

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL



2017 Annual Performance Report





In accordance with City Code Section Sec. 2-133 (h), the Atlanta City Council Office of Communications in collaboration with the Atlanta City Council Office of Research and Policy Analysis is charged with producing an annual report on the activities of City Council committees during the preceding year. This report includes a brief synopsis of all major legislative business transacted by each standing committee.





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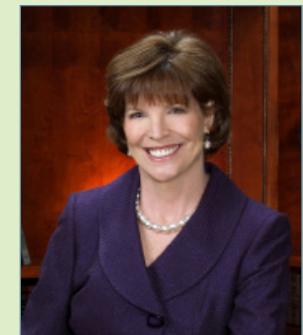
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Atlanta City Council



Our Mission

Dedicated to Government Oversight and Quality Constituent Services

The City Council is the chief policy-making body for the City of Atlanta. The council's mission is to ensure that Atlanta is led by a ground-breaking, strong, and capable group of leaders that work for the good of all citizens across the city. As a legislative body, the council's main role is to make laws. In addition, the council has oversight of multiple agencies, boards, and commissions. The Atlanta City Council is comprised of 15 members and led by the council president. Each member of the Atlanta City Council tirelessly works to improve the lives of Atlanta's citizens. Together, they work to ensure safer and cleaner streets, bolster Atlanta's economy, and institute many community-based programs. Working hand in hand with Atlanta's mayor and the members of the executive branch, the council plays a key part in the budget process and financial well-being of Atlanta.

Government Oversight

In addition to legislation, the Atlanta City Council works hard to ensure that city government works for its citizens. Through the various committees, the council assesses various government programs and agencies. Each year, the council is in charge of holding budget hearings in which the city's budget, recommended by the mayor, is strictly reviewed prior to being approved.

Constituent Services

The Atlanta City Council prides itself on being responsive to its citizens. Each Councilmember employs a professional staff to address questions and concerns of Atlanta's citizens. To contact your council representative, call us at (404) 330-6030.

How Your City Council Works

The Atlanta city government is divided into three bodies: the legislative, executive and judicial branches. The Atlanta City Council serves as the legislative branch. City departments, under the direction of the mayor, constitute the executive branch, and the municipal courts, constitute the judicial branch.

Legislative Branch:

The legislative body, comprised of the council, makes the laws that govern the city. It is responsible for the development of policies that serve as operational standards and establishes the parameters for the administration of city government.

Executive Branch:

The executive body carries out the laws that have been instituted by the City Council. It is responsible for the day-to-day operations of city government.

The City Charter:

A new charter was enacted in 1996 that reduced the representation of council to 12 districts and three at-large posts - effective January 1998.

The 1974 charter resulted in many changes in Atlanta city government. Prior to its adoption, the legislative body was called the Board of Aldermen, and each alderman was elected citywide. The 1974 charter changed the Board of Aldermen to the City Council, the vice-mayor to the president of the council, and established 12 councilmembers to be elected from individual districts and six at-large posts. Administration of the day-to-day operation of city government was transferred to the executive branch, and legislative authority was vested in the council. This system allows the council to maintain a strong system of checks and balances.

Legislation takes two forms - ordinances and resolutions. An ordinance establishes a permanent rule of government. Every official act of the council, having the force and effect of law, must be an ordinance. Ordinances must be read before the full council at two regular meetings. There are exceptions; for example, a City Charter amendment requires three readings.

Resolutions usually express intent or support of various projects and enterprises or establish legislative policy of a general nature. Resolutions need be read only once and can be introduced and adopted at the same meeting.

Standing Committees:

The standing committees of the Atlanta City Council meet to consider legislation and to make recommendations on each item. The committees then report their actions to the full council. Approximately 150 or more pieces of legislation are

handled per meeting. Citizens have the opportunity to appear before a standing committee and express their views on any piece of legislation. (Comments from the public on matters related to zoning changes are heard by the Zoning Review Board, an independent body comprised of appointed city residents. The Zoning Review Board meets once per month). The Council is required by law to hold public hearings on certain matters including changes to the City Charter, changes to the City Code of Ordinances, tax increases, etc. Notification must be provided to residents in advance of any public hearing.

Legislative Process:

Legislation can be introduced on the floor of the council by a councilmember as a personal paper, or it can come through a standing committee. In either case, almost all legislation goes before a committee for discussion at some time.

After a paper has been through the committee process, it is voted on by the full council. The council may accept or reject the committee's recommendations. A majority vote is needed for adoption.

When a paper is adopted by the council, it goes to the mayor for signature. The paper must be approved or vetoed within seven days. If not signed or vetoed within that period, it automatically becomes law. If vetoed, the Council can override with a two-thirds vote.

