



Atlanta City Council

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2014



Atlanta at a Glance

City of Atlanta Population: 456,000 Residents est. 2014

Metro Population: 5,626,000

Headquarters to international corporations such as Coca-Cola, Delta, SunTrust, CNN, United Parcel Service and Porsche North America.

For visitors attractions include The Shops Buckhead Atlanta, a shopping experience often referred to as “Beverly Hills of the East,” the Center for Civil and Human Rights, the College Football Hall of Fame and more!

Atlanta is also home to the world’s busiest passenger airport and several major universities and research scientific and medical institutions.

Major Industries: Financial services, Healthcare, Hospitality, Technology, Telecommunications, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities

Gross Metro Product: \$298.5 B

Median Household Income: \$57,062

Median Home Price: \$162,200

Unemployment: 5.9%

Job Growth (2014): 3.7%

Cost of Living: 1.7% below nat'l avg.

College Attainment: 35.2%

Net Migration (2014): 14,220



About our city... its past and future

Atlanta began in 1830s as a railroad terminus. More than century and a half later it's still a transportation hub, but with a 21st-century, global approach. The city-owned Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the busiest airport in the world with direct, nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations – 80 percent of those within a two-hour flight – and more than 75 international destinations in 50 countries. The airport has an economic impact of more than \$32.5 billion for the Atlanta metro-area economy and is responsible for 58,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout the area.

As the economic engine of the Southeast, Atlanta is home to several major Fortune 500 corporations, among them The Coca-Cola Company, CNN, Delta Air Lines, The Home Depot, SunTrust, and United Parcel Service.

The city leads the nation in attracting young, talented people because of its growing job market, quality of life, and

internationally renowned educational institutions, such as Emory University, the Atlanta University Center, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State University.

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Atlanta's dream of joining the ranks of the world's greatest cities came to fruition when it hosted the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The infrastructure investment that occurred during this time period fueled a decade of unparalleled growth in people, jobs, homes and endless opportunities.

Dear fellow constituents

I am pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2014 Atlanta City Council Annual Performance Report. I have been deeply impressed with the commitment and dedication of my 15 colleagues on the Council in providing the legislative leadership for the City of Atlanta.

The year 2014 had many highlights including the creation of an economic opportunity grant fund for the purpose of increasing business growth and job creation opportunities within the City; the authorization of the sale of Underground Atlanta to a real estate investment company with plans to build a mixed-use retail and housing development and much more.

The record of your City Council in 2014 is described in this report. That record touches on virtually every phase of life in this city. It addresses citizen concerns. It establishes long range policy for the city. It is a record, too, accomplished in the best tradition of the democratic process – fashioned in public meetings of the Council committees, public hearings to receive the views of citizens and on the floor of the Council Chamber during our deliberations.

In addition, as Council President I appointed – and received substantive reports from – numerous task forces and commissions that were charged with helping the Council improve various aspects of city government and service delivery. These bodies were composed of not only city government officials, but also citizens representing the many and varied parts of our community.

This Annual Performance Report presents major legislative accomplishments and an overview of policy considerations in FY 2014. It is a record of which we all can be proud.



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Sincerely,

Caesar C. Mitchell
President, Atlanta City Council

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Carla Smith
District 1



Kwanza Hall
District 2



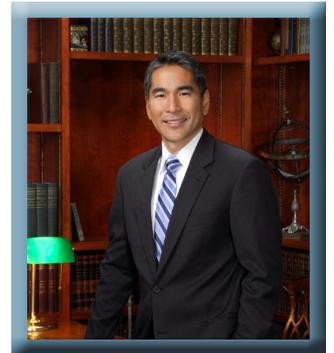
Ivory Lee Young, Jr.
District 3



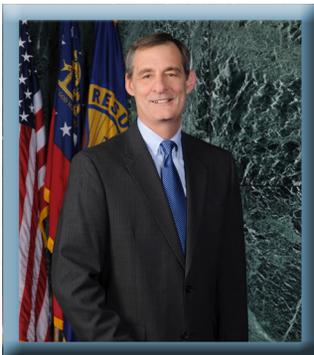
Clela Winslow
District 4



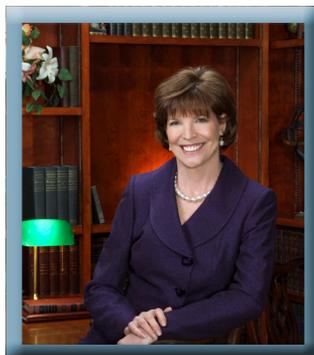
Natalyn Archibong
District 5



Alex Wan
District 6



Howard Shook
District 7

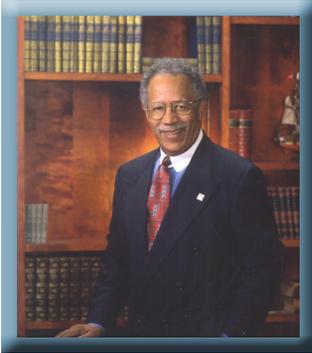


Yolanda Adrean
District 8



Felicia Moore
District 9

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C.T. Martin
District 10



Keisha Bottoms
District 11



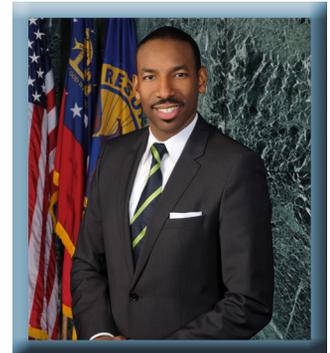
Joyce Sheperd
District 12



Michael Bond
Post 1 At-Large



Mary Norwood
Post 2 At-Large



Andre Dickens
Post 3 At-Large

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How your city council works

The Atlanta City Council makes the laws governing the City of Atlanta. It develops policies that serve as operational standards, and establishes the parameters for the administration of city government.

