

Atlanta City Council



2016 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT



2014 - 2017
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL



About Atlanta

The City of Atlanta was founded in the 1830s as a railroad terminus. More than a century and a half later, the city is 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

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.



As we approached Fiscal Year 2016, the Atlanta City Council stood up to the task of facing new and bigger challenges with fresh, invigorating and solution-oriented ideas or it ran the risk of not being able to work progressively toward its mission of becoming the next great international city. Brave and bold city that we are, however, we were determined to face the future with confidence and wisdom, employing the best minds and strategies to deal proactively and innovatively with such issues as race relations, transportation, the environment, population growth, and infrastructure needs end affordable housing.

The leadership provided by the mayor and city council has been both visionary and pragmatic, and is at the forefront of the bold steps that are being taken to handle pressing issues and move the city forward. We have taken public policy challenges and turned them into opportunities to look at the best ways and means to serve the needs of our citizens. We are becoming a more participatory government and transparent which actively seeks the involvement of citizens and meets with communities, organizations and civic groups to get their input and thoughts about issues that affect them. In an effort remain an open government we have launched a new Atlanta City Council website that allows your elected officials members to post their budgetary expenditures online for public inspection.

Our intent has been to get ahead of the curve so that we can give appropriate and successful direction to the ushering in of a new day, and the establishment of more effective ways of doing business and managing the affairs of government on behalf of the residents of our city.

Atlanta's unique position in the southeast as the center for commerce and model for social change is the epitome of what is possible to achieve if public and private sectors work together for the common good. We are fast becoming a racially and culturally diverse, cosmopolitan city with a population that's growing by leaps and bounds.

Among our significant accomplishments, your governing body:

- Authorized the acceptance of a \$10 million grant for revitalization of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor. This grant will fund mobility, safety, and improvements on the 7.2 mile road that stretches from downtown Atlanta to the western limits of the city which will enhance access for the people who live, work and travel along the corridor.
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This annual report, required under the City of Atlanta City Code Section 2-133, subsection F, provides you with a list of significant legislation passed by the Atlanta City Council in an effort to attain its goals and address other matters of concern to citizens. The year 2016 was one of accomplishment and responsible leadership, and the members of the council worked long hours with due diligence at Atlanta City Hall and in their communities to make a difference in the lives of their constituents. We will continue to carry forward with our commitment of keeping Atlanta a vibrant, model city for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ceasar C. Mitchell".

Ceasar C. Mitchell
President, Atlanta City Council

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Carla Smith
District 1



Kwanza Hall
District 2



Ivory Lee Young, Jr.
District 3



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District 4



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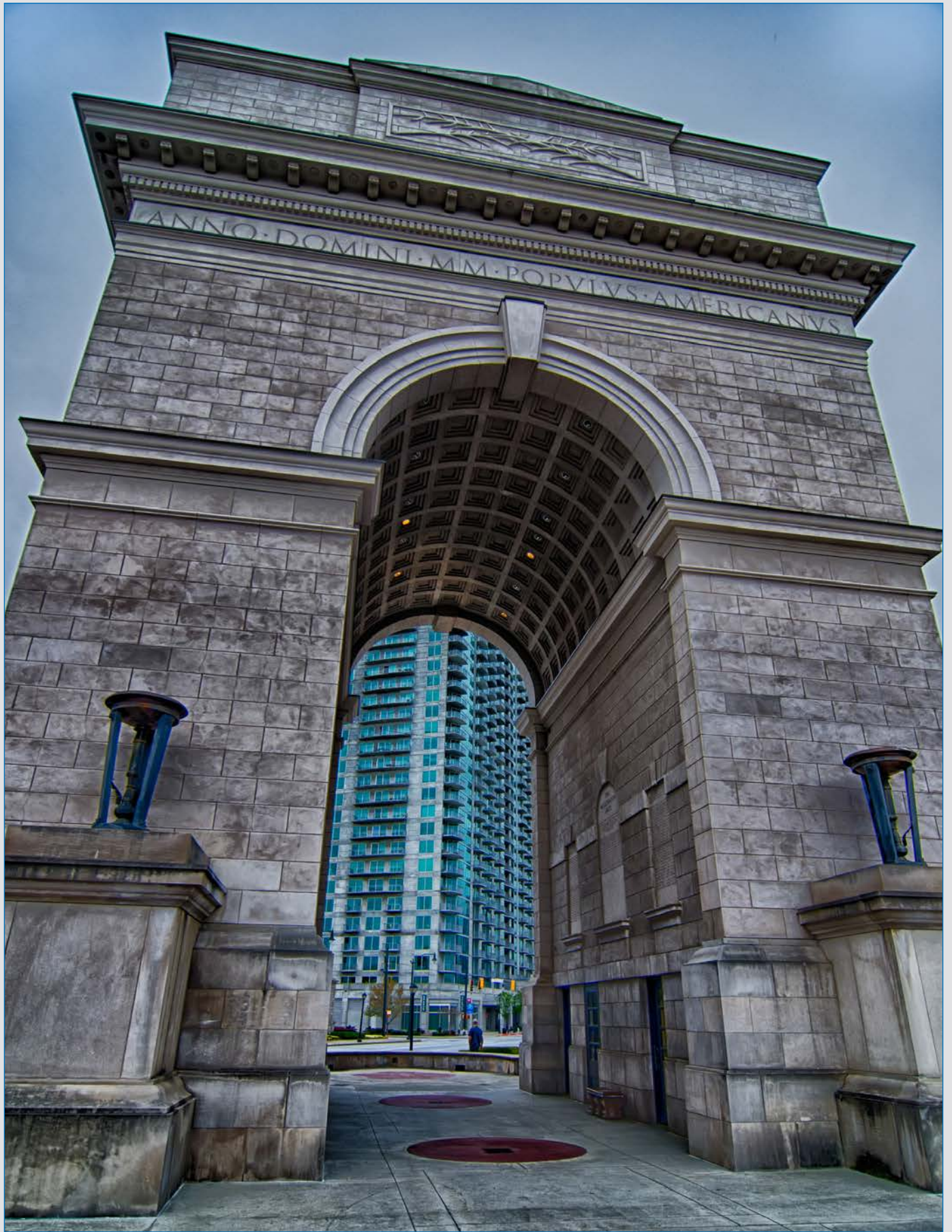
Mary Norwood
Post 2 At-Large