About the Atlanta City Council:

The president of the City Council is elected from the city at-large (city-wide). The council consists of 15 members, 12 elected from single-member districts and three elected at-large. The council president presides at all meetings of the council and votes in the case of a tie. The council president appoints chairs and members of the various committees, subject to rejection by a majority of the council. The council president exercises all powers and discharges all duties of the mayor in case of a vacancy in that office or during the disability of the mayor.

Councilmembers are elected to four-year terms commencing with the first Monday in January.

The members of the council elect a president pro tempore each year to serve a one-year term beginning with the first meeting in January. The president pro tempore presides over the council meetings in the president's absence.

Atlanta City Councilmembers are paid an annual salary of \$60,300. The council president is paid \$62,000 annually. Salaries are determined by an independent committee of city residents.

Atlanta City Council 2017 Standing Committees

City Utilities Committee

Alex Wan - Chair
Natalyn Archibong - Vice Chair
Howard Shook
Yolanda Adrean
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Joyce Sheperd
Carla Smith

Zoning Committee

Carla Smith - Chair
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Community Development/ Human Services Committee

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Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

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Finance/Executive Committee

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Committee on Council

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Transportation Committee

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Keisha Lance Bottoms - Vice Chair
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Committee Chairs

Natalyn Archibong
Andre Dickens
C.T. Martin
Felicia Moore
Howard Shook
Carla Smith
Alex Wan

Cesar Mitchell - Council President





Finance/Executive Committee



The Finance/Executive Committee recommends on matters pertaining to the budget and to transfers of appropriations; the administration of taxing ordinances and to public revenue; tax officials and collectors; the Department of Finance; the executive branch of government, specifically components in the Department of Administrative Services relating to purchasing functions of the City; the Department of Personnel and Human Resources; operation of the Office of the Mayor; Office of Contract Compliance and Intergovernmental, International and Diplomatic Affairs.

Howard Shook
Chair

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

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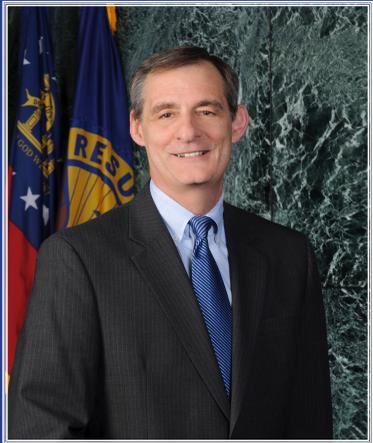


- Waived all occupational taxes for a period of five (5) years for businesses that open or relocate to certain commercially zoned properties including: Auburn Avenue; Campbellton Road; Cascade Road; Edgewood Avenue; Donald L. Hollowell Parkway; Jonesboro Road; Joseph E. Boone Boulevard; Lee Street; Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Metropolitan Parkway; Perry Boulevard; Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard; Boulevard; Cleveland Avenue; Dill Avenue; Sylvan Road; University Avenue; Pryor Road; Moreland to Glenwood Avenue; Lakewood Business District; the intersection of Lakewood and Jonesboro Road; and the intersection of Jonesboro Road and McDonough Boulevard.
- Amended Section 114-21 of the Code of Ordinances to set the minimum wage for all regular City employees at \$15.00 per hour. The pay increase will be phased in over the course of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2017, with annual increase set on July 1st of each year.
- Declared city-owned property located at 711 Catherine Street as surplus property, known as Adair Park Elementary School; authorized the city to execute a quitclaim deed of

the property, and transferred the property to the Atlanta Board of Education (APS). APS has a desire to redevelop the property and will include an affordable housing component of the development.

- Approved legislation appropriating bond proceeds in the aggregated principal amount of \$144,855,000 and the net premium amount of \$11,319,092 and transferred \$12,733,565 from existing BeltLine Tax Allocation District Accounts to the Series 2016 BeltLine Escrow Accounts. Additionally, this legislation authorized the use of a portion of the Series 2016 Bonds to reimburse the City for PILOT payments made by the City to Atlanta Public Schools (APS) in an amount of \$19,800,000.00 in connection with the third amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City, Invest Atlanta, and APS regarding the BeltLine.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances relating to emergency procurements to add new safeguards to ensure integrity in the procurement process. This legislation added additional safeguards to require that the City shall utilize existing master contracts when issuing an emergency procurement. Additionally, this legislation required additional information to be included in the contract file.

