kennesaw Annual STWP Update FY2026-2027							
Project Number	Plan Element	Project Description	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Land Use	Create housing audit report	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Mayor and Council & City Manager
2	Public Facilities	Revisions to Zoning ordinance and development standards	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Community Development
3	Public Facilities	Continue business recruitment, expansion and retention efforts	2026	2027	\$5,000	GF, KDA & KDDA	Economic Development
4	Land Use	Update Comprehensive Plan	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
5	Land Use	Review of implementation of Cobb's Plan 2040	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Community Development
6	Economic Development	Evaluate annexation action plan for all commercial and industrial corridors	2026	2027	N/A	NA	Community Development
7	Public Facilities	Transportation study on existing roadways and gateways into the City in association with GRTA and ARC consistent with the LCI Plan.	2026	2027	NA	NA	Community Development, Public Works
8	Economic Development	Reevalute Entertainment District Growth Strategy	2026	2027	N/A	GF, KDDA	Economic Development
9	Economic Development	Review strategic growth plan with Planning and Zoning Department	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Museum & Economic Dev
10	Community Facilities	Upgrade Neighborhood Parks	2026	2027	\$35,000	GF	Parks and Recreation
11	Information Technology	implement electronic submittal programs for all departments	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Information Technology
12	Community Facilities	Street Improvements	2026	2027	\$300,000	SPLOST	Public Works
13	Transportation Element	Promote the expansion of local public transit alternatives in conjunction with Cobb County, ARC and other state/regional agencies.	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Community Development
14	Community Facilities	City Wide Computer upgrade and integration	2026	2027	\$100,000	GF	Information Technology
15	Economic Development	Review Downtown Development authority business recruitment strategy	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Community Development
16	Community Facilities	Review greenspace requirement for population	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Parks and Recreation
17	Economic Development	Analyze the downtown business retention plan	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Economic Development
18	Land Use	City to expand network with local school board system in order to improve input regarding future development	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Commuinty Dev
19	Land Use	Create housing density analysis	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Community Development
20	Community Facilities	Annual comprehensive plan minor updates	2026	2027	N/A	NA	Planning and Zoning
21	land use	analyze Senior Housing inventory for lifelong community initiative	2026	2027	N/A	N/A	Planning and Zoning
22	Community Facilities	Storm Water Utility assessment of projects	2026	2027	N/A	NA	Public Works
23	Community Facilities	Drainage system improvements	2026	2027	\$300,000	SPLOST	Public Works
24	Community Facilities	review city transportation plan	2026	2027	N/A	GF	Public Works

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CITY OF KENNESAW
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Kennesaw shall hold a public hearing to give consideration to transmitting the updated draft of the required Capital Improvement Element and Short-term work program report for 2024-2028 to the Atlanta Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs for review. These updates are necessary for the City of Kennesaw to maintain qualified local government status.

A copy of the draft is on file in the Planning and Zoning Office for viewing during normal business hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. The City of Kennesaw is soliciting input from the public on these updates. The Mayor and Council will consider adoption of these updates later in 2024 at a scheduled public hearing following public notice.

The Mayor and Council shall hold a public hearing on this matter on April 1, 2024 at 6:30pm meeting to be held at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia. Any interested persons may attend and be heard relative thereto.

Darryl Simmons
Planning and Zoning Administrator

Legal Ad to run 3.22.2024 and 3.29.2024

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
March 11, 2024
6:30 PM**

Present Mayor Derek Easterling
 Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones
 Councilmember Madelyn Orochena
 Councilmember Tracey Viars
 Councilmember Pat Ferris
 Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner
 Assistant City Manager Marty Hughes
 City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr.

1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Resolution: Master Fee Schedule Update

Consideration for approval of a resolution to update various portions of the Master Fee Schedule.

Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner presented updates for the Master Fee Schedule for the Events Committee, the Southern Museum, Parks & Recreation, and Smith-Gilbert Gardens. Councilmember Ferris advised he would prefer a more specific submission of the fees that were updated. Ms. Burgner advised she would create a form for review. Mayor Easterling verified with Council that item should remain for consideration as New Business for the Monday, March 18 Council Meeting.

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Ordinance: Charter Amendment to Section 3.04 "Oath of Office" ***FINAL PUBLIC HEARING***

Consideration for approval of an ordinance to amend the City of Kennesaw Charter § 3.04, "Oath of Office."

Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner presented information on the proposed amendment to the City of Kennesaw Charter § 3.04, "Oath of Office." Ms. Burgner explained that this charter amendment must be read at two regular consecutive meetings of the Mayor and City Council. The first public hearing was held on March 4, 2024, and the final public hearing will be held on March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., where final action will take place.

B. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 2573 Summers Street

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Jackson Webb for the property located at 2573 Summers St (parcel number 20016700410). Case #RZ2024-01.

Assistant Zoning Administrator Chanelle Campbell presented information and staff recommendations for the rezoning request for 2573 Summers Street from Light Industrial to Central Business District. Councilmember Ferris inquired about the ownership of the property. Ms. Campbell advised that after the Planning Commission meeting staff did confirm ownership and received a limited warranty deed by 2573 Summers Street LLC and confirmed that applicant is in contract with them. Mayor ProTem Jones inquired if this will be the the same owner as the Sherwin Williams on Cobb Parkway. Ms. Campbell advised this is a different owner. Mayor Easterling advised the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: February 26, 2024, City Council Work Session

Approval of the February 26, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: March 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting

Approval of the March 4, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

12. General and Administrative

A. URA Series 2014A and 2014B Revenue Bonds

Consideration for approval to authorize the Refunding of the Urban Redevelopment Agency Series 2014A and 2014B Revenue Bonds

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Gordy presented information regarding the Urban Redevelopment Agency Series 2014A and 2014B Revenue Bonds for acquiring a parking deck and adjacent surface parking in the downtown Kennesaw area, and requested approval of refunding of bonds for approximately \$20,000 in annual debt service savings or approximately \$275,000 of total savings. Mayor Easterling verified savings. Agenda Item was approved to be moved to the Consent Agenda for March 18, 2024.

13. Public Safety

A. February 2024 Crime Statistics

Receipt of the February 2024 Crime Statistics.

Chief Westenberger presented the crime statistics for the month of February 2024 and introduced Georgia Insurance Commission Supervisory Special Agent Bill Baker. Mr. Baker explained his role with the insurance commissioner's office and other divisions in the agency that are geared toward consumer protections.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

16. Recreation and Culture

A. Proposed road closures for 2024 City events.

Consideration of approval of the proposed road closures pertaining to the Kennesaw Grand Prix Series, Salute to America, and Day with Santa.

Parks & Recreation Director Bill McNair introduced Assistant Director Brittani Farmer who presented information on road closures for upcoming events. There were no council comments. Agenda Item was approved to be moved to the Consent Agenda for March 18, 2024.

17. Community Development

A. Final Plat Application: 1740 & 1750 Old 41 Highway

Consideration for approval of a final plat application submitted by Kennesaw RE Investors, LLC dab Gaines Park Senior Living for 1740 & 1750 Old 41 Hwy (parcel numbers 20021200310 and 20021200030); this plat intends to adjust the property lines, as the building and parking lot currently occupy two parcels. Case #FP2024-01.

Before presentation began, Councilmember Viars advised Mayor and Council that she

would abstain from the conversation and recuse herself from the vote for this agenda item as she represents the property owner of 1750 Old 41 Highway. Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented information for the final plat application including property line adjustments which were reviewed by staff, Cobb County, and the Plan Review Committee. The plat meets all standards for ONI and the adjustment of the property lines will not reduce the standards. Mayor Easterling clarified that even though Councilmember Viars recused herself, it does not mean she cannot be present for the presentation, it means she is recusing herself from the vote. City Attorney Bentley agreed with Mayor Easterling's assessment. There were no council questions for Mr. Simmons. Mayor Easterling verified with Council that item should remain for consideration as a Community Development agenda item for the Monday, March 18 Council Meeting.