City Charter

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

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.

Ordinances and Resolutions

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 in the form of an ordinance. Ordinances must be read before 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.

Citizens have the opportunity to appear before a standing committee to 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.)

How your city council works...continued

The Legislative Process Legislation can be introduced on the floor of Council by a Councilmember as a personal paper, or 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, the full Council votes on it. 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 a mayoral veto with a two-thirds majority vote.

Atlanta City Council Representatives

The president of the City Council is elected from the city at-large (citywide). 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 various commit-

tees, 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.

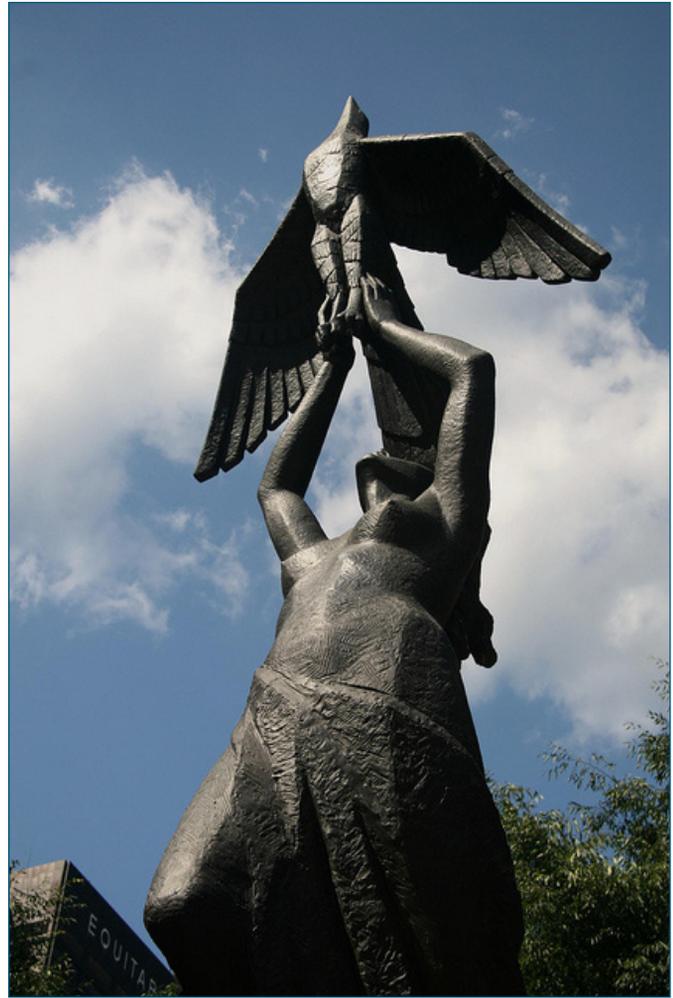
Councilmembers are elected to four-year terms commencing with the first Monday in January. The members of the Council elect a president pro-tempore each year to serve a one-year term beginning with the first meeting in January. The president pro tempore presides over the Council meetings in the president's absence.

Atlanta City Councilmembers are paid an annual salary of \$60,300. The Council president is paid \$62,000 annually. Salaries



The Mission of the Atlanta City Council

*Dedicated to Public
Service, Government
Oversight and Quality
Constituent Services*



Public Service

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 is led by Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell. 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 Council 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 voted on by the Council.

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.

2014 Standing Committees

City Utilities Committee

Natalyn Mosby Archibong - Chair
Ivory Lee Young, Jr. – Vice Chair
Yolanda Adrean
Andre Dickens
Joyce Sheperd
Howard Shook
Alex Wan

Briefing: Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Meeting: Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
Policy Analyst: Santana Kempson Wright.
Legislative Assistant: Fredrieca Cooper

Community Development/Human Resources

Andre Dickens- Chair
Ivory Lee Young, Jr. – Vice Chair
Michael Julian Bond
Keisha Lance Bottoms
Kwanza Hall
Joyce Sheperd
Cleta Winslow

Briefing: Tuesday 11:30 a.m.
Meeting: Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
Policy Analyst: Theo Pace
Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Griffin

Public Safety Committee

C.T. Martin - Chair
Keisha Lance Bottoms – Vice Chair
Yolanda Adrean
Michael Julian Bond
Kwanza Hall
Mary Norwood
Cleta Winslow

Briefing: Tuesday 2:00 p.m.
Meeting: Tuesday 3:00 p.m.
Policy Analyst: Santana Kempson Wright
Legislative Assistant: Fredrieca Cooper

Transportation Committee

Felicia A. Moore – Chair
C.T. Martin – Vice Chair
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
Andre Dickens
Mary Norwood
Carla Smith
Alex Wan

Briefing: Monday 10:30 a.m.
Meeting: Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
Policy Analyst: Bernard Thomas Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Griffin

Zoning Committee

Yolanda Adrean - Chair
Carla Smith – Vice Chair
Keisha Lance Bottoms
Kwanza Hall
Mary Norwood
Howard Shook
Ivory Lee Young, Jr.