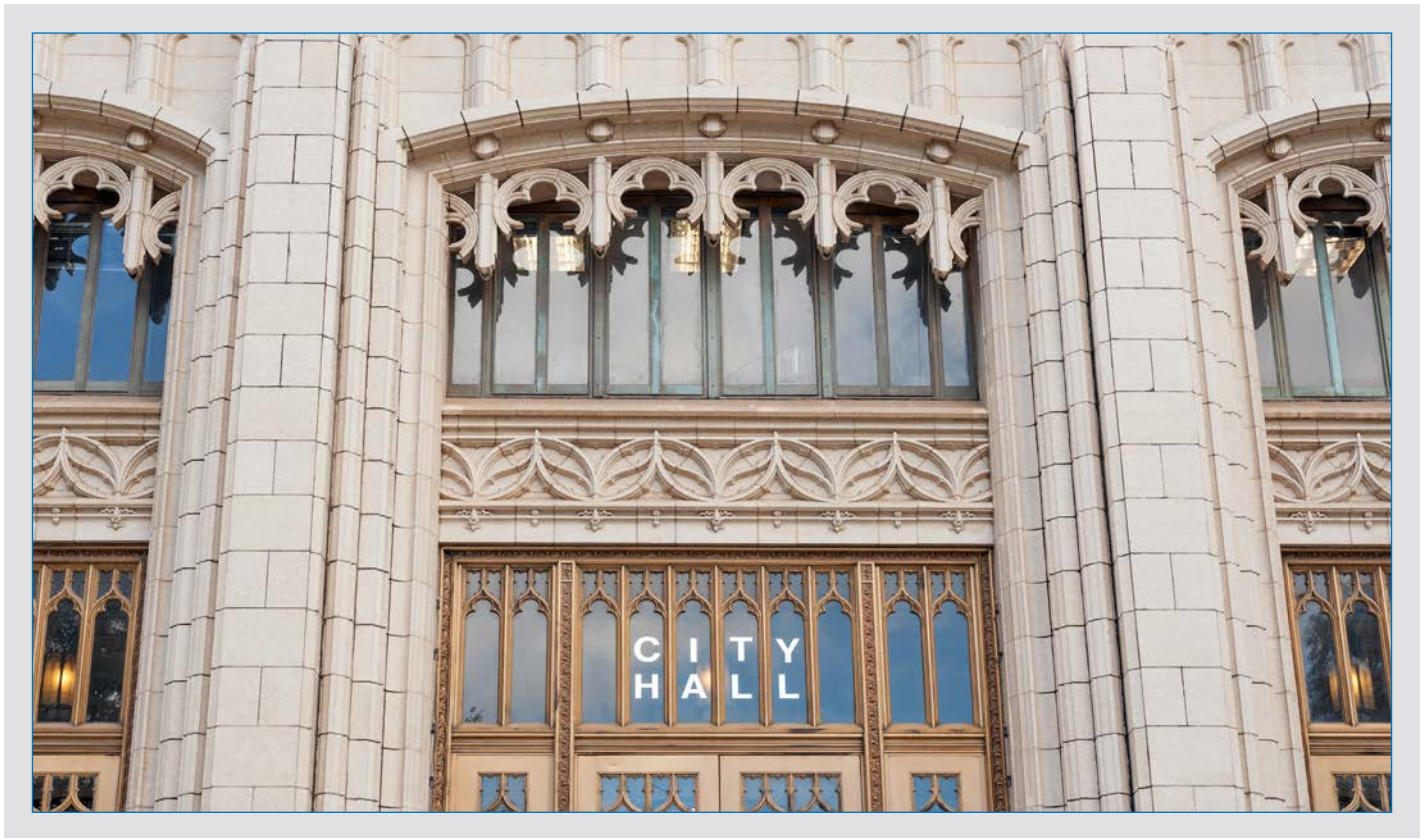
Andre Dickens
Post 3 At-Large

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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

The 1974 charter amendment resulted in many changes in Atlanta city government. Prior to its adoption, the legislative body was called the City of Atlanta Board of Aldermen, and each alderman was elected citywide.

The charter amendment 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.

A new city charter was enacted in 1996. This new charter reduced the representation of council from 18 to 12 districts and three at-large posts.

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 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. A resolution generally expresses the intent or support of various projects and enterprises, or establishes 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 (the entire city council body).

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.

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

After a paper has received a favorable recommendation from the committee, the full council takes a vote. The council may accept or reject the committee's recommendations. A majority vote is needed for adoption.

Once adopted by the council, the legislation 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.

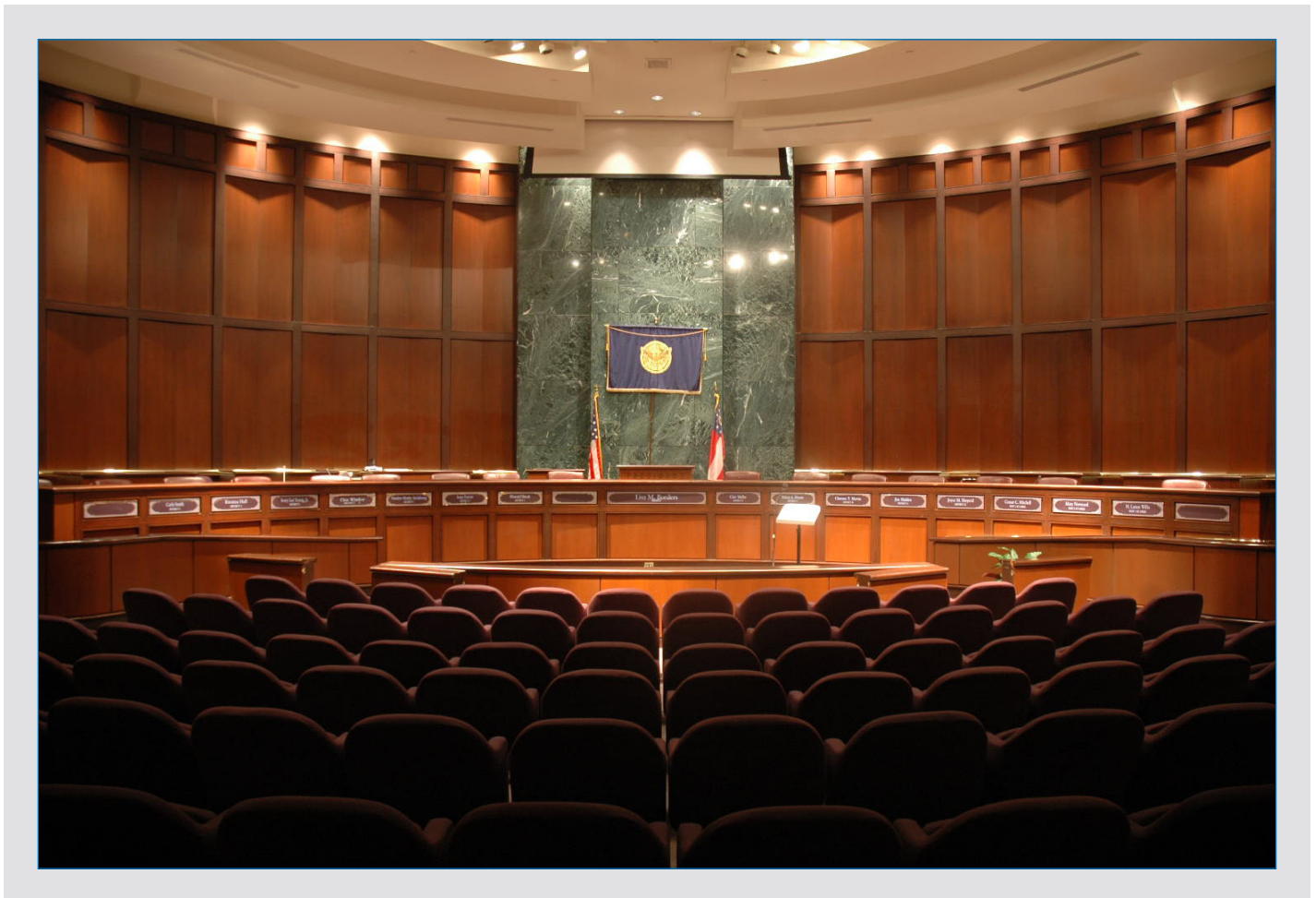
Atlanta City Council Representatives

The council president 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 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 Atlanta City Council President is paid an annual salary of \$62,000.

