

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
April 29, 2024
6:00 PM**

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

1. Invocation

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Andrew Bramlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:02 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: Support for the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Grant Application

Consideration for approval of a Resolution acknowledging support of the ARC's TIP grant application, along with the required local match, for the Sardis Street Extension and Overpass Project.

Councilmember Pat Ferris advised Mayor and Council that he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote of this agenda item. Mayor Easterling with agreement by City Attorney Bentley stated that while Councilmember Ferris did recuse himself, he could remain on the dais.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart advised of a letter of support (resolution) needed for a grant application for the Transportation Improvement Program with Atlanta Regional Commission. Staff would like to utilize this grant application to fund the Sardis Street Extension and Overpass Pass Project. The Atlanta Regional Commission announced a Fiscal Year 2025 through 2028 call for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project funding proposals. The total requested amount for the grant application is \$19.5 million with a breakdown of \$1.5 million for engineering, \$2.5 million for right of way acquisition, \$.5 million for utilities, and \$15 million for construction. If approved, a local match of \$3.9 million will be required and has been budgeted with SPLOST. Applications are due by May 6, 2024. Staff recommend approval for resolution. Councilmember Viars inquired when the funds would arrive and if the project could possibly be fully funded. Mr. Stewart stated that while staff is requesting \$19.5 million from the grant, it is unknown how much we will actually receive.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve [RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20, 2024](#) to support the grant application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

Vote taken, motion approved unanimously 3-0 (with Councilmember Ferris abstained). Motion passed.

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

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

6:06 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:06 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

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

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 6:07 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is today's Work Session which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.