Briefing: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Meeting: Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Policy Analyst: Theo Pace
Legislative Assistant: Angela Campbell

Finance / Executive Committee

Alex Wan - Chair
Howard Shook – Vice Chair
Yolanda Adrean
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
C.T. Martin
Felicia A. Moore
Carla Smith

Briefing: Monday 1:00 p.m.
Meeting: Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Policy Analyst: Dasheika M. Ruffin
Legislative Assistant: Angela Campbell
Legislative Assistant: Charlene Parker

Committee on Council

Mary Norwood - Chair
Joyce Sheperd – Vice Chair
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
Michael Julian Bond
C.T. Martin
Felicia Moore
Cleta Winslow

Briefing: Monday 9:00 a.m.
Meeting: Monday 11:15 a.m.
Policy Analyst: Bernard Thomas
Legislative Assistant: Fredrieca Cooper

Committee Chairs

Cesar C. Mitchell – Council President
Yolanda Adrean
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
Andre Dickens
C.T. Martin
Felicia A. Moore
Mary Norwood
Alex Wan
Meeting: Monday 9:30 a.m.





Areas of purview for each Atlanta City Council Standing Committee

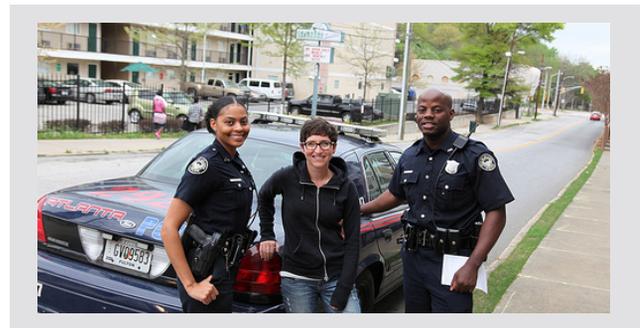
The Finance/Executive Committee recommends on matters pertaining to the budget and to transfers of appropriations; the administration of taxing ordinances and to public revenue; tax officials and collectors; the Department of Finance; the executive branch of government, specifically components in the 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.

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.

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.

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.

The Community Development/Human Resources Committee recommends on matters relating to 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.





The Zoning Committee recommends on matters relating to the zoning ordinance of the city; as well as land use in conjunction with the Community Development/Human Resources Committee. This committee is responsible for the Department of Planning and Community Development's Bureaus of Planning and Zoning. This Committee handles routine legislation such as transfer of ownership/development rights, site plan amendments, Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA), special use permits, text amendments, rezoning, and other departmental needs, as they relate to land use and subdivision of property issues. The committee also makes recommendations on the nominees to the Zoning Review Board and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.



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. The Committee also 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 the Commissioner of the Departments of Public Works and Watershed Management, as well as to the city's representative on the board of People TV, Keep Atlanta Beautiful and on the Water and Sewer Appeals Board.



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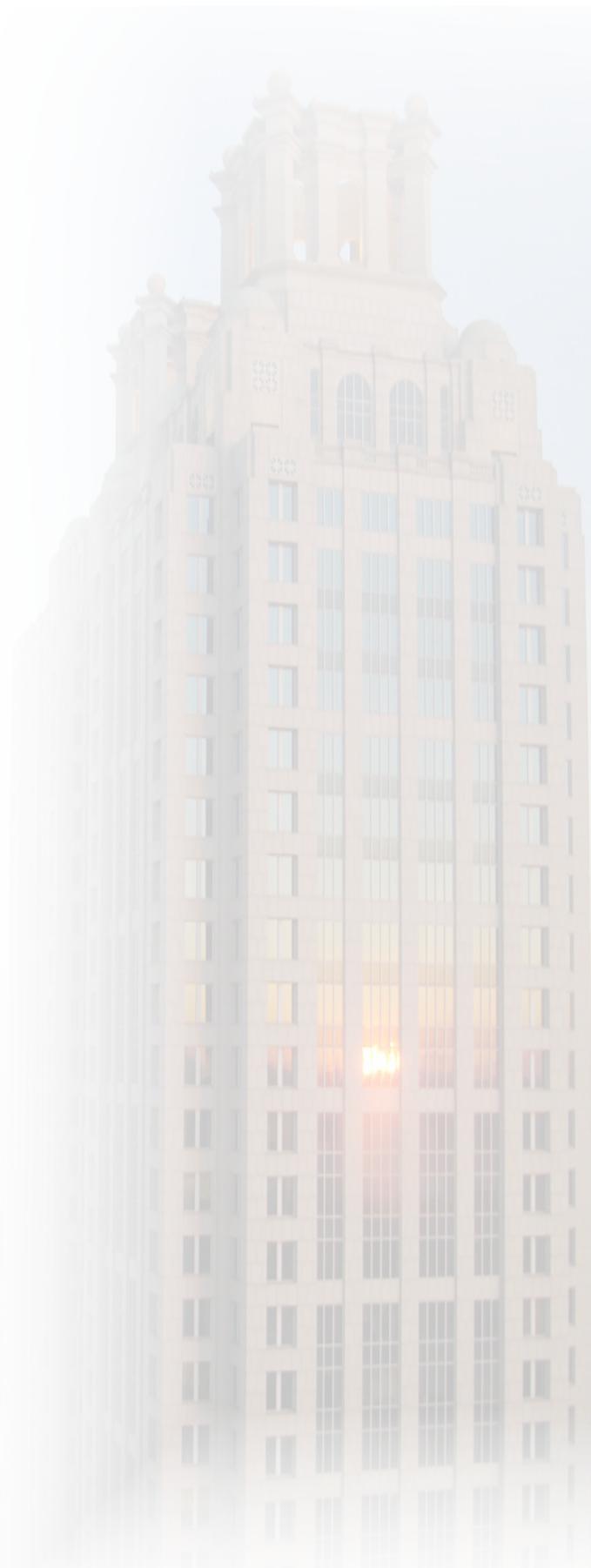