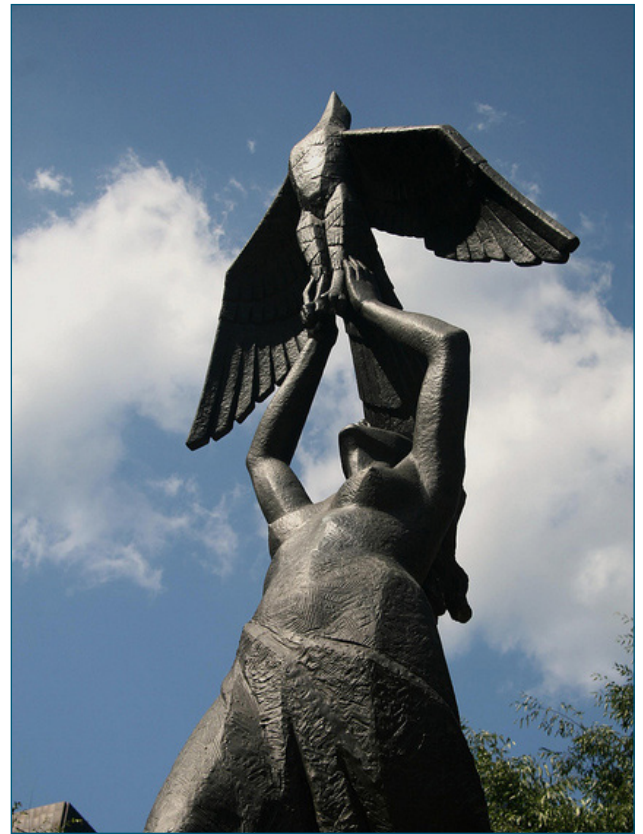


The Mission of the Atlanta City Council

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

Public Service

The Atlanta City Council is the chief policy making body for the City of Atlanta. The council's mission is to ensure that the City of Atlanta is led by a 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. 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 the city'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 the City 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 thoroughly 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 City of Atlanta residents. To contact your council representative, call us at (404) 330-6030.



2016 Atlanta City Council Standing Committees

Finance/Executive

Alex Wan, Chair
Yolanda Adrean
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
Andre Dickens
C.T. Martin
Felicia Moore
Howard Shook
Policy Analyst: Dasheika Ruffin
Legislative Assistants: Angela Campbell, Charlene Parker

Public Safety and Legal Administration

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Policy Analyst: Santana Kempson Wright
Legislative Assistant: David Johnson

Transportation

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Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Griffin

Zoning

Mary Norwood, Chair
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Howard Shook
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Ivory Lee Young Jr.
Alex Wan
Policy Analyst: Theo Pace
Legislative Assistant: Angela Campbell

City Utilities

Natalyn Mosby Archibong, Chair
Yolanda Adrean
Andre Dickens
Joyce Sheperd
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Committee on Council

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Community Development/ Human Services

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Policy Analyst: Theo Pace
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Committee Chairs

Cesar Mitchell - Council President
Yolanda Adrean
Natalyn Archibong
Andre Dickens
C.T. Martin
Felicia Moore
Mary Norwood
Alex Wan
Natalyn Mosby Archibong
Mary Norwood
Andre Dickens





Areas of Purview for the Atlanta City Council Standing Committees

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 Atlanta City 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 Services Committee recommends on matters relating to comprehensive development and land use plans; housing related programs, housing code enforcement, community development, urban redevelopment,





ment and economic development; matters pertaining to parks, recreation and job and manpower training.

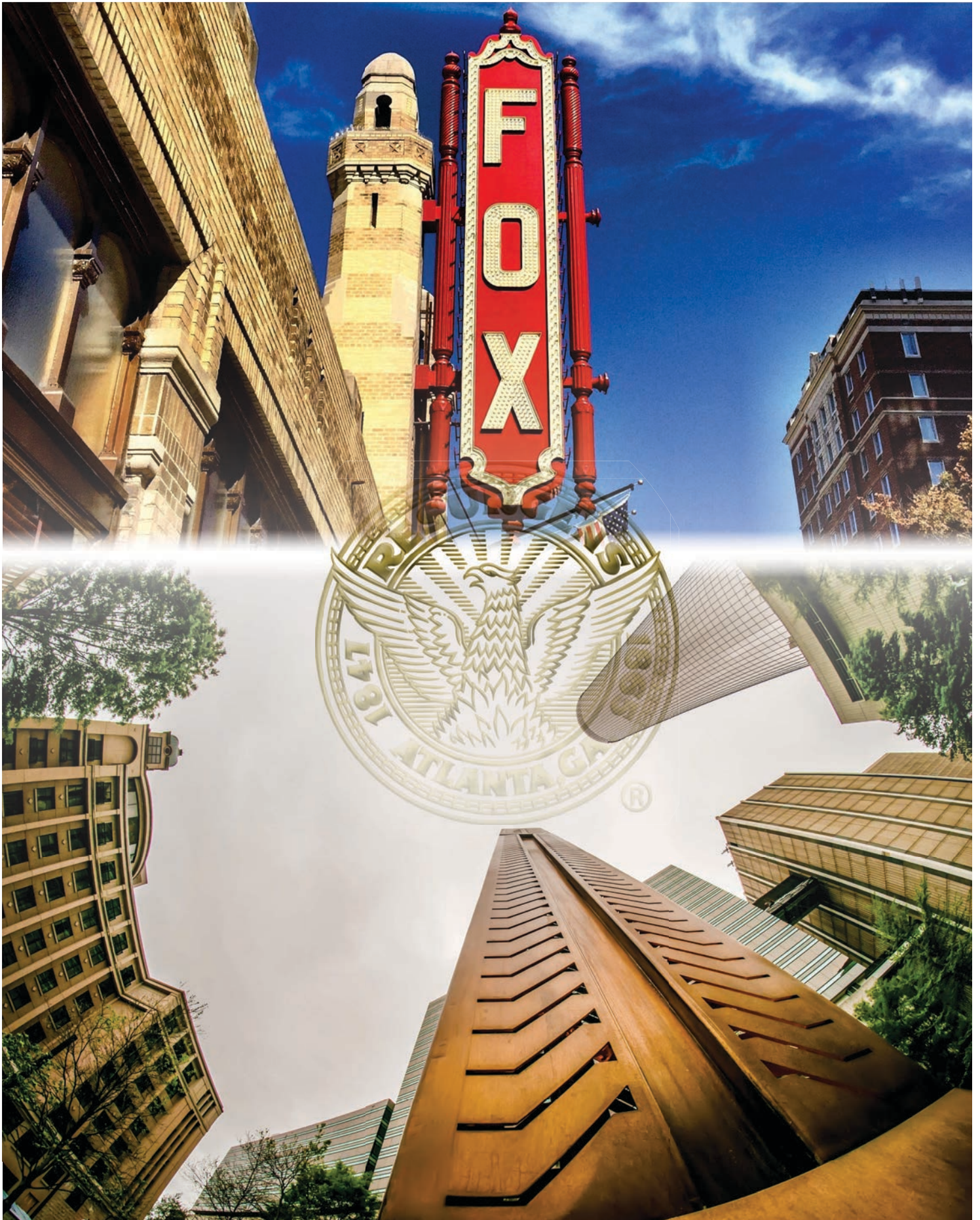
The City Utilities Committee is responsible for the Departments of Watershed Management and Public Works (liquid waste and solid waste). This committee continues to make major policy decisions on wastewater and drinking water as a result of the Consent Decree and First Amended Consent Decree entered 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.