Finance/Executive Committee



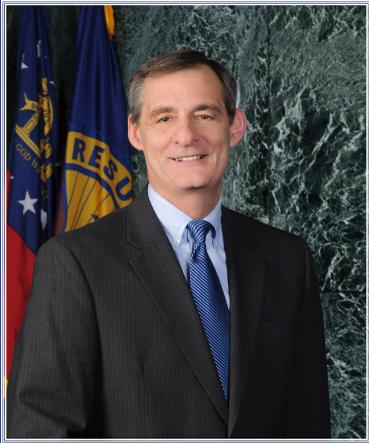
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Chair

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- Authorized the transfer of \$3,450,000 from the Group Insurance Fund for the design and building of the Wellness Center at City Plaza, located on Central Avenue. The Wellness Center has a health clinic and fitness center managed by a third party. Access to medical and pharmacy services is available to employees/retirees at a minimum cost.
- Authorized the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The legislation anticipated revenues for the General Fund (\$648,647,258.00), Airport Revenue Fund (\$508,452,472.00), and Water and Wastewater Revenue Fund (\$560,154,817.00).
- Amended the Intergovernmental Housing Cooperation Agreement with the Atlanta Housing Authority, the City and Invest Atlanta to reauthorize the issuance of the remaining bond, originally authorized in 2007. This legislation also reaffirmed the issuance of the original \$75,000,000 bond and gives authorization to the City to issue the remaining \$40,000,000 from the original bond.
- Authorized Invest Atlanta to make an economic opportunity grant fund in the amount of \$1,900,000 to NCR Corporation for the relocation and expansion of its world headquarters to include the construction of a second office tower.
- NCR is said to invest an additional \$161 million in real estate- and equipment-related costs and create 1,764 new full-time jobs in the City. These jobs are expected to have an economic impact of \$221.5 million.
- Directed the Chief Financial Officer to establish a trust fund account for the purpose of transferring a portion of proceeds from the sale of any city-owned real estate in the vicinity of the former Turner Field Development to be used for economic and community development initiatives in the surrounding neighborhoods. The proceeds are to be used solely to fund economic and community development initiatives, such as affordable housing, job training in the Mechanicsville, Pittsburg, Peoplestown and Summerhill neighborhoods.
- Authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$5,582,600 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Staffing of Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant. The SAFER Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained frontline firefighters available in their communities.



Finance/Executive Committee



Howard Shook
Chair

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS...continued

- Authorized the largest expansion of the City's borders in 65 years by annexing Emory University, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Centers for Disease Control, and Georgia Power into the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta pursuant to the 100% method of annexation. This annexation brings an additional 6,400 residents into the City.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances by adding a 'Home-steading Program, Constituting a Significant Public Benefit – Surplus Property Affordable Housing Procedures' section. This new section provides provisions under which the City can sell its surplus land, found suitable for residential development, to not-for-profit developers for a sum of \$1 to construct one or more affordable housing options.
- Authorized the solicitation of donations to assist with relief efforts to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. This legislation also directed all appropriate City of Atlanta Departments and Offices to work with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Office of Resilience to establish collection stations at various city facilities.
- Transferred surplus property located at 1043 Memorial Drive (C.D. Hubert Elementary School) to the Atlanta Board of Education. The Atlanta Board of Education will partner with WonderRoot to promote opportunities for a mixed-income housing development consistent with the City's Affordable Housing Policy.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to reduce some of the civil penalties charged for registration/renewal and false alarm administration services with CryWolf False Alarm Solutions.
- Authorized the acquisition of property interest necessary for various parcels for the purpose of completing and maintaining various Renew Atlanta Bond Program Projects: Mount Paran at Northside Parkway Intersection Improvement Project, James Drive/5th Street Roadway Construction Project, Ford Street Roadway Construction Project, Main Street Project, Cascade Road Complete Streets Project, Ayr Place Roadway Construction Project, Braeburn Drive Roadway Construction Project, Newman Place Roadway Construction Project, Westminster Drive Roadway Construction Project, Hirsch Street Roadway Construction Project, Wade Avenue Roadway Construction Project, Marktwo Place Roadway Construction Project, 6th Street Roadway Construction Project, Moores Mill Road at Howell Mill Road Intersection Improvement Project.