Finance Executive Committee Activity Report

- Created the City of Atlanta Center for Innovative Demonstration Projects, to provide an opportunity for start-up companies and entrepreneurs to use City lands, facilities, and properties to demonstrate and test their innovative products and services within the City limits. The partnerships between the City and the start-up companies will contribute to the acceleration of business growth, the development of innovative technologies and retention of entrepreneurs in the City of Atlanta.
- Created an economic opportunity grant fund for the purpose of increasing business growth and job creation opportunities within the City. As a result of the grant, the City negotiated a deal with WorldPay, a Sandy Springs financial technology company and a unit of the London-based WorldPay Group, to relocate its headquarters to the City of Atlanta. The WorldPay relocation deal will result in the creation of over 1000 new jobs. Additionally, WorldPay will invest \$9,600,000 in the relocation project.
- Authorized the sale of the property commonly known as "Underground Atlanta." Prior to the sale, Underground Atlanta was subject to a long-term sublease with a remaining term of 72 years. In efforts to move forward with plans to revitalize the downtown corridor, the City sold Underground Atlanta to a real estate investment company with plans to build a mixed-use retail and housing development. The sale will result in \$8,000,000 million annual cost savings for the City.
- Explored different options for building a new civic facility on city-owned property located adjacent from the Bellwood Quarry. The facility will be used for civic engagement, festivals and/or as an amphitheater.
- Issued and sold Bonds for the Perry-Bolton Tax Allocation District in the amount of \$35,000,000. The purpose of the bonds is to help attract taxable redevelopment opportunities and revitalization planning for the Perry-Bolton neighborhood in Northwest Atlanta.
- Streamlined the process for distributing donations from giving meters. Giving meters, which are located around the city, allow individuals to deposit pocket change to fund services for the homeless. The Council approved legislation that allowed the donations to be disbursed immediately to the Regional Commission on Homelessness instead of on an annual basis.
- Utilized proceeds from the City's Rental Motor Vehicle Tax and the Hotel/Motel Tax to fund the startup, operation and maintenance of the Atlanta Streetcar in order to establish a "free fare" promotional period starting December 30, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015.
- Authorized a cash payout of excess annual leave accumulations of \$1,219,730 to all city employees who would have lost annual leave for the time period of January 2013 through December 2013.
- Authorized the purchase of snow and ice removal to be utilized by the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation to prepare the City in the event of any severe weather occurrences.
- Received a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an amount of \$79,043.20 for citywide debris removal and assistance with disaster recovery efforts in connection with the severe winter storms that occurred in the City between the dates of February 10, 2014 through February 14, 2014. The grant did not require matching funds and resulted in cost savings to the City.
- Established the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials facility on property owned and operated by the Atlanta Department of Public Works, located at 1110 Hill Street, S.W. The center allows residents to drop off certain material typically not accepted by recycling centers, such as electronics, light bulbs and other household hazardous waste. The goal of the center is to empower the community to make positive and sustainable changes to the environment by recycling hazardous materials.
- Authorized the creation a state-of-the-art event and community space at the Atlanta Cyclorama Building, located at Zoo Atlanta, which will overlook the newly expanded African savanna elephant habitat. The construction of the event center will also result in the renovations to Zoo Atlanta's entryway plaza. Additionally, the Council authorized a license agreement with the Atlanta Historical Society, Inc., for the restoration, preservation, and exhibition of the Battle of Atlanta panorama painting.

Finance Executive Committee Activity Report

- Authorized the Mayor to seek an accounting from DeKalb County of all of the capital improvement proceeds the County has collected that is attributable to the geographical area of the City of Atlanta that is located within DeKalb County as a result of the passage of the 1997 Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) and pursue a new Intergovernmental Agreement to allow the City of Atlanta to receive proceeds from the HOST in the future.
- Approved the City's fiscal year 2015 General Fund Budget of \$567,000,000. The fiscal year 2015 budget highlights the City's commitment to continue funding public safety, economic development, and infrastructure improvements and highlights a boost to the City's cash reserves. The City Council achieved the balance budget without increasing taxes or any financial impact to the City of Atlanta residents.
- Authorized legislation which refunded \$877 million of bonds originally sold to finance capital improvement projects at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The bonds were refunded at a 4.003% effective interest rate. As a result of the issuance of the refunding bond, Hartsfield's credit rating for its general revenue bonds was upgraded from A1 to Aa3 illustrating Hartsfield's financial and operational strengths.
- Approved several pieces of legislation authorizing the issuance of Refunding Revenue Bonds, resulting in the refunding of prior issued General Obligation Bonds, City of Atlanta Airport Bonds and Park Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$972,500,000. The Refunding Revenue Bonds resulted in cost savings to the City and allowed the city to reinvest the bond proceeds in new infrastructure improvement projects.