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 Bureau 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, Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Amendments 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. All of these issues and more were debated and decisions were made regarding each.







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Finance/Executive Committee Activity Report



Alex Wan, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Approved an ordinance outlining the city's commitment to prioritizing investments in infrastructure, public safety and recreational facilities. Key investments include maintenance to improve the city's roads, bridges, sidewalks and upgrade critical public buildings and facilities as well as funding public safety personnel, resolving the Atlanta Public School and BeltLine funding dispute and provisions for citywide park maintenance and beautification. Ordinance 16-O-1149
- Approved an ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from United States Conference of Mayors. The organization makes the grant funding available to select cities that offer an innovative program combining English as a second language with financial literacy education. Ordinance 16-O-1045
- Authorized donations including two television sets to Meals on Wheels of Atlanta and two television sets to the Judge Arthur Kaplan Police Zone 2 Mini Precinct and Fire Station #38, 40 previously used computers to the Tuskegee Airman Global Academy and the Remarkable Youth Project and 12 previously used computers to the Baptist Towers Retirement Community. Ordinances 16-O-1005, 16-O-1142, 16-O-1409 and 16-O-1555
- Authorized the purchase of approximately 0.32 acres of land from private entities, expanding Enota Park in Council District 4. The property will be open to the public and be used as a basketball court and lawn and will include a direct trail connectivity to the Atlanta BeltLine's Westside Trail. Ordinances 16-O-1384 and 16-O-1385
- Approved the annexation of several properties and neighborhoods located in DeKalb County and South Fulton County into the corporate limits of the city and the boundaries of the Atlanta Public School System. The property owners sought to be annexed into the corporate city limits and will enjoy the same resources, services and benefits afforded to current City of Atlanta residents. Ordinances 16-O-1006, 16-O-1042, 16-O-1189, 16-O-1241, 16-O-1242, 16-O-1234, 16-O-1343, 16-O-1480, 16-O-1596, 16-O-1261, 16-O-1264, 16-O-1267, 16-O-1269 and 16-O-1271.
- Settled a funding and deed ownership dispute with the Atlanta Public School System regarding the BeltLine Property by executing an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Atlanta, Invest Atlanta, the Atlanta Public School System and the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Ordinances 16-O-1028 and 16-R-3389
- Created several Economic Opportunity Grant funds totaling \$1,550,000 for the purpose of increasing business growth and job creation opportunities within the City. Funding is available on a case by case basis for the acquisition or construction of land, buildings and equipment, infrastructure or leasehold improvements; parking subsidies, relocation costs, workforce training, etc through Invest Atlanta for businesses and nonprofits. Ordinances 16-O-1172, 16-O-1368, 16-O-1369, 16-O-1370 and 16-O-1562
- Allocated \$600,000 in funding to incentivized business attraction, retention and expansion along the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Corridor. The fund will be used to increase the capital available for business growth by investing in significant job creation opportunities in the City. Ordinance 16-O-1609
- Created an Economic Opportunity Grant fund in the amount of \$5,000,000 to be used to retain targeted high quality, job-creating companies throughout the City. Ordinance 16-O-1623

Finance/Executive Committee Activity Report



Alex Wan, Chair

- Authorized annual salary increases for senior patrol officers rank employees in the Atlanta Police Department, retroactive to July 1, 2015. The salary increases served as a corrective measure for the compression issue where there were small difference in pay between entry-level and high-ranking employees. Ordinance 16-O-1061
- Completed the sale of Turner Field to Georgia State University for \$30 million. The stadium will be retrofitted into a college football stadium for the college and the surrounding 67-acres will be developed into an extension of a downtown college campus. Ordinance 16-R-3455
- Combated a \$5.9 million deficiency in the City of Atlanta's E-911 Fund. In 2016, the City of Atlanta established a \$50.00 cap on the Public Safety Assessment Fee on residential parcels, which prohibits the City of Atlanta from assessing a fee in excess of \$50.00 per residential parcel. Ordinance 16-O-1141
- Authorized a land swap with the State of Georgia where the City of Atlanta conveyed its interest in 144 acres of land known as the Bobby Jones Golf Course and the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center and a half of an acre of an empty parcel of land where the World of Coke previously resided. Ordinances 16-O-1282 and 16-O-1283
- Authorized funding in excess of \$1,700,150.39 for the purchase of up to 192 security cameras and license plate readers throughout the City of Atlanta in efforts to reduce and prevent crime. Ordinances 16-O-1561, 16-O-1565, 16-O-1435 and 16-R-4256
- Updated the City Code relating to prohibition of discrimination in public accommodations, private employment and housing located within the City to add definitions of Gender identity, sex and sexual orientation. "Gender identity" is defined as a person's deeply felt sense of being a man, a woman, or a gender that does not fit within the male-female spectrum. Ordinance 16-O-1617
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2017 city budget, including both operational and enterprise funds, in the amount of \$2.02 billion. The general fund operating budget was \$607 million.
- Requested that the Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Human Resources conduct a feasibility study regarding increasing the minimum wage of all full-time city employees to \$15.00 per hour over a three year period. Ordinance 16-R-4103
- Authorized the purchased approximately 3.08 acres of land from private owners and entities, located on Lenox Road located in Council District 7. The property acquisitions enables the city to expand the existing plans for the park and will augment the construction of the PATH 400 to align the existing PATH with the new park to improve connectivity. Ordinances 16-O-1083 and 16-O-1084
- Authorized the issuance of 2016 Water and Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds for the repairs and improvements to the city's water infrastructure. The repairs and improvements are to ensure the city's drinking water remains in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency and to improve the quality of city's water supply. Ordinance 16-O-1486



Transportation Committee

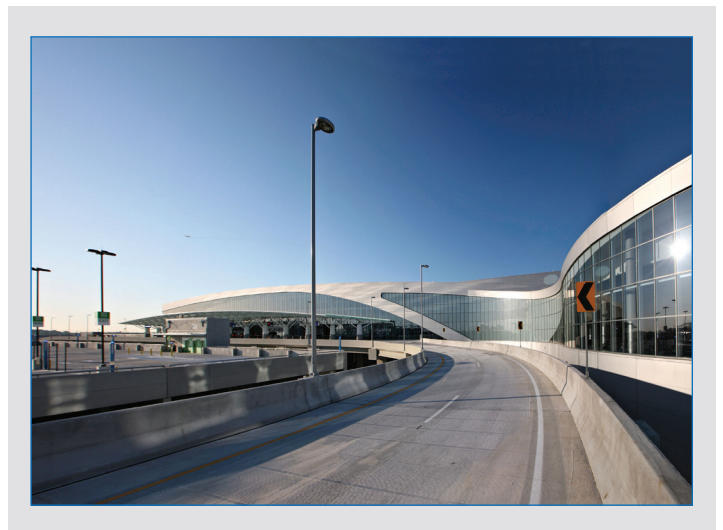
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SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION



Yolanda Adrean, Chair

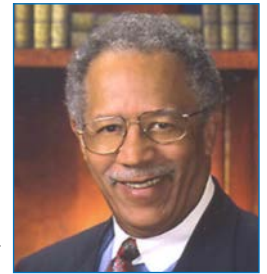
- Approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an airport use license agreement with four (4) new cargo carrier airlines for operations at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. They include: China Cargo Airlines, Ltd. ("China Cargo"), Turk Hava Yollari Anonim Otakligi ("Turkish"), C.A.L. Cargo Airlines, Ltd. ("C.A.L."), and AirBridgeCargo Airlines, LLC and Aircargo Americas (collectively known as "AirBridgeCargo"). Mayor Kasim Reed mandated that the Airport increase its cargo ranking from 13th to 5th nationally. In order to achieve this goal, Airport management began promoting Atlanta internationally and domestically at trade shows and through other cultural exchange programs. Resolution 16-R-3075
- Approved an ordinance supporting surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute to air quality improvements and provide traffic congestion relief. Ordinance 16-O-1022
- Approved city code amendments prohibiting and regulating certain bicycles, tricycles, unicycles skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, recreational scooters, motorized or electric carts, segways and hoverboards on airport property. Individuals with disabilities are exempt from the new rule. Ordinance 16-O-1131
- Authorized the 20-year airport use and lease agreement with Delta Air Lines. As part of the agreement, Delta committed to keeping its corporate headquarters in Atlanta through 2036. Also, the agreement sets in motion the Airport's \$6 billion capital improvement program. Resolution 16-R-3447
- Approved a resolution supporting the implementation of an additional half-penny sales tax for transit expansion and enhancements for MARTA. During the 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly, Senate Bill 369 was passed giving the City of Atlanta the option to consider an additional half-penny sales tax. Voters overwhelming approved the additional sales tax in November 2016. It will raise more than \$2 billion for transit expansion and enhancements. Resolution 16-R-3710
- Approved an ordinance allowing for rideshare services to pick up customers at Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. As of January 1, 2017 transportation providers are required to apply for an annual permit of \$50 per vehicle, ride-sharing vehicles (i.e. Uber and Lyft) and taxis will be subject to a seven-year age limit, all vehicles must display a decal while providing transportation services at the airport, and drivers must wait for customers in a designated ridesharing area. Ordinance 16-O-1468
- Authorized the acceptance of a \$10 million grant for revitalization of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor. This grant will fund mobility, safety, and improvements on the 7.2 mile road that stretches from downtown Atlanta to the western limits of the city which will enhance access for the people who live, work and travel along the corridor. Ordinance 16-O-1610
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with SP Plus-All N One Joint Venture for on-street parking management program services. The annual minimum guaranteed net revenue to the city is \$7 million. The new management company has committed to increase customer relations, implement a parking education plan, host community meetings and attend neighborhood planning unit meetings to answer questions from residents and business owners, provide clarity of parking signage and improve website functionality. Resolution 16-R-4361







Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee Activity Report



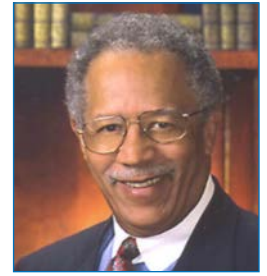
C.T. Martin, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Approved legislation requesting a briefing from the Atlanta Police Department (APD) on a plan of action and preventative measures regarding the spread of the Zika Virus Disease. This legislation requested that APD to submit a report on the Department's efforts to fight illegal tire dumping and all efforts to remove tires across the City within 30 calendar days of the adoption of this resolution. An update was provided to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee at their meeting on March 15, 2016. Resolution 16-R-3143
- Approved legislation authorizing a temporary intergovernmental agreement with the City of Cleveland, Ohio, for the provision of law enforcement services in preparation for, during and after the 2016 Republican National Convention. The City of Cleveland requested that the Atlanta Police Department provide additional law enforcement personnel and services to the City of Cleveland for the period of July 17, 2016 - July 22, 2016 (the dates of the Convention). The City of Cleveland reimbursed the city for all expenses related to the agreement (compensation, lodging, meals and travel). Resolution 16-R-3181
- Approved legislation broadening the jurisdiction of the Citizens Review Board (CRB) so as to allow for anonymous complaints. The CRB's primary goal is to review grievances of citizens who have complaints against any member of the Atlanta Police or Corrections Departments. This impartial body serves to help ensure the highest level of equality under the law for all people by providing a voice to citizens of the Atlanta community at large. Ordinance 16-O-1072
- Approved a communication recommending the appointment of the first transgender individual to the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. Communication 16-C-5119
- Approved legislation expressing the city council's support of the National League of Cities' efforts to support the Sentencing Reform and Correction Act of 2015 and the Second Chance Reauthorization Act and urged members of the United States Congress to adopt both bills into law. Both bills are designed to reform the U.S. Criminal Justice System by reducing penalties for non-violent drug offenses and reduce recidivism rates of offenders. The Sentencing Reform and Correction Act seeks to eliminate the three-strike mandatory life provisions, give judges greater discretion in sentencing low-level offenders, and targets violent criminals. Resolution 16-R-3194



Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee Activity Report



C.T. Martin, Chair

- Approved legislation authorizing a task order for architectural, engineering and design services for the construction of the Atlanta Police Department Zone 3 Precinct, located at 880 Cherokee Avenue; the proposed interim Public Safety Training Facilities for the Atlanta Police Department, the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, and the Department of Corrections, located at 786 Cleveland Avenue; and authorized a lease agreement for space for use as the Atlanta Police Department Zone 5 Precinct, located at 194 Fourteenth Street. Resolutions 16-R-3195, 16-R-3383 and 16-O-1586
- Approved legislation authorizing a renewal agreement for upgrades and maintenance for the Physical Security Information Management System (PSIM) which is the operating system for the Operation Shield Video Integration Center, the real time crime center and domain awareness system for the City which brings together video surveillance, data, sensors and alarms into one location that is monitored by Atlanta police officers. Resolution 16-R-4554
- Approved legislation authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city, the Atlanta Police Foundation, Inc., and the University Community Development Corporation, Inc., for the installation, maintenance and operation of security cameras in the city right-of-way, on streets adjoining the Atlanta University Center Campuses. The cameras are owned by the city and will be integrated with the city's surveillance system, so that the video feed may be monitored at the city's Video Integration Center. Ordinance 16-O-1109
- Approved legislation authorizing the city to accept a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway safety in the amount of \$230,698 for the support of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department's Child Car Safety Seat Program. The grant did not require matching funds. Ordinance 16-O-1603
- Approved legislation authorizing the city, on behalf of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$750,000. The grant went to support the Office of Immigrant Affairs initiatives to research and develop ways to reduce radicalization and increase a sense of belonging among all City of Atlanta residents by reducing instances of violent extremism. The grant required no local matching funds. Resolution 16-R-3452
- Approved three pieces of legislation allowing the city to accept grant funds for drug-trafficking enforcement. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy provides assistance to federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. In 2016, the city received a total of \$1,049,510 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Ordinances 16-O-1194, 16-O-1467 and 16-O-1602
- Approved three pieces of legislation allowing the city to accept Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) funds for terrorist prevention. GEMA provides support to aid Georgia cities' efforts to protect itself from terrorist attacks. The City received a total of \$223,700.00 in specialized tactical equipment for these efforts. Resolutions 16-R-3825, 16-R-3826 and 16-R-4553
- Approved legislation to require the issuance of a warning prior to the issuance of a failure to renew civil penalty for homeowners with fire/burglar alarms. After a warning has been issued, a civil fine of \$100 if the alarm owner continues to fail to renew their alarm permit. Ordinance 16-O-1520
- Approved a resolution authorized the city to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Fulton County for the creation of a joint City/County Gang Prevention Program and to provide funding for positions within this program. The Gang Prevention Program's main purpose is to respond to gang activity in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County. The program will include a Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator as well as a Community Resource Program Specialist who will be housed in the Fulton County District Attorney's office. Resolution 16-R-4748

Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee Activity Report



C.T. Martin, Chair

- Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and the Atlanta Police Department for the purpose of establishing a mutual framework governing the respective responsibilities of the participants for cooperation related to the training, advising and mentoring international law enforcement personnel and/or to provide assistance for anti-crime efforts overseas. The INL seeks to enter into an agreement with the City of Atlanta for Atlanta Police officers to provide training in Nigeria, to establish a U.S. trained group of Nigerian police investigators efficient in the proper recognition, documentation, and development of latent prints evidence. Resolution 16-R-1055
- Authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Program, a cornerstone federal crime-fighting program that enables communities to target resources to their most pressing local needs. In 2016, the city received a total of \$2,073,659 from the Byrne JAG Program for local crime fighting efforts. Ordinances 16-O-1055, 16-O-1643 and Resolution 16-R-3829



Community Development/ Human Resources Committee Activity Report



Andre Dickens, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Approved legislation to require mandatory affordable housing for publicly subsidized multi-family residential property. Ordinance 16-O-1163
- Approved legislation establishing a 10-person Commission for the purpose of assisting residents in the Washington Park neighborhood apply for local designation as a Historic District. The Washington Park neighborhood received its designation on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. The commission, made up of six appointees from the Washington Park neighborhood, and four non-voting members consisting of city staff, will work to submit an application to the Urban Design Commission for Washington Park's local historic designation that will allow the neighborhood to protect historic buildings, sites, and the cultural heritage of the neighborhood. Resolution 16-R-3004
- Approved legislation establishing the 17-member Proctor Creek Planning Commission for the purpose of advancing initiatives that will revitalize areas along the Proctor Creek Watershed. Organizations from APS, Atlanta Regional Commission, PATH Foundation, Proctor Creek Stewardship Council, Emerald Corridor, Trust for Public Land, and the Atlanta Housing Authority will work alongside city staff to promote green infrastructure, transit options, improved water quality, and a park system along the corridor. Resolution 16-R-3131
- Approved legislation authorizing the city to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for designation of a Promise Zone in the city. Promise Zones are high poverty communities where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, reduce violent crime, enhance public health and address other priorities identified by the community. Resolution 16-R-3133
- Approved legislation expressing the city's support of the Georgia Prospers Campaign which supports nondiscrimination policies in the state of Georgia. More than 170 businesses across the state of Georgia have signed the Georgia Prospers pledge including the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Falcons, the United Parcel Service, the Coca-Cola Company, Georgia Power, Delta Airlines, and SunTrust Bank. The City of Atlanta was the first municipality to pledge its support for the campaign. Resolution 16-R-3199
- Approved legislation requesting the Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct a feasibility study on the potential implementation of a midnight basketball league at recreation centers this summer for youth and young adults ages 16-24. Cities such as New Orleans, Macon, and Arlington, VA have instituted midnight basketball leagues as part of their youth crime prevention initiatives. Resolution 16-R-3272
- Approved legislation authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the city and the Atlanta Housing Authority for the purpose of providing 100 tenant-based housing vouchers to facilitate moving formerly homeless families from service-intensive supportive housing to tenant-based supportive housing with reduced support services. Ordinance 16-O-1143
- Approved legislation supporting the Metro Atlanta Host Committee's Bid for Super Bowls 53 (2019), 54 (2020), and 55 (2021). The Host Committee was made of the Atlanta Sports Council and representatives of the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Georgia World Congress Center Authority and the Atlanta Falcons. Atlanta will host the Super Bowl in 2019 after submitting a successful bid. Resolution 16-R-3521

Community Development/ Human Resources Committee Activity Report



Andre Dickens, Chair

- Authorized the transfer of \$50,000 from the Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund to the Atlanta Youth Commission to enable the commission to create initiatives and policies that are beneficial to the youth of the City of Atlanta. Ordinance 16-O-1403
- Approved legislation authorizing a one-year agreement with Truly Living Well (TLW) for the purpose of providing access to fresh, local, healthy food to Atlanta residents as part of the Office of Sustainability's Urban Agriculture Program. As part of this agreement, TLW will start and support at least one food co-op on the city's Westside to provide seasonal produce, distribute produce directly to at least three wholesale grocers on the Westside, and establish an on-farm market by spring 2017 to provide a source of healthy, locally grown food. Resolution 16-R-4461
- Approved legislation creating the Westside/Howell Mill Community Improvement District (CID), as authorized by the General Assembly in the Atlanta Community Improvement District Act. Seventy-seven property owners have consented to be included within the CID. Resolution 16-R-3715
- Approved legislation authorizing the city to enter into any necessary agreements with the University of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the Georgia Municipal Association for the purpose of participating in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing. The program helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-based housing and revitalization strategies through technical assistance, collaboration, training, and networking between entities. The three-year program of technical assistance and cross-community sharing, will allow teams to attend two retreats a year with other participating communities, identify issues and needs, available resources, and potential obstacles, develop new ideas about meeting local housing needs and enhancing community development. Resolution 16-R-4250





Zoning Committee

Activity Report



Mary Norwood, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Approved legislation that include check cashing services as a prohibited use within the Cascade Heights Neighborhood Commercial District. In addition, the ordinance also prohibits security materials such as burglar bars, steel gates, and steel-roll down doors or shutters on the exterior of a structure when visible from any public or private street. Ordinance 15-O-1412
- Authorized the installation of multiple pieces of public art at the above-referenced location, located near the intersection of Edgewood Avenue and Jackson Street at the former Keen-Edge Portable Electric Tool Company. Four artists are proposing to each install four murals along the front and western side of the building. Ordinance 16-O-1041
- Re-zoned the Loch Lomond Neighborhood to the Residential-3 Zoning category. Companion legislation also annexed the neighborhood into the corporate limits of the city of Atlanta. It was formerly a part of unincorporated Fulton County. The Loch Lomond Neighborhood is located off of New Hope Road in South Fulton County. Ordinance 16-O-1187
- Approved legislation re-zoning properties in and around Turner Field to the Mixed Residential and Commercial Designation. Turner Field has been officially sold to Georgia State University. The university along with the Carter, Oakwood Development and Healey Weatherholz joint venture, will begin moving forward to retrofit Turner Field into a football stadium for the school's football team and building a new baseball stadium. The development will also include a mix of housing, retail and academic space on the 68-acre site. Ordinance 16-O-1164
- Approved legislation re-zoning various properties along Ralph David Abernathy to allow for neighborhood commercial development. This implements recommendations from the West Lake MARTA Station Livable Communities Initiative, the Westview Master Plan and the Atlanta BeltLine Master Plan. Ordinance 16-O-1280
- Granted a special use permit for dormitories and hotels for parcels located around Turner Field. Ordinance 16-O-1174
- Requested the Department of Planning & Community Development to proceed with implementation of the quick fix recommendations provided by the zoning assessment team. The City of Atlanta is in the process of rewriting its zoning code of ordinances. Once quick fixes to the current zoning code has been established, they will be provided to all members of city council and made available for the public's review and/or comment. Resolution 16-R-4039
- Authorized a special procurement agreement with Tunnell-Spangler & Walsh (TSW) to provide zoning amendment services, on behalf of the city. This agreement will allow TSW to address the quick fixes identified in the initial zoning code assessment by the city's zoning assessment team. TSW is an award-winning, full-service planning, architecture, and landscape architecture firm. TSW works throughout the Southeast on projects ranging from downtown planning studies to mixed-use developments to streetscape projects. Resolution 16-R-4457
- Authorized the installation of public art, entitled High Roller, at 98 Broad Street. The authorization was provided to the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs which annually exhibits public artwork and offers performance, educational opportunities and cultural experiences, free to the public in south downtown. Ordinance 16-O-1508
- Authorized a certificate under the Metropolitan River Protection Act for the construction of a warehouse distribution center, located at 1100 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, laying the groundwork for a massive United Parcel Service (UPS) campus that will involve more than 2 million square feet facility on more than 340 acres of land. UPS intends to invest \$400 million in a new regional package sorting hub on the west side of Atlanta, making the operation the third largest processing facility in the company's U.S. network. The project will create 1,250 new jobs. Ordinance 16-O-1553