B. Central Business District Application: 2573 Summers Street

Consideration to review a Central Business District (CBD) project application to remodel the vacant property located at 2573 Summers St (parcel number 20016700410) for a proposed Sherwin-Williams paint store. Case #CBD2024-01.

Planning and Zoning Director Darryl Simmons presented information for the rezoning process and application for 2573 Summers Street which is associated with Public Hearing Agenda Item 10.B Rezoning Request. If the rezoning is approved the property must be approved for the Central Business District. The redevelopment application has been reviewed by the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority who approved the project unanimously at their March 8 meeting and will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission on March 15. Mayor ProTem Jones inquired about a corrected error on the application. Mr. Simmons advised that because the application had been corrected, and the owner information verified that it was accepted. Mayor Easterling explained this agenda item would remain on the agenda as a discussion item as its outcome would be based on corresponding agenda item 10.B.

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Assistant City Manager Marty Hughes advised of the Cherokee Street closure, the relocation of Community Development from City Hall to Public Works which will cause those offices to be closed on Thursday and Friday, and the Watts Drive landscape project is beginning next week. Mr. Hughes thanked the citizens who have reported potholes throughout the city, advised there are more potholes this year than last, and asked for the residents' continued patience.

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 Orochena advised it was the first day of Ramadan and had best wishes to those who celebrate.

Mayor ProTem Jones joked that he changed some outlets in his house over the weekend and was still alive.

Councilmember Ferris discussed his model train project and marveled at how many model train enthusiasts there are and how many Kennesaw residents he saw at a model train show in Cartersville.

Councilmember Viars stated she saw Georgia Power placing supports for flags, and reminded everyone that it was only 40 more days until the Big Shanty Festival.

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.

Motion by Councilmember Orochena to enter into Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-3 for the purpose of discussing land. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viars. After receiving visual and verbal confirmation from the Council, the motion was approved unanimously, 4-0. Motion carried.

6:57 p.m. Recess to Executive Session

The Mayor, City Council, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Clerk, Croy Engineering Representative, and City Attorney attended the Executive Session.

7:05 p.m. Reconvene to Open Session

Councilmember Orochena read the Board back into Open Session and directed the Mayor and City Council to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viars. After receiving visual and verbal confirmation from the Council, the motion was approved unanimously, 4-0. Motion carried

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.



Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

DATE: April 1, 2024

TITLE: **Minutes: March 11, 2024, Executive Session**
Approval of the March 11, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None

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1. Invocation

City Attorney Randall Betnley led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

City resident Lewis Bramlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

4. Announcements

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5. Presentations

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

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

ANTHONY GUTIERREZ [Candidate for City Council, Post 5]: Mr. Gutierrez provided his contact information for anyone who may want to speak with him. Further, he advised he did not believe there were enough "quality third spaces" in Kennesaw, which is how you spend your time other than home or work. Although there is much new housing, self storage and car washes, there are not enough "third spaces." Mr. Gutierrez stated the city could possibly attract more businesses with small tax incentives, as Kennesaw residents need places to go in Kennesaw to enjoy themselves.

JASON ACREE [Candidate of City Council, Post 5]: Mr. Acree provided his contact information for anyone who may want to speak with him. He advised of his early years within Kennesaw, his love of the city and the wonderful things to do here, and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of Kennesaw.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Resolution: Master Fee Schedule Update

Consideration for approval of a resolution to update various portions of the Master Fee Schedule.

Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner presented updates for the Master Fee Schedule from the Events Committee, the Southern Museum, Parks & Recreation, and Smith-Gilbert Gardens. Councilmember Ferris thanked Ms. Burgner for the new document created with only the updates listed as the original is a 40-page document. There were no further council questions or comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved to approve [RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13, 2024](#) Master Fee Schedule Updates as provided. Councilmember Orochena seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (4:0). Motion passed.