Transportation Committee

Activity Report

- The appointment of Miguel A. Southwell as the new Aviation General Manager at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport was accepted and confirmed.
- A residential permit parking program was created for the north side of Huntington Road, N.E. between Peachtree Road, N.W. and the mid-block of the Huntington Arms Condominiums driveway, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 150 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances. A total of 14 parking spaces were permitted with nonresidents parking restrictions.
- In conjunction with the capital improvement program to facilitate the expansion and improvement of the airport, an ordinance was approved to appropriate amount of \$30,000,000 to provide funding for various projects at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport International Airport, most of which funded upgrades to the Automated People Mover Power Distribution System.
- Executed an amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement between the City of Atlanta, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), and Fulton and DeKalb Counties, in order to extend mass transit services into Clayton County.
- Legislation was approved accepting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,308,183 to repave Runway 8L/26R and portions of several other areas authorized at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- A Joint Task Order Fund in the amount of \$20,325,000 was approved for noise insulation program projects near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to remediate aircraft noise-sensitive structures to the owners of eligible properties by constructing noise-reducing improvements to such properties to reduce interior noise levels. Additional legislation was approved to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to add to anticipations and appropriations, Grant Funds in the amount of \$13,000,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Noise Mitigation Measures for Residences within an area known as 65-69 DNL".
- Legislation for \$10,000,000 was approved to provide funding for several capital improvement projects at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, including roof replacements resulting from damage caused by the hail storm in March of 2013.
- To lower airport operating costs through energy savings and reduce maintenance requirements, legislation was approved for \$15,929,313.79 to enhance airfield safety and provide a more uniform lighting appearance by replacing incandescent hold bars, touchdown, centerline and edge lights with LED Fixtures, and airfield guidance signs with LED Lamps.
- Legislation was approved authorizing funding for projects at the Airport in the amount of \$138,816,309.76. The projects included Terminal and Concourse Modernization, Airfield Repairs, Concourse F Modifications, Demolition of City South Hangar Building and East Ancillary Buildings, and various other projects and consulting.
- Legislation approved to authorize installation of traffic control signals, parking control devices, pedestrian signals, and other traffic control measures at various intersections along the 2.7 miles of the Atlanta Streetcar route.
- Legislation was approved for the addition of \$18,000,000 for the construction phase of the Southwest BeltLine Trail. This project is a vital component of the Atlanta BeltLine's 33-mile trail network. The Southwest Corridor Trail includes shared use trails, trailheads and access points for the future transit corridor.



Transportation Committee Activity Report

- Legislation was approved for a \$12,200,000 joint task order fund for the Aviation General Manager to use for various outstanding projects at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The projects include more roof replacements, skylight replacements, interior renovations, pedestrian safety projects and other miscellaneous improvement projects.
- Legislation was approved for a contract for \$18,384,965.76 for Quality Customer Service at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. This contractor will employ quality professionals to welcome and provide assistance to airport customers 365 days a year.



Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee Activity Report

- Received quarterly presentations/updates from the departments of Atlanta Fire Rescue, Atlanta Police and Corrections and from the Judicial Agency offices of the City Solicitor, Municipal Court and Public Defender.
- Received a comprehensive report and recommendation from the Atlanta Police Department on the feasibility of using body video cameras and whether such use by police officers can bring measurable benefits to relations between the police and civilians.
- Aided the Atlanta Police Department by authorizing the acceptance of sub-grant in the amount of \$49,200 from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to purchase specialized equipment. The equipment purchased is essential in supporting the ongoing efforts to protect the City from terrorist attack.
- Approved several ordinances awarding approximately \$5,400,000 to the Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Atlanta Police Department has been a recipient of the Atlanta HIDTA for over ten years.
- Authorized the grant award of \$36,951.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. These funds supported the Community Risk Reduction Section in the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department.
- Authorized the grant award of \$516,828 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. These funds supported the Fire Training and Fire Station Modification and Renovation Programs.
- Georgia Power donated a 2013 Nissan Leaf to the Atlanta Police Department through the Atlanta Police Foundation to be used as a patrol car on the Atlanta BeltLine. The Atlanta BeltLine's dedicated police unit, the PATH Force, identified the need for a smaller motorized vehicle to effectively maneuver and create minimal disruption to pedestrians, cyclist and traffic.
- Amended Section 3-1431 of the Code of Ordinances to authorize the addition of a 12th Downtown Food Vending Cart location. This food vending cart is located in the street furniture zone on Andrew Young International Boulevard.
- Authorized a grant in the amount of \$126,980 from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Municipal Court's Community Court Division. Approval of these funds assisted the Community Court Division in its nontraditional approach to work with criminal offenders who experienced addiction problems, mental illness, family dysfunction and who are homeless.
- Amended Chapters 30 and 150 of the Code of Ordinances to authorize food trucks to vend on streets of the City within Designated Food Truck Areas. This initiative not only provided an additional amenity for pedestrians, residents and vendors, but also provided economic development opportunities for small entrepreneurs in the City.
- Awarded contract to Bryson Constructors, Inc. to commence renovations to the West End's historic Fire Station No. 7. This southwest Atlanta station closed in 2008 as a result of budget cuts. At the time, it had served the city for 96 years – longer than any other station. Built in 1894, it is the oldest standing firehouse in Atlanta and was instrumental in the desegregation of the fire department. It wasn't until 1963 that the first African American firefighters were hired to work here.
- Amended the "Minimum Specifications to Abate Interior Requirements in Vacant Dwelling Units" requirement of the Atlanta Housing Code to authorize the use of steel-based boarding materials for cleaning and closing vacant structures when the property owner or responsible party fails to do so. Using steel-based boarding materials makes accessing the property more difficult and is more visually appealing in the community.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to give the Chief of Corrections the authority to use inmates to carry out orders from the In Rem Review Board or the Atlanta Municipal Court to clean and close vacant structures on private property when the property owners fail to do so within the time ordered by the board or court.
- Established the Code Enforcement Commission to review best practices to combat habitual violators of the Atlanta Housing Code. The commission, established for a period of twelve months, will present their final recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

