

City of Norcross

*65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 1, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor and Council

Mayor Craig Newton

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Myers

Councilmember Andrew Hixson

Councilmember Josh Bare

Councilmember Bruce Gaynor

Councilmember Dr. 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	
Dr. Arlene Beckles	Councilmember	Present	

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Mayor Craig Newton

- E. Presentation of previous meetings minutes for acceptance

22-6531: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion

A motion to Approve the July 5th Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session, the July 18th Special Called Meeting, Policy Work Session and Executive Session.

- a. Mayor and Council - Regular Meeting - Jul 5, 2022, 6:30 PM

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

- b. Special Called Meeting - Special Meeting - Jul 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

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

- c. Policy Work Session - Policy Work Session - Jul 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

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

- F. Set agenda as presented for scheduled meeting.

22-6532: Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion

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

22-6522 : Sanitation Services Fees

22-6521 : Electric Rates CY 2023

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

G. Ceremonial Presentations, Recognitions, and Swearing in Ceremonies**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**PHa. 22-6527: Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate Which Would Result in a Property Tax Increase****Motion**

A motion to set the 2022 Tax Millage Rate on property assessments for the City of Norcross at 6.249 for submission to the Gwinnett County Tax Assessor's Office.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
AYES:	Matt Myers, Andrew Hixson, Bruce Gaynor, Arlene Beckles
NAYS:	Josh Bare

PHb. 22-6514: Proposed Fiscal 2023 Budget Discussion**Motion**

A motion to move this item to the August 15th Special Called Meeting.

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
TO:	Next: 8/15/2022 6:30 PM Policy Work Session

PHc. 22-6526: Unified Development Ordinance Amendments**Motion**

A motion to Approve the attached recommended changes to the Unified Development Ordinance, Section 103 various, Section 104 various, Section 201-23 various, Section 202-2(h), Section 206-3, and Section 206-8 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, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

J. Reports of the Mayor and Councilmembers

a. General Announcements

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Norcross Community Market

Every Wednesday through August | 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Thrasher Park

Summer Concert: The Breakfast Club

Friday, August 5 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

Movie Monday: Run

Monday, August 8 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center

Coffee With Council

Saturday, August 13 | 8:00 a.m. | 45 South Cafe

Jazz in the Alley: Cleveland P. Jones & Michael Cruse

Saturday, August 13 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Betty Mauldin Park

Policy Work Session

Monday, August 15 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Summer Concert: Liverpool Legends

Friday, August 19 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

The Great Georgia Pollinator Census

Saturday, August 20 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Discovery Garden Park

Movie Monday: Finding You

Monday, August 22 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center

Robert West's Art Exhibition

Thursday, August 25 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | The Rectory

Coming Up in September:

September 02 | Summer Concert: Voltage Brothers

September 05 | City Closed for Labor Day Observance

September 10 | Atlanta British Car Fayre

September 11 | 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 17 | Hispanic Heritage Celebration

September 17 | Jazz in the Alley: FunkyardX

K. Board Appointments

a. 22-6534: Board Appointment - Discovery Garden Park Board

Motion

A motion to Approve the appointment of the following board members and terms as presented:

Discovery Garden Park Board

Dana Boyle 6/1/2024

Felita Williams 6/1/2024

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

b. 22-6535: Board Appointment - Norcross Public Arts Commission

Motion

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

Norcross Public Arts Commission

Kathryn Ash 12/1/2025

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

c. 22-6536: Board Appointment - Planning and Zoning Board

Motion

A motion to Approve the appointment of the following board members and terms as presented:

Planning and Zoning Board

Marlene Janos 6/1/2026

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

d. 22-6537: Board Appointment - Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Walsh 6/1/2026

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

L. Approval of Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Dr. Arlene Beckles, Councilmember
AYES:	Myers, Hixson, Bare, Gaynor, Beckles

1. 22-6515: Alcohol Sales Clarification

Motion

A motion to Approve an amendment to Code of Ordinances of Norcross by revising Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, Article II, Malt Beverages, Wine, and Distilled Spirits, Sec 4-29, Sec 4-41 and Sec 4-42 of the alcohol ordinance with the following enacting clause:

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2. 22-6516: Handbook Edits

Motion

A motion to Approve revisions to the Employee Handbook as presented.

3. 22-6517: Services Agreement Between Flock Group Inc (Flock Safety) and Norcross PD

Motion

A motion to Approve an agreement with the City of Norcross Police Department and Flock Group Inc for the purchase of 22 Flock Safety LPR cameras as part of our ongoing effort to solve crimes using the latest technology available.

4. 22-6518: Amendment to View Point Health Contract for Services

Motion

A motion to Approve an amendment to the existing contract for services with View Point Health to provide the Norcross Police Department with a second additional mental health co-responder clinician, at the increased annual cost of \$89,970 x 2 = \$179,940 for both clinicians, with funding to come from the DOJ Grant based on approval.

5. 22-6519: Beaver Ruin Greenway Annual Contract Extension

Motion

A motion to Approve the Beaver Ruin Greenway annual contract extension.

6. 22-6525: Plant Vogtle Ownership Participation Agreements

Motion

A motion to support exercising the tender option by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P, pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project.

7. 22-6528: Employee Medical Benefits Proposed Rate Increase

Motion

A motion to adopt the new adjusted employee contributions for our 2022-2023 Open Enrollment.

M. Items for Discussion**1. 22-6522: Sanitation Services Fees**

Motion

A motion to Approve sanitation service fees for FY23 based on Option F.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, Councilmember
AYES:	Matt Myers, Josh Bare, Bruce Gaynor, Arlene Beckles
NAYS:	Andrew Hixson

2. 22-6521: Electric Rates CY 2023

Motion

A motion to Approve retention of existing electric rates in calendar year 2023, subject to any potential future power cost adjustments to be used from the city's Municipal Competitive Trust fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Myers, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bruce Gaynor, 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 to Executive Session for Real Estate at 9:48pm with a motion by Councilmember Josh Bare, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matt Myers.

P. Signed by_____ Mayor Craig Newton

Q. Attest: _____ Monique Lang, City Clerk