City Utilities Committee

Activity Report



Natalyn Archibong, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Authorized grant funding received in the amount of \$387,747 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the Proctor Creek Watershed Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project located at Joseph E. Boone Boulevard. The implementation of this project provides capacity relief to the combined sewer system (North Avenue combined sewer overflows), groundwater recharge, reduction of flood volumes, reduction of the urban heat island effect due to the surrounding pavement, and aesthetic enhancement of the Joseph E. Boone Boulevard corridor. Ordinance 16-O-1123
- In a joint effort with the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission (AFCWRC), the Atlanta-Fulton County Treatment Plant was renamed the Tom Lowe Atlanta-Fulton County Water Treatment Plant. Thomas "Tom" Marvel Lowe, Jr., the longest serving member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, was a member of the original AFCWRC. He worked to foster cooperation between the City of Atlanta and Fulton County to create a regional water treatment plant owned and operated through a joint venture of the two governments. His tireless efforts and commitments helped facilitate the vision of the regional water treatment facility which became operational in 1991. The facility ensures an adequate water supply for a growing population in north Atlanta and north Fulton for years to come. Tom Lowe died in March 2015. Resolution 16-R-3255
- Authorized the acceptance of 50 cigarette recycling bins from the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID) valued at \$2,834 for the Department of Public Works to install at various right-of-way locations throughout Downtown Atlanta. ADID will maintain the bins at no cost to the city. Ordinance 16-R-3840
- Authorized a Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPA) on behalf of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission. The EPD agreed to reimburse the City of Atlanta up to \$12,000 to assist the city in removing more than 3,000 abandoned tires and other debris that proliferated property owned by the Bethursday Development Corporation along the CSX Right of Way (Fox & Julian Streets to Donald L. Hollowell Parkway). The site was a location for illegal dumping regardless of the corporation's efforts to curtail the activity. Ordinance 16-R-4108
- Authorized the renaming of: 1) Mitchell Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (MLK Jr. Drive) and Walnut Street, S.W.; 2) Tatnall Street SW between MLK Jr. Drive, N.W. and Walnut Street, S.W. to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; and 3) MLK Jr. Drive between Northside Drive, N.W. and Tatnall Street, S.W. to North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to improve the continuity of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The city held over 50 community benefits meetings to provide an opportunity for individual and constituent group input concerning improving the quality of life in Vine City, English Avenue and Castleberry Hills. During the meetings, the citizens of the affected neighborhoods stated the construction of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium restricted their access to MLK Jr. Drive. The renaming merged the disjointed street segments and street names into one contiguous street. Ordinance 16-O-1504
- Amended Chapter 130 (Solid Waste Management) of the Code of Ordinances by replacing the previously outdated penalty structure for illegal dumping and other solid waste violations with the general penalty and fine structure which allows for generally applicable fines not to exceed \$1,000. This amendment allows the Atlanta Municipal Court to impose fines befitting the violation without being restrained by the prior classification system. Ordinance 16-O-1382

City Utilities Committee

Activity Report



Natalyn Archibong, Chair

- Accepted \$2,856,950 from the State of Georgia for the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. This program provides assistance to local government to perform improvements to their roadway network. The city matched an additional \$1,380,000. These funds allow for street resurfacing projects throughout the City of Atlanta. Ordinance 16-O-1259, and Resolutions 16-R-3714 and 16-R-4576
- Authorized \$12.5 million for the Municipal Options Sales Tax (MOST) Stormwater Program. Funding allocations included much needed shovel ready projects in Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, and 11 as well as 39 smaller stormwater projects across the entire city as well as supplied funding for the Proctor Creek Greenway Project planned greenway trail. Ordinance 16-O-1514
- Requested the Department of Public Works purchase and install nine trash receptacles for use in various neighborhoods in southwest Atlanta. Locations include: Sylvan Hills, Hammond Park, Beecher-Donnelly, Westwood, Mozley Park, Westview, Capital View Manor, Oakland City and Capital View. Ordinance 16-O-1614
- Authorized grant funding received in the amount of \$8.4 million from the Georgia Department of Transportation for construction activities for the second phase of the Spring Street Bridge Viaduct Project. Due to structural deterioration, the bridge is slated to be demolished and rebuilt. Ordinance 16-O-1626
- Authorized a task order for professional services to supplement the Department of Public Works staff with input on best practices for project controls, project management and construction management oversight services for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Innovation Corridor Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$1,223,806. This project spans approximately 7.2 miles from Northside Drive to Fulton Industrial Boulevard and includes a combination of federal, state and local funding. The project will address vehicular and pedestrian safety concerns, provide additional pedestrian and bicycle access through the implementation of new multi-use trails, and introduce a new linear park along the corridor. It will also include raised landscape medians, pedestrian crossing islands, repaired sidewalks, a new two-way cycle track, and Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades. There will also be traffic signal improvements, upgraded signs and markings along with lighting improvements along the road. The goal is to transform MLK Jr. Drive to a pedestrian friendly corridor with improved access to the Atlanta BeltLine and MARTA bus service. Resolution 16-R-4577