Community Development/ Human Resources Committee Activity Report

- Conducted public hearings on Quarterly Comprehensive Development Plan Amendments, 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, Capital Improvement Program/Short-Term Work Session, and revisions to the City's Tree Ordinance.
- Several presentations were held to brief the committee on various subjects, which included quarterly updates from the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Planning and Community Development, and the Atlanta BeltLine, as well as presentations given by the Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Atlanta Housing Authority, Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update, Invest Atlanta Housing Strategy, Zoo Atlanta, the Municipal Market, Invest Atlanta Workforce Strategy Progress Update, Tree Conservation Commission, Urban Design Commission, Tree Canopy Study Report, McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority, and the Community Invest Fund Report.
- Assisted the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority in providing redevelopment services at Ft. McPherson. The local matching requirement to be made by the City and will continue for three years.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with CycleHop, LLC to install bike share infrastructure and operate the City's bike share program for a period of five years, with 500 bicycles to be supplied in the first year of operation.
- Authorized the Agreement between the City and the Pittsburgh Community Improvement Association in an amount not to exceed \$560,000.00, for the purpose of providing HOME-eligible affordable housing and other economic-related development activities in the Pittsburgh Community.
- Authorized the creation of the Airport West Community Improvement District (CID), located on the western edge of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, including along Virginia Avenue and Camp Creek Parkway, which allows businesses within the CID to fund transportation, infrastructure, and other projects. The CID is located within portions of the City of Atlanta, College Park, East Point, and unincorporated Fulton County.
- Removed prohibitions on fishing in various ponds and lakes in City parks, including Historic Fourth Ward Park and Dean Rusk Park.
- Accepted a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of conducting assessments at various Brownfield sites that may be contaminated with hazardous substances, including parcels located along the BeltLine corridor.
- Authorized the creation of the Little 5 Points Community Improvement District (CID), which allows businesses within the CID to pay additional taxes that would be used for transportation, infrastructure, and other projects within the CID.
- Authorized the first renewal option to the MOU between the city and the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta for programming at the Adamsville, Ben Hill, Pittman, and Thomasville Recreation Centers.
- Appropriated funding for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program approved in the 2014 Annual Action Plan. Funds will be allocated directly to organizations administering the projects and project administration.
- Named property, acquired from MARTA for development as a park, Ella Mae Wade Brayboy Park. Ms. Wade Brayboy was well known for her voter registration initiatives, and was one of Georgia's first black deputy voter registrars.
- Renamed West Lake Park to the Park at Joseph E. Boone and West Lake, the intersection in which the park is located. (Rev. Boone was a civil rights activist and organizer and prominent figure in the Atlanta University Center Community).
- Incorporated the Virginia-Highland Master Plan into the City's 2011 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The Master Plan would address traffic in the Monroe Drive corridor, promote alternative modes of transportation, and encourage healthy living through environmental sustainability.
- Adopted the 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Program and Community Work Program which the City must submit to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs annually for review, and makes the City eligible for various federal and state grants.

Community Development/ Human Resources Committee Activity Report

- Reimbursed the City for approximately 1,400 meals and snacks for students participating in after-school programming at the Centers of Hope locations, as part of the State of Georgia's Bright From the Start and Adult Care Food Programs.
- Created a joint committee between the Atlanta City Council and the Atlanta Public Schools to improve collaboration between the entities on matters such as shared use of assets, zoning/land use matters, and crime prevention.
- Submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the City's 2015 Annual Action Plan for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, which included funding of over \$22,000,000 for projects under the Community Development Block Grant Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program for 2015.



