

# Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes November 20, 2018

**OPEN:** The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday November 20, 2018 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Finchum at 7:30pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Halley, Eimer, Young, McVey, Cheek and Finchum were present.

Motion by Cheek second by Eimer to approve the minutes as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

Halley-yes	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes
Young-yes	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by McVey second by Halley to pay all bills as approved by their respected chairman or as far as money allows.

**ROLL CALL:**

Halley-yes	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes
Young-yes	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Mary Hill brought up that liquor at the Library events is unnecessary. She asked that the City put up the Golf Course to a vote as a referendum. She also stated that in the Façade Grant request for roofing, was not listed as eligible.

Rick Lynch asked that the Golf Course expenses be available for view.

George Menken felt that the City should not be involved in the Golf Course.

Melanie Blankenship asked if employees got a different pay scale to play. Also, disclosure was needed on the Golf Course as to the Limited Partners. She made a lengthy statement on operations and apposing purchasing.

Alan Grigg agreed with the group.

Paul Eckert asked if the clock could be repaired at the library. The library takes care of the clock not the city.

Randy Brooks reported the weather has suspended play until it gets warmer.

Officer Geriets had nothing new to report for the Police Dept.

The Mayor reported on a recycling proposal from Area Disposal was brought up. The new cost will be close to the current costs.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to accept the proposal from Area Disposal.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The first meeting in January falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> and it was agreed that would be changed to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

The council reviewed a petition, if approved by the ICC, to allow much higher speeds up to 80mph for freight and 110 mph for passenger trains.

A Resolution to Abate Tax for \$480,000 General Obligation Bonds was discussed.

Motion by McVey second by Halley to Abate the Tax for \$480,000 General Obligation Bonds.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

A Resolution to Abate Tax for \$1,890,000 General Obligation Bonds was discussed.

Motion by Cheek second by Finchum to Abate the Tax for \$1,890,000 General obligation Bonds.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

A Tourism request from the Hotel/Motel Tax from the Hawes Elevator for \$240 to repair the I55 sign.

Motion by Young second by Eimer to approve the request for the Hawes Elevator.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes

Young-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

A request was received from the Atlanta Museum for \$1,225.00 to finish brick work on the 5-lamp post on Vine St.

Motion by McVey second by Finchum to accept the bid and pay the \$1225.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax to help the Museum finish the brick work.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-no

Finchum-yes

Eimer-yes

Cheek-Abstain

Young-no

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The City received 2 Façade Improvement Grant requests. John Sherman requested a \$2000 grant for roof repair.

Alderman Young asked if the roof repair work should be included. The work was not expressly prohibited.

Alderwoman Halley felt that it doesn't qualify for the program.

Motion by Halley second by Finchum to deny that roof repair is eligible for Façade Improvement Grant on this request from John Sherman for roof repair.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Finchum-yes

Eimer-yes

Cheek-yes

Young-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The second request was for masonry work at 112 SE Vine St. for \$2000 from Charlie Lamascola.

Motion by Cheek second by Eimer to approve the Façade Improvement Grant request from Charlie Lomascola for \$2000.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Finchum-yes

Eimer-yes

Cheek-yes

Young-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Cindy Bailey requested a Special Event permit for a Reception on 12/31/18 from 4pm to 8pm.

The council felt insurance should be required to cover the event.

Motion by Eimer second by Halley to deny the Special Event permit request from Cindy Bailey.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Finchum-yes

Eimer-yes

Cheek-yes

Young-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The council instructed City attorney to make changes to Liquor ordinance requiring Insurance for any Special Event permit held on public property.

The Mayor went over Health Insurance Premiums for the next year. The increase was \$19.

Motion by Cheek second by Halley to accept the new premiums.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by Halley second by Cheek to enter executive session to discuss the lease of the Golf Course property pursuant to 5 ILC 5/2 c 5

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-Abstain

Young- yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The council re-entered regular session.

The Mayor reported that Paul Goodwin has had surgery and will be out for approximately 6 weeks.

Alderman Finchum reported that the tree lighting will be Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Halley second by Finchum to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Kenneth Martin

City Clerk