

City of Norcross

*65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

6:30 PM

2nd Floor Community Room

Mayor and Council

Mayor Craig Newton

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Myers

Councilmember Andrew Hixson

Councilmember Josh Bare

Councilmember Bruce Gaynor

Councilmember Arlene Beckles

- A. Call to Order by Mayor Craig Newton
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- D. Roll Call (recorded)

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Craig Newton	Mayor	Present	
Matt Myers	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Andrew Hixson	Councilmember	Present	
Josh Bare	Councilmember	Present	
Bruce Gaynor	Councilmember	Present	
Arlene Beckles	Councilmember	Present	

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor Craig Newton.

- E. Presentation of previous meetings minutes for acceptance
- 22-6420: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion

A motion to Approve the February 7th Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session, and the February 21st Policy Work Session and Executive Session.

Mayor and Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 7, 2022 6:30 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Arlene Beckles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

Policy Work Session - Policy Work Session - Feb 21, 2022 6:30 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Arlene Beckles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

- F. Set agenda as presented for scheduled meeting.
- 22-6421: Acceptance of the Agenda**

Motion

A motion to Accept the Agenda as Presented with the following item being moved to discussion:

22-6414 : Suspension of City Contribution to Post Retiree Healthcare for New Hires as Discussed at the February 17 Mayor and Council Retreat

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Josh Bare, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

A motion to Accept the Agenda as Presented with the following items being added from the floor for discussion:

22-6415 : NPAC Visioning Session Facilitator Proposal

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Josh Bare, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

22-6424 : Resolution Opposing HB 1093 and SB 494

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

G. Ceremonial Presentations, Recognitions, and Swearing in Ceremonies

22-6417: Important Announcements and Updates Regarding COVID-19

RESULT:	PRESENTED BY DR. AUDREY ARONA
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22-6389: Proclamation Recognizing Joey Clayton

RESULT:	ACKNOWLEDGED BY MAYOR NEWTON
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22-6388: Proclamation Recognizing John Hollon

RESULT:	ACKNOWLEDGED BY MAYOR NEWTON
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22-6419: Proclamation Recognizing Kenneth Anderson

RESULT:	ACKNOWLEDGED AND READ BY MAYOR NEWTON
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22-6418: Proclamation Recognizing Bea Grossman

RESULT:	ACKNOWLEDGED AND READ BY MAYOR NEWTON
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H. Floor Open to Citizens Desiring to Address the Governing Authority

a. Comments by Citizens

b. Comments by Council

c. Comments by City Manager

* Norcross Letter & Scoring Rubric for Affordable Housing Developers- Update

PH. Public Hearings

J. Reports of the Mayor and Councilmembers

a. General Announcements

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please remember to wear a mask and social distance at all in-person events.

Movie Monday: RESPECT

Monday, March 14th | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center

Coffee with Council

Saturday, March 19th | 8 a.m. | Dulces Sueños Cakes

Policy Work Session

Monday, March 21st | 6:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conference Room

Pollinator Workshop: Planting for Pollinators

Saturday, March 26th | 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. | 2nd Floor Community Room in City Hall

Movie Monday: Jungle Cruise

Monday, March 28th | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center

Coming Up in April:

First Friday Concert: Xtreme Party Band - April 1

Neighborhood Clean Up & Recycling Day - April 9

Easter Egg Hunt - April 16

Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt - April 16

K. Board Appointments

Delayed for further deliberation by Mayor & Council.

L. Approval of Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Arlene Beckles, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

1. 22-6402: Kaboom Playground Lighting/ Camera

Motion

A motion to approve funding for the installation of additional lighting and camera(s) at Kaboom Playground at a cost of \$24,607.59 with funds to come from the Automated School Zone Speed Detection Program funds.

2. 22-6403: Surplus Vehicles Request

Motion

A motion to approve the surplus of seven (7) vehicles as presented.

3. 22-6410: Norcross Power Rates

Motion

A motion to approve the elimination of the previously planned 2022 electric rate increases and direct that future rate increases be considered as part of the City's annual budget process.

4. 22-6404: Replacement of Weather Alert Siren System

Motion

A motion to approve the replacement of our aging Weather Alert Siren System at a cost of \$196,295.00 funded by the Automated School Zone Speed Detection Program.

5. **22-6405: Budget Amendment to Cover the Replacement of a Police Department Vehicle**

Motion

A motion to approve a Budget amendment to the Police Department FY2021-2022 Budget in the amount of \$35,500 with a recommendation that the funds be pulled from Reimbursement for Damaged Property.

6. **22-6408: Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance**

A motion to amend to the City Code of Ordinances, Article I of Chapter 4 entitled "Alcoholic Beverages," by deleting Article I, sections 4-1 through 4-8 of Chapter 4, Article I, and section 4-45 of Chapter 4, Article II in their entirety, renumbering sections 4-46 through 4-56 as sections 4-45 through 4-55 in Chapter 4, Article II, and substituting new Sections 4-1 through 4-10 in Chapter 4, Article I, with the following enacting clause:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia, hereby ordains that the adopted Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as more particularly set forth below. It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the following provisions shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Norcross, and the Sections in the Code in the Ordinance be renumbered to accomplish that intention.

7. **22-6406: Community Work Program Report of Accomplishments/Modified Community**

Motion

A motion to approve the final interim report of accomplishments and the modified Community Work Program.

8. **22-6409: Electric Infrastructure Cost Recovery**

Motion

A motion to approve Council to authorize recovery of electric infrastructure costs associated with new development.

9. **22-6412: City Managers Goals and Objectives**

Motion

A motion to approve the adopted goals and objectives for the city manager that will be incorporated into the annual evaluation process.

10. **22-6411: Reclassification of Existing Position**

Motion

A motion to approve the reclassification of a budgeted direct report to the City Manager to Assistant to the City Manager.

11. **22-6401: City Manager Evaluation Draft**

Motion

A motion to approve the evaluation packet and adopt a new performance evaluation process for the City Manager.

M. Items for Discussion**1. 22-6414: Suspension of City Contribution to Post Retiree Healthcare for New Hires as Discussed at the February 17 Mayor and Council Retreat**

Motion

A motion to approve eliminating a City contribution to post-retirement health insurance for new hires who receive a job offer on or after March 8, 2022.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

2. 22-6415: NPAC Visioning Session Facilitator Proposal

Motion

A motion to approve the Council to authorize funding for the attached Consulting Agreement between the Norcross Public Arts Commission and Paige Havens for marketing & strategic planning consulting for their March 9th Visioning Session at a cost of \$1,200 for consultant services and \$78.75 for the cost of lunch funded by the Arts Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

3. 22-6424: Resolution Opposing HB 1093 and SB 494

Motion

A motion to accept a Resolution of The Mayor And City Council of The City Of Norcross, Georgia expressing their opposition to HB 1093 and SB 494 and opposing the imposition of limitations on Norcross' authority to make housing, land use and zoning decisions within its city limits.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Arlene Beckles, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

N. Adjourn in memory of**O. Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate or Legal**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM with a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate by Councilmember Andrew Hixson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matt Myers.

P. Signed by: _____ Mayor Craig Newton

Q. Attest: _____ Monique Lang, City Clerk