Zoning Committee Activity Report

- Amended various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to define and regulate urban/market gardens. Urban gardens are defined as "a lot, or any portion thereof, managed and maintained by a person or group of persons, for growing and harvesting, farming, community gardening, or any other use, which contributes to the production of agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural products for beautification, education, recreation, community or personal use, consumption, off-site sale, or off-site donation."
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to clarify accessory uses and structures on public school property operated by third parties with permission of the Atlanta Board of Education or the local public school authority and that are reasonably associated with public schools, such as youth sports, language, technology, and cultural activities, fundraising activities, etc.
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to create the "Historic Sears Roebuck & Co." Sign District to create sign regulations that established a uniform architectural and design standards for redevelopment, while preserving the historic characteristics of the building.
- Authorized the installation of public art at the Boulevard Tunnel. As part of the Boulevard Tunnel Initiative, local citizens have organized to clean and restore the underpass to make the path more accessible to residents of Cabbagetown, the Stacks/Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts, and Grant Park.
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to define the uses of electric charging and alternative fueling stations on private and public property throughout the City. According to R.L. Polk, an automotive data and marketing firm, 52% of all Electric Vehicles (EV) in the U.S. are purchased in 5 cities, including Atlanta. This amendment defines the various EV charging stations and the zoning districts where EV charging stations may be located.
- Zoned properties located in unincorporated DeKalb County in the corporate limits of the City to the R-4 Zoning District.
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to include the regulation of signs located inside of buildings and museum signature signs in Special Public Interest District 1 in Buckhead. The amendment requires building owners to obtain a sign permit in order to ensure that their signs conform with the zoning district's current regulations and function in a manner equivalent to signs that require a permit if they were placed on the outside of the building.
- Rezoned certain properties within the Collier Village in conjunction with the Collier Village Blueprints Plan. The plan recommended multi-family and commercially zoned parcels to correspond with Quality of Life Zoning Districts, and provided prohibited and regulated uses based on the zoning designation of the parcel such as automobile sales and regulated uses. This also included auto service stations and drive-thru facilities.
- Amended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Landmark District to ensure future redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Landmark District, and the preservation of those individual buildings of particular significance to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to create the West End/Lee Street Overlay Sign District to set minimum sign design standards in the defined boundaries along Lee Street, from West End Avenue to the north, and Campbellton Road to the south. This will improve the aesthetics of the historic West End Neighborhood, enhance pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and create a uniform look of signage along the store fronts of the district.

