

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
April 8, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

- A. **Proclamation: Education and Sharing Day**
Presentation of a proclamation declaring April 19, 2024, as Kennesaw Education and Sharing Day.

This proclamation will be presented at the April 15, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

B. Proclamation: Georgia Cities Week

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing April 21 - 27, 2024, as Georgia Cities Week.

This proclamation will be presented at the April 15, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Land Use Permit: 4299 Brighton Way

Consideration for approval of a Land Use Permit application for property located at 4299 Brighton Way as submitted by Maria Balzan. Case #LU2024-02.

Assistant Zoning Administrator and Planner Chanelle Campbell presented a land use permit application for property located at 4299 Brighton Way as submitted by Maria Balzan. Ms. Balzan is interested in obtaining a home occupation business license to create and sell floral arrangements. Staff recommends approval of the permit with conditions as outlined in the staff analysis. The conditions include that the land use permit is limited to, exclusive for, and only valid for the current applicant and the life of this particular business and use, and it is not transferable (any changes would require additional review and approval); there shall be no clients, customers, or employees at the location not shall there be any evidence of a home-based business visible from the public right-of-way; and the land use permit is valid for 24-months after date of approval. Ms. Campbell shared the applicant was in attendance to answer any questions.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: March 25, 2024, Work Session

Approval of the March 25, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

B. Minutes: March 28, 2024, CIE-STWP Overview Minutes

Approval of the March 28, 2024, Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program Overview minutes.

C. Minutes: April 1, 2024, City Council Meeting

Approval of the April 1, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.

D. Minutes: April 1, 2024, Executive Session

Approval of the April 1, 2024, City Council executive session minutes.

12. General and Administrative

A. Audit Report: Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2023

Consideration to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023, for the City of Kennesaw as presented by Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC.

Finance Director Gina Auld shared that a representative from Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC will present the audit report at the April 15, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

13. Public Safety

A. Crime Statistics: March 2024

Consideration to receive the March 2024 crime statistics.

Chief Bill Westenberger presented the March 2024 crime statistics (See **Exhibit A**).

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

A. Resolution: Transfer 2011 SPLOST Funds

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to transfer remaining funds from the 2011 SPLOST Pine Mountain Road project to the 2011 SPLOST Cherokee Street project.

Public Works Director Ricky Stewart stated there is \$298,678.00 remaining in the 2011 SPLOST Pine Mountain Road project account. The work has been completed for a few years, and there is not any risk of needing additional money for that project. Mr. Stewart mentioned there is only one project remaining on the 2011 SPLOST project list, which is the Cherokee Street project. He asked the Council to consider transferring the remaining funds from the Pine Mountain Road project account line to the Cherokee Street project account line.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked about the portions of the project to which the funds would be allocated. Mr. Stewart responded the funds would be allocated to the overall widening of Cherokee Street.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

16. Recreation and Culture

A. Road Closures: Amphitheater Events

Consideration for approval of Cherokee Street closures for the 2024 Concert Series at the amphitheater at Depot Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill McNair presented Cherokee Street closures for the 2024 Concert Series at the amphitheater in Depot Park. Mr. McNair outlined the road closure times for various dates throughout the year; however, the road closure start times in the item report need to be moved up by one hour.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

19. City Manager's Report

A. Resolution: Depot Park Security Cameras

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the use of Parks and Recreation impact fee funds and to have the Mayor execute a quote with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for the installation of security cameras in the amphitheater side of Depot Park.

Assistant to the City Manager Marty Hughes requested authorization to use Parks and Recreation impact fee funds to install security cameras in the amphitheater side of Depot Park as well as have the Mayor execute a quote with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for their installation. Mr. Hughes said the quote was obtained through a state contract with a price of \$110,857.35.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked if the cameras were biometric. Mr. Hughes stated the cameras were not biometric, but they were high-resolution and tied into the Kennesaw Police Department's FUSUS system.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

B. Resolution: Naming Rights for the Amphitheater at Depot Park

Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Naming Rights Agreement with The Piedmont Bank regarding the new amphitheater.

City Manager Marty Hughes presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Naming Rights Agreement with The Piedmont Bank regarding the new amphitheater. Mr. Hughes introduced Ford Thigpen, President of The Piedmont Bank and partner in the Naming Rights Agreement. Mr. Thigpen introduced himself and his team to the Council and shared his excitement about this opportunity.

After receiving confirmation from the Council, Mayor Easterling suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

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 6:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 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