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Ordinance: Charter Amendment to Section 3.04 "Oath of Office"

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration for approval of an ordinance to amend the City of Kennesaw Charter § 3.04, "Oath of Office."

Deputy City Clerk Christie Burgner presented information on the proposed amendment to the City of Kennesaw Charter § 3.04, "Oath of Office" with the addition of the Oath of Office, the Loyalty Oath, and the Statutory Oath, additionally after the official oaths are taken by municipal officers, those oaths shall be filed in the office of the judge of the probate court. Ms. Burgner explained that this charter amendment must be read at two regular consecutive meetings of the Mayor and City Council. The first public hearing was held on March 4 and the final public hearing on March 18.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to approve [ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05, 2024](#) to

update Charter Sec. 3.04 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

6:40 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments

6:41 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 4-0. Motion passed.

B. Ordinance: Rezoning Request for 2573 Summers Street

Consideration for approval of an ordinance authorizing a rezoning request submitted by Jackson Webb for the property located at 2573 Summers St (parcel number 20016700410). Case #RZ2024-01.

Assistant Zoning Administrator Chanelle Campbell provided information for Ordinance 2024-06, 2024 for a rezoning request submitted by Jackson Webb for the property located at 2573 Summers Street from Light Industrial to Central Business District (CBD), Case #RZ2024-01 Sherwin Williams. Ms. Campbell provided the boundaries for the property, and discussed the owner's intent to remodel and refurbish the existing building to align with surrounding businesses. The City's land use policy and Comprehensive Plan supports the rezoning request as the flexibility of the zoning district allows for diverse development that will serve the residential and commercial needs of citizens. Planning Commission approved unanimously with outlined stipulations at their March 6 meeting. Staff recommends approval with the five conditions provided.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved to approve [ORD NO. 2024-06, 2024](#) rezoning request for 2573 Summers Street with outlined conditions. Councilmember Viars seconded.

6:46 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comment

No comments.

6:47 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comment

Councilmember Ferris inquired if only contractors could utilize this Sherwin Williams. Ms. Campbell advised that while it is geared toward contractors, residents would not be turned away. Councilmember Ferris asked if the Historic Preservation Commission had heard this request. Ms. Campbell advised they had heard the request as a CBD item and approved with conditions.

Vote taken, motion approved unanimously (4:0). Motion passed.

11. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Orochena asked that Item C [Revenue Bonds: URA Series 2014A and 2014B] be removed from the Consent Agenda as she had questions regarding the item.

Mayor Easterling called for a motion on Consent Agenda items A, B and D.

Councilmember Viars moved to approve Consent Agenda items A, B and D. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (4-0). Motion passed.

A. Minutes: February 26, 2024, City Council Work Session

Approval of the February 26, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: March 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting

Approval of the March 4, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

C. Revenue Bonds: URA Series 2014A and 2014B

Approval to authorize the Refunding of the Urban Redevelopment Agency Series 2014A and 2014B Revenue Bonds

Councilmember Orochena asked for clarification of Item C and why there was a three million dollar bond and a two million dollar bond. City Manager Drobney advised of the two original bonds and that one was tax exempt and one was not. Mayor Easterling explained that refinancing the bonds would equate to savings for the City of \$275,000. Councilmember Orochena asked that the item be tabled or postponed to the next meeting so she could understand it better and asked about a payout date. Mayor Easterling advised again of refinancing and savings, and added that there is an annual payment. City Attorney Bentley advised the interest rate was lower. Councilmember Orochena advised she had clarity on the matter. Motion by Councilmember Ferris to approve the refunding of the Urban Redevelopment Agency Series 2014A and 2014B Revenue Bonds as presented in the packet. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (4:0). Motion passed.

D. Proposed road closures for 2024 City events.

Approval of the proposed road closures pertaining to the Kennesaw Grand Prix Series, Salute to America, and Day with Santa.

