

City of Norcross

*65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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
- 21-6292: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion

A motion to Approve the minutes of the July 23rd Visioning Session, the September 7th Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session, and the September 20th Policy Work Session and Executive Session.

Mayor and Council Visioning Session - Visioning Session - Jul 23, 2021 11:00 AM

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

Mayor and Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 7, 2021 6:30 PM

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

Policy Work Session - Regular Meeting - Sep 20, 2021 6:30 PM

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

- F. Set agenda as presented for scheduled meeting.
- 1. **21-6293: Acceptance of the Agenda**

Motion

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

21-6297 : Creation of Norcross American Rescue Plan Advisory Commission

21-6280 : German Car Show Alcohol Resolution

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

G. Ceremonial Presentations, Recognitions, and Swearing in Ceremonies**21-6296: 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**PH. 21-6205: RZ2021-003 - Request to Rezone the Properties Located at 772, 782, 802, 812 Holcomb Bridge Rd.**

Motion

A motion to approve the request to withdraw the referenced application without prejudice.

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

PH. 21-6269: Text2021-003 Revise UDO in Conformity with Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance

Motion

A motion to approve an amendment to Article II, Sec. 202-3(e) Food Trucks, to bring the Food truck ordinance section into conformity to the Norcross Code of Ordinance; with the 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 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

PH. 21-6267: RZ2021-005 - Request to Rezone 244 Kelly Street from M1 to R60

Motion

A motion to approve a request for a rezoning from M-1 to R-60 for a single family two lot split at 244 Kelly Street, with the following conditions:

1. Any proposed changes or improvements to the site would have to meet the design standards and requirements specified in the City's Unified Development Code by obtaining Architectural Review Board approval of any new house along with the necessary permits.

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

PH. 21-6268: Buford Highway Master Plan

Amendment:

A motion to change number 6 on node 1 for the Downtown to Community Space

Add slash on number 5 and number 6 on Lilian Webb Park to say Performing Arts/Restaurants.

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

Motion

A motion to approve adopting the completed Buford Highway Master Plan as an amendment to the Imagine Our Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

RESULT:	APPROVED [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****OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Movie Monday: The Farewell

Monday, October 11 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Community Center

Advance Voting

Tuesday, October 12 - 29 | 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. City Hall

Saturday, October 16 & 23 | 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. City Hall

Coffee with Council

Saturday, October 16 | 8 a.m. | 45 South Cafe

Norcross 150th (+1) Birthday Celebration

Saturday, October 23 | 4 - 10 p.m. | Lillian Webb Park

Monday Movie: Yesterday

Monday, October 25 | 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Community Center

Deutsche Klassic Car Show

Saturday, October 30 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Downtown Norcross

Downtown Norcross Trick-or-Treating

Sunday, October 31 | 12 - 4 p.m. | Downtown Norcross Merchants

Coming Up in October:

First Friday Concert: The Rainmen - Nov 5 at Thrasher Park

Dia de los Muertos Festival - Nov 6 at Thrasher Park

Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling Day - Nov 13 (multiple locations)

Holiday Merchants Open House - Nov 13 (downtown)

K. Board Appointments**A. 21-6294: 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

Sharon Cauthen 6/1/2023

Tracy Claiborne 6/1/2023

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

B. 21-6295: Board Appointment - Norcross Public Arts Commission

Motion

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

Norcross Public Arts Commission

Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly 12/2024

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

L. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 21-6283: Text Amendment to Sec. 2-149 - Discover Garden Park Board

Motion

A motion to Approve an amendment to Chapter 2 - Administration, Article V. - Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Sec. 2-149 - Discovery Garden Park Board, to increase the board's membership, with the following enacting clause:

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2. 21-6252: Management Agreement Between the City of Norcross & United Futbol

Motion

A motion to Approve the attached management agreement between the City of Norcross & United Futbol Academy for Summerour Park, as presented.

3. **21-6284: Technical Correction Amendment to the 2017 and 2019 Defined Benefit Retirement Plan**

Motion

A motion to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Norcross, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreements and Addendum as presented.

4. **21-6286: Norcross Power Rate Change - Delay**

Motion

A motion to Authorize a delay in the electricity rate increase previously scheduled for January 1, 2022 until April 1, 2022, to allow time for Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) to complete a new rate study that will determine the necessity for electric rates changes based on updated assumptions.

M. Items for Discussion

1. **21-6280: German Car Show Alcohol Resolution**

Motion

A motion to approve the attached Resolution to permit the sale and consumption of alcohol in to-go cups, and to permit open containers during the German car show.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Andrew Hixson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Matt Myers, Councilmember
AYES:	Andrew Hixson, Matt Myers, Bruce Gaynor
NAYS:	Josh Bare, Arlene Beckles

2. **21-6297: Creation Norcross American Rescue Plan Advisory Commission**

Motion

A motion to approve an Amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Article V of Chapter 2, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Authorities by adding a new Sec. 2-155, to create the Norcross American Rescue Plan Advisory Commission 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.

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

N. Adjourn in memory of

O. Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate or Legal

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM with a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Josh Bare and seconded by Councilmember Bruce Gaynor.

P. Signed by _____ Mayor Craig Newton

Q. Attest: _____ Monique Lang, City Clerk