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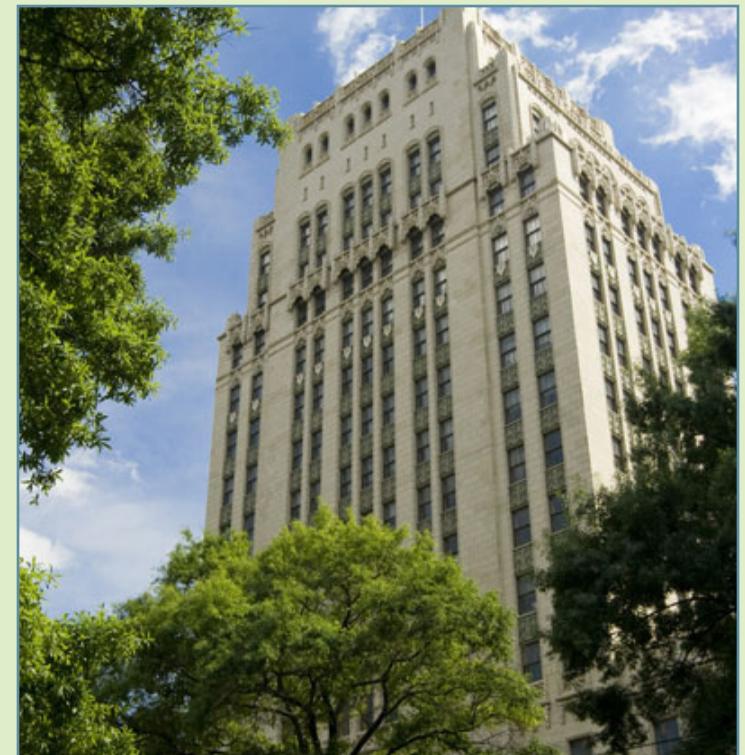
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- Authorized a special procurement with Taser International on behalf of the Atlanta Police Department. The agreement was for the purchase of up to 150 electronic control devices (ECDs) and additional training smart cartridges to reduce the likelihood of injury caused to suspects resisting lawful arrest. Since 2012, there has been authorization for the purchase of more than 1700 EPDs. This legislation adds an additional 150 tasers, making the total 1850. The total amount expended on ECDs since 2012 is approximately \$4,068,043 paid through the City's Federal RICO Trust Fund.
- Authorized a change order with Atlanta Airlines Terminal Corporation for the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement and Refurbishment Project at Hartsfield-Jackson. The 30 passenger boarding bridges authorized under this change order were more than 35 years old and exceeded their normal 20-year life cycle. A total of 116 passenger boarding bridges were replaced or refurbished under this project.
- Authorized an agreement to provide energy service performance initiatives. The City sought proposals from interested energy service professionals capable of providing comprehensive energy management and energy-related capital improvement services and equipment

through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract for select energy-consuming city-owned facilities. These services and improvements are to be delivered on a performance contracting basis.





Felicia A. Moore
Chair

Committee on Council



The Committee on Council recommends on matters pertaining to the operation of the Council; executive branch appointments confirmed by the Council; ethics issues such as conflict of interest, revision, codification and clarification of ordinances and resolutions; Council agenda; elections; rules, conduct and decorum of Council and members; and procedures for the Office of City Council and the Office of Municipal Clerk.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Approved the appointment of Roosevelt Council, Jr. to serve as General Manager at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Mr. Council has more than 30 years of experience in transportation, logistics, aviation, telecommunications, public accounts, and state and local government.
- Approved the appointment of Erika Shields to serve as the Chief of Police for the City of Atlanta. Ms. Shields has more than 20 years' experience with the Atlanta Police Department. Prior to her appointment, she served as the Deputy Chief of Field Operations wherein she was responsible for the management of 1,000 employees who handled the city's 911 calls and investigative units.
- Approved the appointment of William M. Johnson to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Johnson had served as Deputy Chief Operating Officer since May 2016. Prior to joining the City of Atlanta, Mr. Johnson served as Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation.

- Amended procedures of the council to require that all proposed legislation meet minimum caption requirements so the public will be able to adequately review and understand legislation.
- Approved the appointment of Jabu M. Sengova as the City of Atlanta's Ethics Officer. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Sengova served more than eight years in the Ethics Office.
- Approved the appointment of Jeremy Berry to serve as the City Attorney for the City of Atlanta. Mr. Berry has extensive experience in governmental and regulatory practice, government contracting, procurement, public policy, and governmental affairs. Atlanta Magazine recognized him as a "Super Lawyer Rising Star" in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Some of Mr. Berry's past clients include the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, and the State Road and Tollway Authority.

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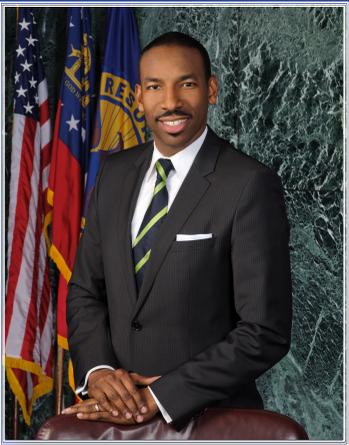




The Atlanta Fire Rescue Department dates back to February 2, 1848, when the Atlanta City Council formed a committee to consider the need for fire service in the brand-new town.