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

A. February 2024 Crime Statistics

Receipt of the February 2024 Crime Statistics.

Chief Westenberger provided crime statistics for the month of February 2024 [See Exhibit A]. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones thanked Chief Westenberger for all that his department does along with the Real Time Crime Center. Chief Westenberger advised that staff had worked hard this week. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to receive the February 2024 crime statistics, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Viars. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (4-0). Motion passed. Mayor Easterling also thanked Chief Westenberger for inviting Georgia Insurance Commission Supervisory Special Agent Bill Baker to the work session on March 11.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

A. Final Plat Application: 1740 & 1750 Old 41 Highway

Consideration for approval of a final plat application submitted by Kennesaw RE Investors, LLC d/b/a Gaines Park Senior Living for 1740 & 1750 Old 41 Hwy (parcel numbers 20021200310 and 20021200030); this plat intends to adjust the property lines, as the building and parking lot currently occupy two parcels. Case #FP2024-01.

Before presentation began, Councilmember Viars advised Mayor and Council that she would abstain from the conversation and recused herself from the vote for this agenda item.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented information for the final plat application submitted by Kennesaw RE Investors, LLC d/b/a Gaines Park Senior Living for 1740 & 1750 Old 41 Hwy to adjust the rear lot line to bring the parcels into compliance. The property will remain with the same zoning district. Planning and Zoning and Cobb Water and Sewer have reviewed and approved the application. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve the final plat application. Seconded by Councilmember Ferris. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (3-0). Motion passed.

Mayor Easterling asked that the record reflects Councilmember Viars did not participate in the vote or discussion.

B. Central Business District Application: 2573 Summers Street

Consideration to review a Central Business District (CBD) project application to remodel the vacant property located at 2573 Summers St (parcel number 20016700410) for a proposed Sherwin-Williams paint store. Case #CBD2024-01.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented information for the Central Business District application for 2573 Summers Street which is associated with Public Hearing Agenda Item 10.B Rezoning Request. This application was reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on March 15, and while it is outside the typical historic district the applicant is committed to using materials to compliment the area. Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission approved application as well. There were no questions from Council. Motion by Councilmember Viars to approve the project application to remodel the vacant property located at 2573 Summers Street. Seconded by Councilmember Orochena. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved (4-0). Motion passed.

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: Mr. Bramlett presented a follow-up to a previous story about Dr John Ellis who was a Kennesaw mayor in 1906, 1916, 1917 and 1923 (See Exhibit B). Mayor Pro-Tem Jones asked about the length of the Mayor's terms at that time. Mr. Bramlett advised that terms for mayors were one year.

ANN PRATT [City Resident]: Ms. Pratt jokingly advised that she had made herself Park Superintendent for the city and noted that when she was at Swift Cantrell over the

weekend she saw people there from Bartow, Cherokee and Paulding counties. She recounted meeting a 90 year old woman in a wheelchair who was delighted to use the wheelchair swing. Ms. Pratt stated she had been a resident of the city for 40 years and tries to make friends with everyone. This wonderful city continues to grow and she did not move here for restaurants. She stated there may be too many apartments, but the city is good and have good people. There is no reason for people to bash the city just because they do not agree with everything the city does. Ms. Pratt advised the police department, mayor and city manager are great, and while no one is perfect, she appreciates all they do.

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney advised there are a lot upcoming city activities this weekend including the Bunny Breakfast and preparations are beginning for the Big Shanty Festival. He encouraged people to check out the investment the city has made with Depot Park and how it will be transformational and will increase downtown activities. His trip to downtown last weekend showed it was packed and there is more to come.

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 stated he was able to bring one of his sons home from the hospital this week. He stated the new plants that have gone in around the city look nice, and he hopes they take root.

Councilmember Ferris recognized what a wonderful job the Parks and Recreation Department does with its activities, as well as the Public Works Department which is in pothole season.