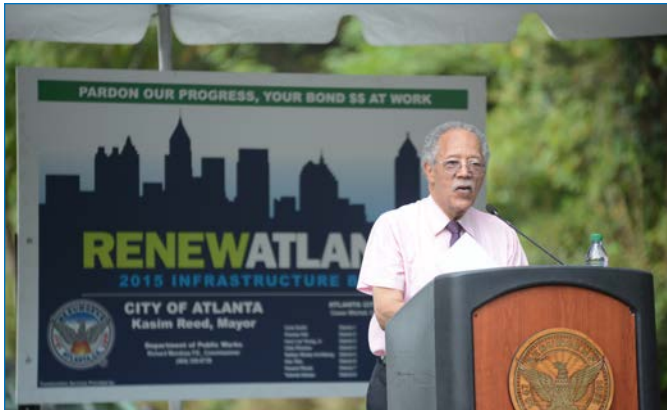


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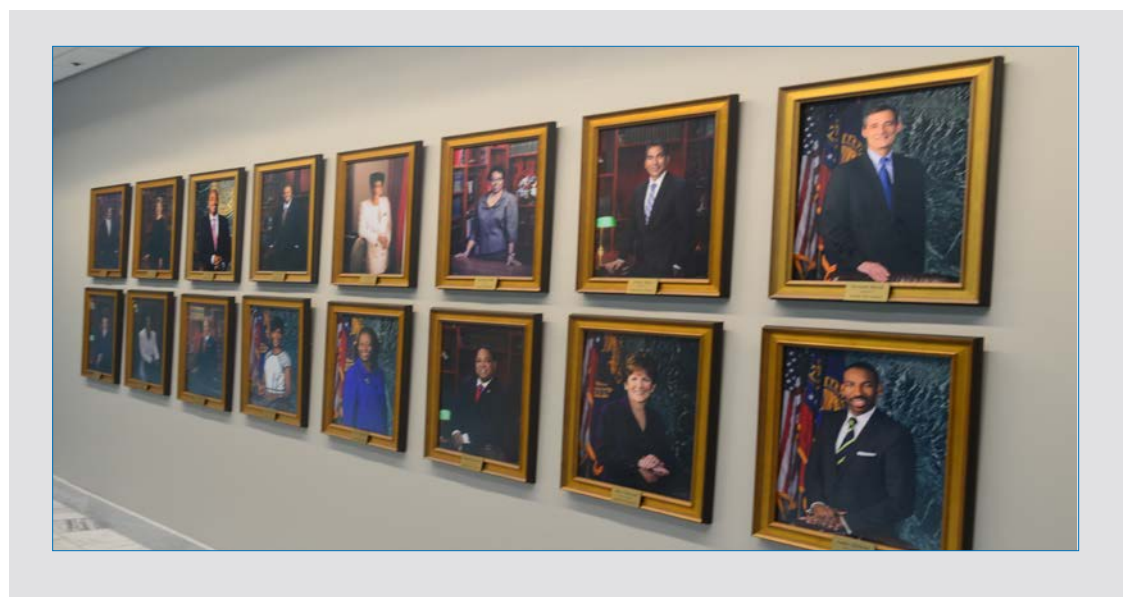
Committee on Council Activity



Felicia Moore, Chair

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- Recommended to full council the appointment of Ms. Kanika Greenlee as Executive Director of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission. Communication 16-C-5009
- Accepted the city audit committee's report on the completeness and accuracy of financial disclosures which requires officials and certain employees to disclose income and financial interests annually. The audit recommended revisions to the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances regarding who should file a disclosure and to update the e-file system to strengthen input controls. Communication 16-C-5081
- Amended Section 2-814 of the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances relating to Disclosure of Income and Financial Interest to require additional individuals to file annual disclosure statements. Ordinance 16-O-1405
- Recommended to full council the appointment of Ms. Kishia L. Powell as Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management for the City of Atlanta. Communication 16-C-5099
- Recommended to full council the appointment of the first transgender individual to the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. Communication 16-C-5119
- Accepted the report of the City of Atlanta's 2014-2017 Term of Office Elected Officials Compensation Commission which recommended that the salaries of all City of Atlanta elected officials remain the same for the 2018 thru 2021 term of office. Resolution 16-R-4568
- Amended the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances to update the jurisdictions of the city council's standing committees to ensure that the issues and legislation that these committees are considering are more in line with their areas of purview. Ordinance 16-O-1650
- Amended the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances to require that all legislation introduced meets minimum standards of required information so that the public is able to review and understand the purpose of the legislation. Ordinance 16-O-1660



Proclamations and Commendations

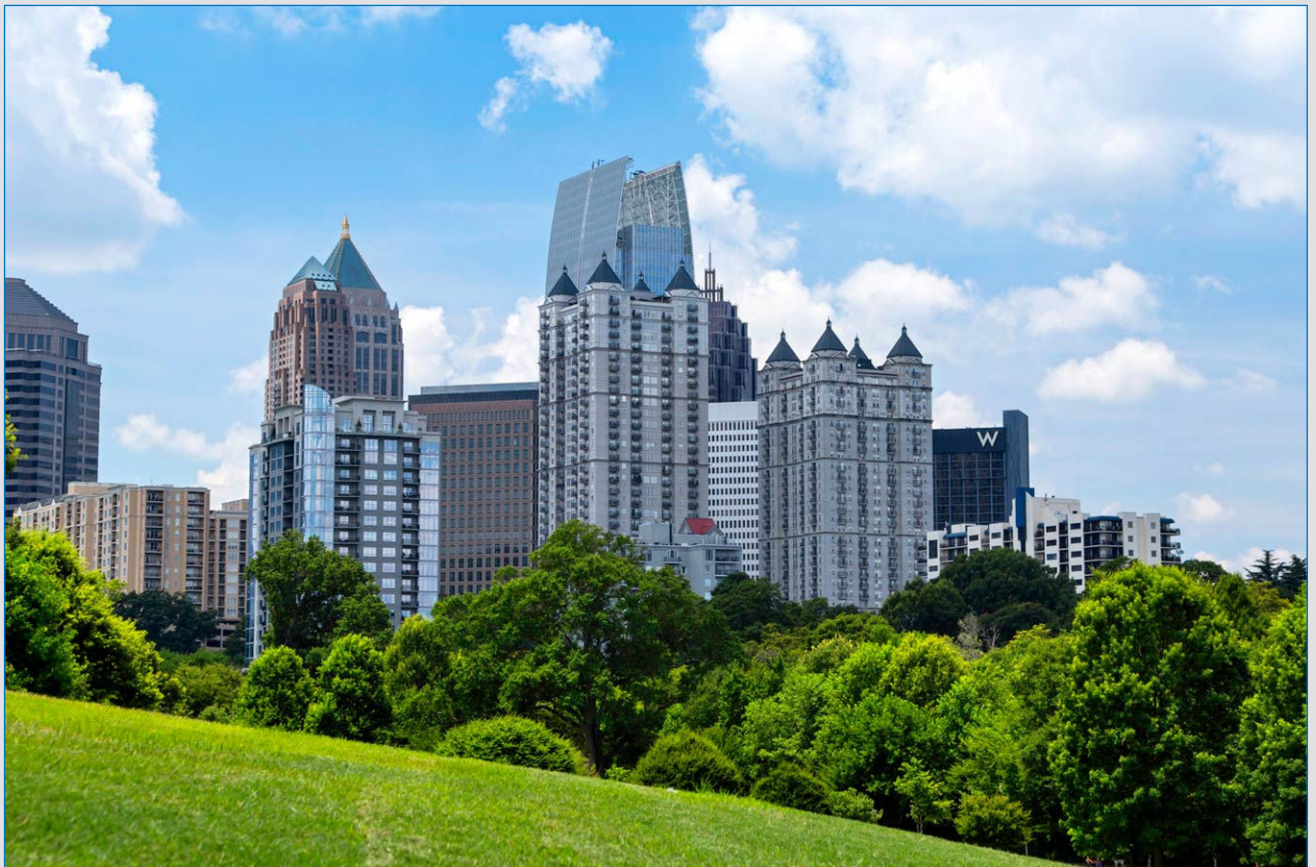


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