The fire service in Atlanta, from the days of volunteers to the professional paid department, has a rich history in saving lives and protecting property.

COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY



Andre Dickens
Chair

Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

The Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee recommends on matters regarding public safety, generally; the Department of Police Services; Department of Fire; Department of Corrections; Department of Law; Office of Emergency Management Services and City Courts, licenses issued under the police powers of the City, all matters pertaining to findings of discrimination under the human relations ordinance and all matters pertaining to the drafting, implementation and supervision of all penal ordinances.

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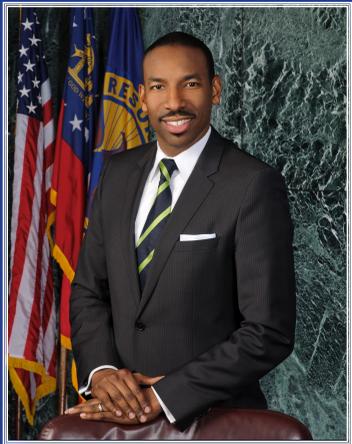
Yolanda Adrean

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- Accepted a grant of \$559,070 from the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the 2017 JAG initiative.
- Accepted a grant of \$3,077,384 from the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program for 2017.
- Accepted a grant not to exceed \$265,993 from the federal Smart Policing Initiative.
- Approved legislation requesting that the Atlanta Police Department develop informational signage on "slider crimes" for distribution at gas stations citywide to increase public awareness of these crimes.
- Authorized the training of Atlanta Police Department officers at the International Law Enforcement Academies via an agreement with the federal Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. Such training includes that for hate crimes.
- Removed from the City Code of Ordinances offenses that are preempted by Georgia state law and may be obsolete to present-day culture and modern law. Such offenses include treasure hunts, residential picketing, gambling and related offenses, the unauthorized sale of model glue and aftershave lotion, and similar offenses.
- Set a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for the owner or operator of a multifamily dwelling with multiple housing code violations.
- Provided more effective control and regulations of animals including vicious and dangerous dogs. Amendments included adding and revising various definitions, making other updates, and creating violations for neglected and nuisance animals.
- Authorized the mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding with Fulton County to create an operational working group that will make policy-level decisions regarding the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative.
- Clarified that if, at the time of an annual alcohol license application's consideration, the proposed license's location does not meet distance requirements, the application will be remanded back to the license review board for a further hearing on its compliance.
- Amended the definition of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and prohibited its operation on city streets. Penalties for violation of this include a \$750 fine for the first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation, a minimum of 30 days imprisonment for a third violation, and a minimum 60 days imprisonment for any subsequent violations.
- Made the possession of an ounce or less of marijuana punishable by a maximum fine of \$75.00 and not punishable by imprisonment.

Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

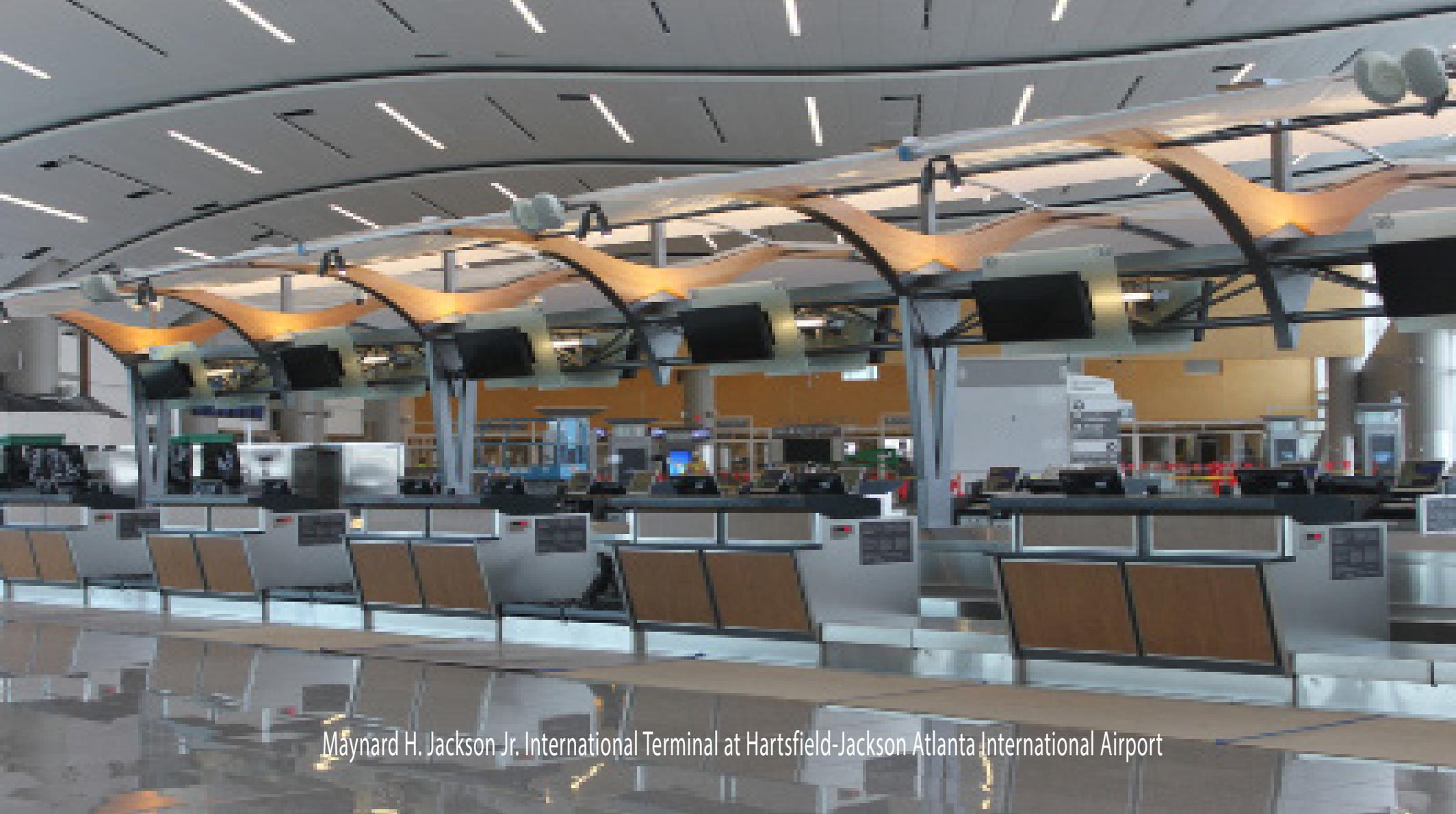


Andre Dickens
Chair

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS...continued

- Established a task force to educate all policing authorities within the City of Atlanta about the differences between the City's ordinance for the marijuana penalty for possession of less than an ounce and the State of Georgia's law.
- Authorized the mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Fulton County for the provision of unused drug disposal services.
- Created a new noise ordinance with more realistic provisions that are easily enforceable and understood by the public.
- Authorized a donation of \$80,000 to Common Courtesy, Inc. to provide inmates recently released from the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections with fuel-efficient rides.
- Prohibited the carrying of certain items that would threaten, intimidate, or provoke violence for the safety, health, and welfare of Atlanta residents.
- Extended the City's prohibition against the improper use of public places to include areas underneath bridges and controlled-access highway overpasses.

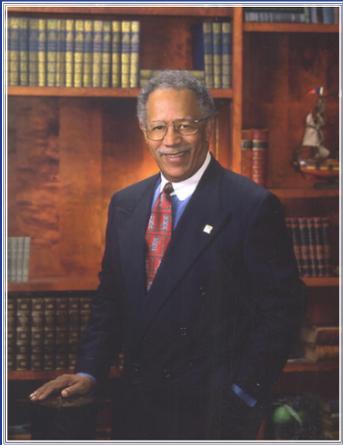




Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

FOCUSED ON FOSTERING ATLANTA'S
GLOBAL PROMINENCE IN AVIATION

Transportation Committee



Clarence T. Martin
Chair



The Transportation Committee recommends on matters pertaining to transportation, generally, including the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). One of its main functions is overseeing the Department of Aviation which operates Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport. The Transportation Committee also has purview over the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Traffic and Transportation, whose task it is to perform traffic studies, install traffic signage and traffic calming devices throughout the city, etc.

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Natalyn Archibong



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Authorized the removal of all references to Airport Shuttle Contract Services and established fees governing scheduled metro-area transit services to the airport.
- Authorized an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Atlanta, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID) for the transfer of ownership and assets of all Atlanta Streetcar operations to MARTA.
- Authorized an agreement between the City of Atlanta and MARTA to establish roles and responsibilities in the planning, design, and construction of a rapid-transit system within the city.
- Authorized a 10-year lease agreement with Atlanta Airport Shuttle Services, Inc.

