

# Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes March 19, 2019

**OPEN:** The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday March 19, 2019 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Finchum at 7:30pm.

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

Motion by Finchum second by Cheek 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 Eimer 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.

Yaletta Batterton addressed the council on the topic of the discounted rates at the Golf Course. She talked about several topics pertaining to the City.

No golf Course reports.

Chief Eimer reported on Police activities and Dare Training at the school. He addressed the need for a vehicle for the Police Dept. Their second vehicle was old and needed to be replaced.

3 bids were received. The Dodge Ram seemed to be the most practical. The cost, outfitted, would be around \$40,841.00.

The Mayor felt that some other city vehicles were becoming vulnerable as well. The city could get a 2018 faster and a 2019 would take longer at nearly the same price.

Chief Eimer felt that a 4-wheel drive was needed for this area.

The City's reserve fund could be used again for the purchase, so no money would be spent for interest.

Motion by Halley second by Finchum to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram from Lincoln for the Police Dept.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes
Young-no	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Mayor brought up that American Water was interested in coming to speak with council regarding purchasing the water utility.

The Council took up the annual request from the Atlanta Betterment Fund for a grant of \$450.00 for postage.

The Mayor read a list of projects done by the A.B.F. during the last few years.

Motion by McVey second by Eimer to approve the grant in the amount of \$450.00.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-abstain
Young-no	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Council took up the amended TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City and Harikrishna LLC.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to approve the Ordinance in the written form provided.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Halley second by Cheek to enter Executive Session to discuss employment of the Chief of Police under 5 ILCS 120/ (c)(1)

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

The council re-entered regular session. The employment contract for the Chief of Police is tabled until April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Alderman Halley reported that the exhibit at the Library Museum was very very good and we are fortunate to have that in Atlanta.

Alderman Eimer asked that all the departments should be equipped with everything they need. And to express his gratitude for all volunteer departments.

Alderman Young felt that the City should be prepared to begin to replace trucks and fire trucks. This will cost a lot of money.

Alderman Cheek complimented the Firemen on all the work they do.

Motion by McVey 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 9:00 pm

Kenneth Martin

City Clerk