

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2021

6:30 PM

Teleconference

Meeting Recordings

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Mayor and Council

Mayor Craig Newton

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Bare

Councilmember Andrew Hixson

Councilmember Matt Myers

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	
Josh Bare	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Andrew Hixson	Councilmember	Present	
Matt Myers	Councilmember	Present	
Bruce Gaynor	Councilmember	Present	
Arlene Beckles	Councilmember	Present	

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Craig Newton

- E. Presentation of previous meetings minutes for acceptance

21-6106: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion

A motion to Approve the March 1st Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the March 15th Policy Work Session and Executive Session, and the March 17th Special Called Meeting.

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

Mayor and Council - Regular Meeting - Mar 1, 2021 6:30 PM

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

Policy Work Session - Regular Meeting - Mar 15, 2021 6:30 PM

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

Special Called Meeting - Special Meeting - Mar 17, 2021 6:30 PM

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

F. Set agenda as presented for scheduled meeting.**21-6107: Acceptance of the Agenda****Motion**

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

21-6081 : LiveNorcross Program

21-6084 : Street Racing Ordinance

21-6085 : Financial Advisor Contract

21-6052 : Norcross Distillery Ordinance Proposal

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Josh Bare, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bare, Hixson, Myers, Gaynor, Beckles

Agenda Item added from the Floor for Discussion

21-6113 : Giles Street Right of Way

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

Agenda Items added from Executive Session Discussion

21-6110 : Board Appointment - Norcross Public Arts Commission

21-6131 : West Peachtree Street City-Owned Property

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

G. Ceremonial Presentations, Recognitions, and Swearing in Ceremonies**21-6108: Important Announcements and Updates Regarding COVID-19**

RESULT:	PRESENTED BY DR. ARONA
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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**

PH. Public Hearings**21-6014: REZ2020-0002 Hunt Beutell PRD**

Motion

A motion to Approve a request for a rezoning from R-75 to PRD for a new 27 lot single family residential development (23 new units and 4 existing units) between Hunt Street and Beutell Street with the following conditions:

1. The PRD zoning designation shall be restricted to only single family primary uses and allowable home occupations and accessory uses;
2. The property shall be developed in general conformance with the site plan dated 12/23/2020 and shall include 10 foot setbacks from exterior property boundaries and a minimum building separation of 7 feet;
3. In conformance with the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the development is limited to a maximum of 27 single family units;
4. The applicant shall install off-street parking or a shoulder near the mail kiosk;
5. The applicant shall relocate driveways of Lots 2 and 3 to be farther from the entrance of the proposed neighborhood subject to the approval of the City Engineer;
6. The applicant shall relocate driveway of Lot 27 to the private drive subject to the approval of the City Engineer;
7. The applicant shall install curb and gutter along the frontage of the new development on Hunt Street and Beutell Street;
8. The applicant shall make a contribution in the amount of \$575/unit to the City sidewalk fund to mitigate increased pedestrian traffic from the development onto the unimproved sections of both Hunt and Beutell Streets. The City shall prepare to program these future sidewalk improvements. Payment shall be made prior to issuance of first Certificate of Occupancy or with each issued building permit;
9. All common areas, including but not limited to streets and storm water systems, shall be maintained by a mandatory homeowner association;
10. It is acknowledged that the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal or another reviewing agency may require modifications to the site for oversized vehicles such as fire and garbage trucks;
11. The location of any and all crosswalks and traffic calming measures within the development are subject to the approval of the City Engineer;
12. Plant material use on site in landscape strips and buffers are subject to final approval of the City's landscape review professional;
13. Location of stormwater detention is subject to the approval of the City Engineer;
14. All utilities shall be buried;

15. The development shall comply with the Architectural Review Board's conditions of approval;
16. The applicant is reminded that this approval assumes general conformance with the adopted City of Norcross Architectural and Site Design Standards and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The applicant and/or builder are responsible for conforming with any specific design standard or UDO code section not addressed in the staff report;
17. The City through the City Engineer and Public Works Department, along with the applicant, shall review traffic patterns on both Hunt and Beutell Streets for possible future roadway improvements.

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

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.

Norcross Community Market (Drive-through)

Place orders at NCMonlinestore.com each week between Sunday (9 a.m.) and Thursday (5 p.m.). Then collect purchase on Saturday between 9 and 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Clothes Story: An Exhibition

The Rectory | Here through April 23; call 678.421.2049 for entry.

Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling Day

Saturday, April 10 | Various Downtown Locations and Times, See website for details.

Other Upcoming Events to Look Forward To:

Red, White & Boom July 3rd Celebration

Summer Concert Series - May through September

...and more! Our events team is working to finalize our 2021 events calendar, and will be sharing details as soon as more information comes available. Stay tuned!

K. Board Appointments**21-6109: Board Appointment - Discovery Garden Park Board**

Motion

A motion to Approve the reappointment of the following board member and term as presented:

Discovery Garden Park Board

Nona Johnson 6/1/2023

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

21-6110: Board Appointment - Norcross Public Arts Commission

Motion

A motion to Approve the nomination of the interim appointment of the following Councilmember:

Norcross Public Arts Commission

Arlene Beckles

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

L. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 21-6046: Enterprise Fleet Management

Motion

A motion to Approve the attached corporate resolution between Enterprise Fleet Management and the City of Norcross for motor vehicle lease(s).

2. 21-6082: Budget Amendment

Motion

A motion to Approve a budget amendment to increase the City Manager's Department FY21 budget by \$23,683 to cover contract work provided by former City Manager Rudolph Smith with funds to come from the Mayor and Council Contingency Fund.

3. 21-6083: Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer

Motion

A motion to Approve a proposal to authorize one added part-time Code Enforcement Officer for the balance of FY 2020-2021 to facilitate enforcement of business licenses and renewals.

4. 21-6045: Flock Safety Memorandum of Understanding

Motion

A motion to Approve the attached Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Flock Safety to allow Norcross Police Department personnel direct access to recorded video outside the City for investigation purposes.

M. Items for Discussion**1. 21-6081: LiveNorcross Program**

Motion

A motion to Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 with funding to come from the Mayor and Council Contingency Fund for the LiveNorcross initiative.

Amended Motion

A motion to Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 with funding to come from the American Rescue Plan funds as a primary funding source with the option to utilize funds from the Mayor and Council Contingency fund if necessary.

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

2. 21-6084: Street Racing Ordinance

Motion

A motion to Approve an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to revise the Chapter 34 entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," Article I, entitled "In General," to add a new Section 34-6 entitled "Street Racing and Reckless Driving Exhibitions," with the following enacting clause:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia hereby ordains that the adopted Code of Ordinance 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 all following provisions shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Norcross.

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

3. **21-6085: Financial Advisor Contract**

Motion

A motion to Approve a recommendation to approve a financial services contract with Piper Sandler & Co. to serve as the City's financial advisor through May 31, 2022.

Amended Motion

A motion to Approve a financial services contract with Piper Sandler & Co. to serve as the City's financial advisor through May 31, 2022 with an amendment to the agreement to include that The City Manager also have the authority to direct Piper Sandler's activities under this agreement.

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

4. **21-6052: Norcross Distillery Ordinance Proposal**

Motion

A motion to Approve an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of Norcross by revising Sec. 4-29, 42, and 56 of Chapter 4 Alcoholic Beverages, Article II, Malt Beverages and Wine, with the following enacting clause:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia hereby ordains that the adopted Code of Ordinance 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 all following provisions shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Norcross.

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

5. **21-6113: Giles Street Right of Way**

Motion

A motion to Approve a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross for the closure of Giles Street and its right of way subject to certain conditions; and for the sale of Giles Street and its right of way to the highest bidder, subject to the payment of certain costs and expenses.

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

6. 21-6131: West Peachtree Street City-Owned Property

Motion

A motion to Approve the acceptance of a bid from Mission Homes, Rick Cheek and Mike Reinsel, in the amount of \$726,000 for the city owned property on West Peachtree Street, subject to all the imposed conditions in the bid for the use of the development of the property.

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

N. Adjourn in memory of**21-6112: Proclamation in Memory of Julia Ann Barks**

RESULT:	ACKNOWLEDGED AND READ BY MAYOR CRAIG NEWTON
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O. Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate or Legal

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM with a motion by Councilmember Andrew Hixson and seconded by Councilmember Matt Myers.

P. Signed by_____ **Mayor Craig Newton**

Q. Attest:_____ **Monique Lang, City Clerk**