- Authorized a 20-year airport use and license agreement with Cargo Carrier Airlines for cargo services at the airport.
- Authorized a 20-year ground lease agreement with Signature Flight Support Corporation for fixed-based operation development at the airport.
- Authorized a 30-year ground lease agreement with Green Energy and Development, Inc. for 30 acres of real estate in unincorporated Clayton County to develop sites for service improvement and economic growth.



The Promenade and fountain at Piedmont Park

COMMITTED TO ENHANCING
ATLANTA'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES



Natalyn Archibong
Chair

Community Development/ Human Services Committee



The Community Development/Human Services Committee recommends on matters relating to planning functions; comprehensive development and land use plans; housing related programs, housing code enforcement, community development, urban redevelopment and economic development; matters pertaining to parks, recreation and cultural affairs and job and manpower training.

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- Created the Stadiums Neighborhoods Trust Fund Committee to provide oversight on directing how a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Turner Field could be used for affordable housing, job training, and community-development initiatives in the impacted neighborhoods.
- Created a new Housing Commission with an 11-member body to help develop policy and implement recommendations on how to preserve, provide, and develop affordable housing stock/options for Atlanta residents.
- Amended the City Code of Ordinances to add provisions for disposal of surplus property under an established Affordable Housing Homesteading program to produce or rehabilitate owner-occupied housing units to be sold below market value.
- Authorized Invest Atlanta to issue Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2017 in an aggregate principal amount of \$26 million to finance capital costs and administrative expenses associated with providing supportive housing in the City of Atlanta.
- Recommended that Invest Atlanta appropriate a percentage of funding from Homeless Opportunity Revenue Bonds to prioritize housing intervention for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer population.
- Authorized creation of the Westside Community Improvement District (CID) with boundaries along the Ralph David Abernathy and White Street corridors. The CID will help generate revenue that will be used to enhance infrastructure, parks and recreation areas, and development within its boundaries.
- Accepted a grant from the Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) to fund four staff positions to administer the \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Grant previously awarded to the City of Atlanta and the AHA as co-applicant. The funding will support salaries, benefits, and other expenses associated with administering the grant.
- Authorized the development of 222 affordable-housing units at the Edgewood Court Apartments with 100% of the units designated for residents who earn less than 60% of the area's median income (AMI), completed as part of the City of Atlanta Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program.
- Adopted the Downtown Atlanta Master Plan, which covers the area by Northside Drive, North Avenue, Boulevard, and Interstate -20. The plan outlines the vision for future growth of the area including housing, commercial, transportation, parks/open space, and other infrastructure enhancements to make the downtown area a robust place to live, work, and play.



Natalyn Archibong
Chair

Community Development/ Human Services Committee



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS...continued

- Adopted the Buckhead REdeFined Plan, an update to the Buckhead Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan. The Buckhead REdeFined Plan offers an implementable framework for accommodating inevitable growth while maintaining the community's distinctive character.
- Adopted the Westside Land Use Framework Plan. The plan establishes the vision and creates a guide for the future development and land-use functions of the historic Westside neighborhoods of English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights, and Atlanta University Center.
- Renamed the Adamsville Recreation Center the Clarence "C.T." Martin Recreation Center" to honor Councilmember C.T. Martin.
- Approved an amendment to the City Charter to include the new section "Atlanta City Design," which will be based on goals for population and employment growth for the City in the context of regional projections provided for the Atlanta Regional Commission. These will help guide and develop future growth and development in the City of Atlanta.
- Authorized the City to enter into a contractual agreement with the Reeves Young Group to design and build the future Westside Park at Bellwood Quarry. At about 300 acres, the Westside Park is anticipated to be Atlanta's largest green space and is expected to include a collection of meadows, hiking and biking trails, and active-use areas such as baseball fields.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to add a new section requiring the City's Office of Housing to produce an annual report on the affordability of the City's housing stock.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to add new sections addressing the increasing use and volume of electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV), requiring that all residential occupancies as regulated by the International Residential Code provide electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure to accommodate the future installation of EVSE and establish guidelines for installing the infrastructure.
- Appropriated more than \$22 million in funding for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) approved in the 2017 Annual Action Plan. Funds will be allocated directly to organizations administering the projects.



City Utilities Committee



Alex Wan
Chair

The City Utilities Committee is responsible for the Departments of Watershed Management and Public Works (liquid waste and solid waste). This committee continues to make major policy decisions on wastewater and drinking water as a result of the Consent Decree and First Amended Consent Decree entered into 1998 and 1999, respectively, and storm water runoff. There is also some concern about the city's solid waste long term plans for dealing with the city's municipal waste. The Committee handles routine legislation such as abandoning and renaming of streets, water bill adjustments, sewer construction and connections, rights-of-way acquisitions, tie-back support systems, encroachment agreements, railroad crossing agreements, franchise agreements, street resurfacing and paving, sidewalk/curb construction and repair and other departmental needs. The Committee also makes recommendations on the nominees to be Commissioner of the departments of Public Works and Watershed Management, as well as to the People TV, Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Water and Sewer Appeal Boards. All of these issues and more were debated and decisions were made regarding each.

