



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ *Mayor Belle Isle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mayor Belle Isle, Mayor Pro Tem Aiken, Council Members Cross (*arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Gilvin, Mitchell, Owens and Kennedy

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Bob Regus, Assistant City Administrator James Drinkard, City Attorney Sam Thomas, City Clerk Coty Thigpen, Director of Community Development Kathi Cook, Senior Engineer Eric Graves, Director of Economic Development Peter Tokar, Director of Finance Tom Harris

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Constitution Week

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 09/08/2015)

❖ *Council Member Kennedy offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

- *The motion was seconded by Council Member Mitchell*
- *Motion approved (6-0)*

VI. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Convention Center
- B. City Center - Private
- C. City Center - Public

City Administrator, Bob Regus, reported on 2 updates:

1. Held public input meeting to solicit feedback on future use of the old library site and will host another open house on October 5th.
2. Issued RFP for bandstand and currently reviewing 2 responses. Expect to have a recommendation for consideration on the Council Meeting agenda for next week

Public Comment

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PH-15-22 Development Impact Fee Ordinance (1st reading)

- Eric Graves came forward to introduce this item on behalf of staff
- Consultant, Bill Ross came forward to answer questions posed by Mayor and Council
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance aloud constituting a 1st reading

Public Comment

- James Touchton, 5901-C Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA came forward to speak on this item
- ❖ *Council Member Kennedy offered a motion to approve the Ordinance*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Owens*
 - *Motion approved (7-0)*

B. PH-15-23 UDC Changes- Sign Ordinance (1st reading)

- Assistant City Attorney, Scott Hasteley, came forward to present the changes made to the Ordinance
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance aloud constituting a 1st reading

Public Comment

None

- ❖ *Council Member Kennedy offered a motion to approve the Ordinance*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Cross with a friendly amendment to section 7, adding the words 'as its' as the first two words in the parenthetical phrase.*
 - *Motion approved (7-0)*

C. Telecommunications Ordinance (1st reading)

- Assistant Scott Hastey came forward to provide an overview of the changes made to the Ordinance
- Sam Thomas read a Resolution providing a summary of the proposed Ordinance

Public Comment

- Melissa Perignat, of Holt, Ney, Zatzoff and Wasserman, came forward to speak on this item
- Jeremy Berry, of McKenna, Long, and Aldridge, came forward to speak on this item
- ❖ *Council Member Owens offered a motion to adopt the Resolution as read into the record by the City Attorney*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy*
 - *Motion approved (7-0)*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Code Enforcement Board Appointment (Gilvin)

- ❖ *Council Member Gilvin offered a motion to appoint Don Nahser to the Code Enforcement Board*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy*
 - *Motion approved (7-0)*

B. A Resolution Of The Mayor & Council of The City of Alpharetta Georgia To Authorize The Use Of Eminent Domain To Acquire Certain Property Located At 11800 Amber Park Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia, For Road Project – Northwinds Parkway Extension (Phase 1), Project No.1114.00.

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, provided a brief overview of this item and read the Resolution aloud

Public Comment

- Alexander Williamson, 12535 Wexcroft Lane, Alpharetta, GA came forward to speak on this item
- ❖ *Council Member Owens offered a motion to adopt the Resolution of condemnation as read into the record by the City Attorney*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy*
 - *Motion approved (7-0)*

C. Approval Of IGA With Fulton County For Donation Of Former Library Property

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Resolution aloud, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County and the City of Alpharetta for the donation and conveyance of the 238 canton street property to the city of Alpharetta

Public Comment

None

❖ *Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to approve the Resolution to accept the donation of the library from Fulton County*

• *The motion was seconded by Council Member Gilvin*

• *Motion approved (7-0)*

X. WORKSHOP

A. Rental Housing Study

- Consultant, Ken Bleakley, came forward to present the highlights of the rental housing study and field questions posed by Mayor and Council
- Discussion was held concerning the possibility of using the findings of this study to adjust the Comprehensive Plan at a later date

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Leah Narro, 11895 Fox Rd, Alpharetta, GA came forward to speak against a proposed rezoning on Fox Rd

XII. REPORTS

- Council Member Owens announced that the Rivers of Life program and Day of Service program are coming together in Alpharetta to benefit projects throughout the City, specifically a Big Creek clean-up project
- Council Member Kennedy announced that the Georgia Planning Association awarded the City of Alpharetta Downtown Master Plan as the 'Outstanding Planning Document for 2015'
- City Clerk, Coty Thigpen, announced that per State Election Code, the City has canceled the 2015 Municipal Election due to each seat up for re-election being uncontested

XIII. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

❖ *Council Member Cross offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session*

• *The motion was seconded by Council Member Mitchell*

• *Motion approved (6-1); Aiken voting no*