Councilmember Orochena had no comment.

Councilmember Viars advised the countdown is 33 days to Big Shanty Festival! Ms. Viars stated she was at the Ben Robertson Community Center when she came across a brochure with senior programs on Tuesdays, of which there are a lot, and she wanted to get the word out about them.

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 7:12 p.m. and thanked attendees for loving their city and being engaged. The next regular work session will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

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February 2024 Crime Statistics

Summary

February 2024 Group A Offenses (108) decreased by 19% compared to February 2023 (133). A vast majority of the crimes reported in February 2024 were Assault Offenses (29). This trend is also present in the data collected for crimes reported in February 2023. Assault Offenses account for approximately 27% (29) of the crimes that have occurred within our jurisdiction in February 2024. Out of the 644 traffic stops in February 2024, (1,044) resulted in Citations and (849) Warnings. There was a total of 90 Adult Arrests that took place during the month, which is a 15% increase from February 2023 (78).

There were 226 traffic accidents YTD, 23 of which were classified as Hit and Run. Of the 226 accidents 16 had injuries, and 2 involved a pedestrian. YTD 2024 total accidents (226) are down compared to 271 YTD 2023.

Crimes	February 2024	February 2023	YTD (01/01/2024) – (02/29/2024)	YTD (01/01/2023) – (01/28/2023)
Assault Offenses	29	26	65	57
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	3	1
Burglary	3	4	6	6
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Larceny	15	25	46	49
Sex Offenses	2	3	5	3
Robbery	0	2	0	2
Total	50	61	125	118

	February 2024	February 2023	YTD (01/01/2024) – (02/29/2024)	YTD (01/01/2023) – (02/28/2023)
Dispatched Calls for Service	649 (-122)	771	1,029 (-540)	1,569
Self-Initiated Activity	1,002 (-153)	849	1,941 (-17)	1,958
Traffic Citations	1,044 (+206)	838	2,085 (+180)	1,905
Traffic Warnings*	511 (+310)	201	975 (+483)	492
Arrests*	90 (+12)	78	176 (+1)	175

*Warnings do not include verbal warnings
*Arrest statistics does not include juveniles

Bill Westenberger
Chief of Police



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Bayleigh Brown
Crime/ Intelligence
Analyst

KENNESAW HISTORY

Dr. John W Ellis

Last year, I shared about the early life of Dr. John W. Ellis, who moved to Kennesaw in 1900 to start his medical practice. He soon became a fixture of the community. Today, I have several additional anecdotes about his life found in historic editions of the *Marietta Daily Journal* and *Cobb County Times*.

In 1906, he attended a Valentine's Day Party hosted by B. H. Hill. While playing "pin the tail on the donkey" it was the "surgical skill of Dr. Ellis [that] enabled him to re-tail the donkey."

Dr. Ellis was very involved with the medical community in Cobb County. In 1935, he hosted a meeting of the Cobb County Medical Society at his house. The chicken pie Ellis served was so large it made the front page of the *Marietta Daily Journal*. The paper described it as "tremendous, colossal, immense, huge, etc." At the same meeting, a presentation was given on heart disease.

Later in life, Dr. Ellis purchased a television set and he "watched constantly. Milton Berle was his favorite entertainer." He was a big enough fan of Berle that it was mentioned in his obituary when he passed away in 1950.



Dr. John W. Ellis

Local doctor and Mayor of Kennesaw (1906, 1916-1917, and 1923)

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the March 18, 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

3/18/2024

Public Comment Sign-in

	Name	Address	Topic
1	Andrew J Brant	2490 Summerhill Ct, Kennesaw	Local history
2	Jason Apple	2803 Summer Street Dr Kennesaw	- Campaign
3	Anthony Gutierrez	4016 Palmyra Dr	candidate
4	Ann Pratt	Kennesaw, Ga	
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Item Report

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:
DATE: April 1, 2024
TITLE: Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Summary:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:
None