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- Authorized the creation of a small-cell antenna fee structure to support the expansion of wireless telecommunication services and to manage the third-party small-cell assets in the public right-of-way. The fee structure includes application, electrical permit, and placement fees. Funds generated will help offset the cost associated with the operation and maintenance of this process.
- Authorized the expenditure of \$135,000 for the Atlanta City Hall Green Roof Renovation Project.
- Authorized the creation of a 10-year memorandum of understanding between the Departments of Public Works and Watershed Management for the Green Infrastructure Strategic Action Plan. This plan encourages green-infrastructure inclusion in public capital projects overall and specifically in street projects and the roadway. Watershed Management will perform long-term maintenance of certain existing and proposed green infrastructure projects within the public right-of-way, while Public Works will perform regular litter removal.
- Authorized a contractual agreement for the Clear Creek West Sewer Improvements Project. This project consists of the design and construction of a 4 million-gallon underground concrete storage vault to help provide capacity relief for the Butler Street Trunk Combined Sewer and the Butler Street Relief Combined Sewer.
- Authorized a scrap-tire reduction reimbursement program agreement with the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the City of Atlanta Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission. The EPD agreed to reimburse the City of Atlanta up to \$12,000. This effort removed more than 3,000 scrap tires.
- Authorized amendment of the Code of Ordinances to increase compensation and provide flexibility in appointing members to the Water and Sewer Appeals Board. This independent board provides customers the ability to appeal water-billing decisions made by the Department of Watershed Management.
- Authorized amendment of the Code of Ordinances to clarify an updated provision in the City of Atlanta's Sustainable Development Design Standards for the design and maintenance of City-owned buildings. The updated guidelines ensure the City's commitment to sustainable, energy-efficient buildings by requiring new City buildings and renovations to receive a minimum of silver certification by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) national rating system.
- Adopted a vision of 100% clean-energy powering, including wind and solar power, to meet all electricity needs in the City of Atlanta by 2035. The City's Office of Sustainability will develop a plan to achieve 100% clean-energy goals for city operations by 2025 and community-wide by 2035.



INVESTING IN ATLANTA'S FUTURE



Proclamations & Commendations



THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESENTED MORE THAN 300 PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS TO CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017





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In the Community



City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms speaks during her annual District 11 Town Hall Meeting at Ben Hill United Methodist Church.



City Councilmember Carla Smith poses with volunteers and members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during her popular ecoDepot recycling event.



City Councilmember Yolanda Adrean and residents celebrate the completion of improvements to Memorial Park through the ReNew Atlanta Bond Program.



Remembering activist, former city councilmember and civil rights leader Hosea Williams. City Councilmember Kwanza Hall poses in front of a mural of the late Hosea Williams with artist Fabian Williams.



City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd speaks with Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Leon Stafford during a walking tour of the Atlanta BeltLine in District 12.



Food Desert, No More! City Councilmember Felicia Moore joins other city officials and the community in celebrating the grand opening a Pulix Food & Pharmacy off of Moores Mill.



City Council President Caesar Mitchell speaks with business leaders and entrepreneurs during the 2017 Back-to-Business Conference hosted in partnership with the Small Business Administration.



Atlanta City Councilmember Natalyn Archibong joins Trees Atlanta for a discussion on how the city can better preserve our tree canopy as more development comes to the heart of the city.



Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall and community members dedicate a city crosswalk in memory of Melissa Firestone, a longtime advocate for Atlanta's senior citizens and people with disabilities who passed away in April 2017. The crosswalk is on Linden Avenue in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward neighborhood.



City Councilmembers Kwanza Hall, Ivory Lee Young, Jr. and Cleta Winslow participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hard Rock Hotel in the shadow of Mercedes-Benz stadium.



City Councilmembers Michael Julian Bond, C.T. Martin, Cleta Winslow and Andre Dickens join Mayor Kasim Reed at the grand opening of the city employee wellness center located across from Atlanta City Hall.



City Councilmembers Cleta Winslow and Joyce Sheperd join members of LifeCycles Building Center of Greater Atlanta. The Environmental Protection Agency has allocated more than \$1 million to start the process of cleaning up brownfields throughout the state, among them the LifeCycles property in District 12.



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