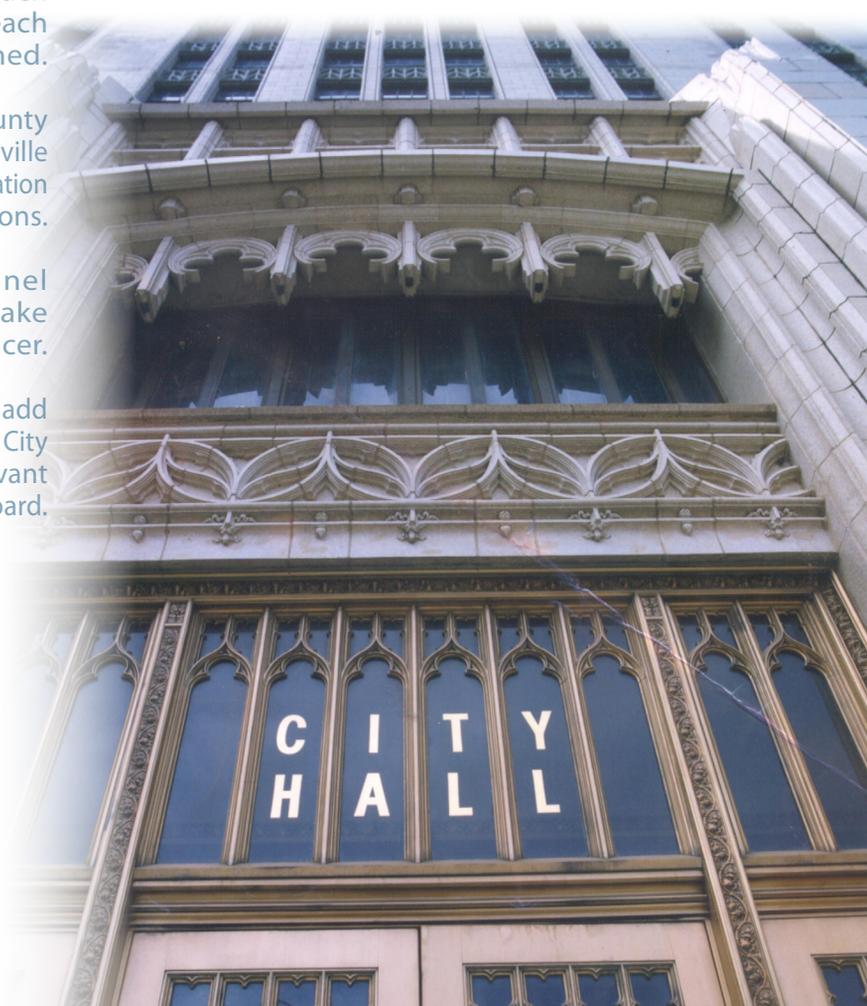


City Utilities Committee

- Received quarterly presentations/updates from the departments of Public Works and Watershed Management.
- Received Audit Reports from the City Auditor on the Department of Public Works: Solid Waste Safety Practices, Implementation of Audit Recommendations, and Office of Transportation Inventory Management and the Department of Watershed Management: Inventory Audit.
- Approved several ordinances awarding approximately \$33.8M for the Southeast Atlanta Green Infrastructure Initiative Project. This project includes the installation of permeable pavers in Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, and Summerhill. It will also provide green infrastructure improvements and assist in providing capacity relief to the Custer Avenue Combined Sewer Basin.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to rename the Clean City Commission to the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission and move it under the purview of the Department of Public Works. The duties of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission have been restated to incorporate development of proactive strategies to promote sustainable change with the goal of eliminating littering and the improper handling of solid waste as well as seeking to modify public attitudes and behavior while also serving as an education resource.
- Directed the Department of Watershed Management to hire an independent firm to conduct an audit of their current inventory at all facilities. This audit will establish an inventory baseline and assist the Department in complying with recommendations from the City Auditor's 'DWM Inventory Audit' report which aimed at strengthening inventory management controls.
- Authorized \$797,965 for Architectural, Engineering and Design Services for the conceptual design of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Corridor Improvement Project. This conceptual design will address the development of multi-modal and streetscape improvements along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from immediately west of Northside Drive to the western city limit on MLK. The design will create a boulevard atmosphere through the use of optimization, pedestrian amenities, and green infrastructure.
- Amended the Fiscal Year 2014 budget in the amount of \$777,224 to purchase mechanical street sweepers for the Public Works Street Cleaning Program.
- Amended the Fiscal Year 2014 budget in the amount of \$2,963,109.25 to accept a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation. This grant provides annual funding assistance for resurfacing streets throughout the City of Atlanta.
- Awarded Task Order Services on behalf of the Department of Public Works, totaling \$243,865 to develop a communication and website plan for the 2015 Renew Atlanta Infrastructure Bond Program.
- Authorized a right-of-way mowing and maintenance agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the upkeep of the I-75/85 Connector – Peachtree Gateway Bridges Project. Over \$5.3 million has been raised to support the design, engineering and construction improvements of these two bridges. Funding has been provided by the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, Midtown Alliance, GDOT Gateway Initiative, Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank and the Woodruff Foundation. Key design components of this project will include monumental arches, fencing, LED lighting fixtures and landscaping. The maintenance will include painting, graffiti, general trash removal, sidewalks and concrete barriers.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances to add the Bike Sharing Program as Section 138-62. The purpose was to enhance the public health, safety and welfare by the implementation of a self-service bicycle rental program. This citywide bike share program allows contractors that participate in the City's Self Service Bicycle Rental Program to utilize the City's infrastructure, including right-of-way, and install their bike share equipment/kiosks on City property.
- Amended the Fiscal Year 2014 budget in the amount of \$17,000,000 for the Nancy Creek Tunnel Assessment and Odor Control Project. This project will restore full design capacity of the Nancy Creek Tunnel to provide sustainable relief from sanitary sewer overflows and provide odor mitigation while protecting the reliability of the R. M. Clayton Water Reclamation Center to continue serving northwest Atlanta and northern DeKalb County.
- Entered into an Equipment Housing (Network Hut) Licensing Agreement with Google Fiber to allow licensing of City of Atlanta sites for the placement of structures that will house network equipment and fiber.

Committee on Council Activity Report

- Began renovation of council offices, council committee rooms, the clerk's office and other council space.
- Received, reviewed and recommended 52 individuals for appointment to 19 city boards and commissions.
- Approved a resolution to sunset and eliminate fourteen (14) boards, commission and other groups created by action of the Atlanta City Council that have either accomplished the purposes for which they were created and/or are obsolete. Inventoried and assessed city boards and commissions to determine which board and commission should be sunset. Assessed each board and commission to determine which Standing Committee had purview over each one.
- Approved a resolution directing the Municipal Clerk to send a certified letter to approximately 79 boards, commissions or authority's to appear and report to their committee of purview by the end of the 2014 year. The Council was desirous to hear from each Board, Commission, and Authority to know if each one had completed its original task as assigned.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections to use the Adamsville Recreation Center and Natatorium as an early voting location for the 2014 statewide primary and general elections.
- Approved an ordinance requiring personnel who work in the Department of Council to take ethics training administered by the Ethics Officer.
- Approved an ordinance amending the City Code to add the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) as a board that City Councilmembers shall not appear before. The relevant Code Section already contains the Zoning Review Board.
- Approved a resolution urging the United States Congress to add "a right-to-vote amendment" to the U.S. Constitution.
- Approved an ordinance to amend Section 2-49 Sub-Section (b) regarding city property assigned to Councilmembers offices. The legislation added language to the sub-section which holds Councilmembers vacating office, personally liable for any missing City property. The vacating member will be required to return the items or reimburse the city the replacement cost of the missing item(s).
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 2-39 by inserting a new subsection (e) to the City Code of Ordinances. The new sub-section places restrictions on the spending levels of incumbent Councilmembers during an election year. Also the legislation insures that a new councilmember will have at least fifty (50) percent of the annual district budget allocation remaining when such person assumes the office. The restriction does not apply to returning Councilmembers after election date or run-off date.



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