

2019

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT





In accordance with **City Code Section Sec. 2-133 (h)**, the Atlanta City Council Office of Communications in collaboration with the Atlanta City Council Office of Research and Policy Analysis is charged with producing an annual report on the activities of City Council committees during the preceding year.

This report includes a brief synopsis of all major legislative business transacted by each standing committee.





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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

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Greetings:

On behalf of the Atlanta City Council, I would like to thank the citizens of Atlanta for your engagement and continued interest in the vitality of this great city. We are proud to serve as your legislative arm, working to ensure our collective progress. Though the process is sometimes challenging, your support and constructive critique is more impactful than you may realize.

During 2019, Council addressed many important and often delicate matters. With your help, we enacted legislation creating the city's first Department of Transportation, adopted another balanced budget, laid the groundwork for the installation of Atlanta's first Inspector General, faced the threat of an airport takeover, and continued conversations in pursuit of solutions to homelessness, affordable housing, and sustainable economic development. The list of collaborative efforts is too extensive to delineate here; however, I can state concisely that you, our citizenry, were the common denominator in every success.

Now that we find ourselves midway through this term, I encourage you to continue engaging us directly during regularly scheduled meetings, via email, through social media, and when you connect with us in the community. Together we will co-create a city that is strong enough to sustain both present and future generations.

We each take our roles and their associated responsibilities seriously, for it is our honor to be of service. Again, thank you for your engagement and we look forward, as your Atlanta City Council, to the many anticipated accomplishments of the current year.

Sincerely,

Felicia A. Moore





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DISTRICT 10



MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET
DISTRICT 11



JOYCE M. SHEPERD
DISTRICT 12



City Council Mission

The City Council is the chief policy-making body for the City of Atlanta. The council's mission is to ensure that Atlanta is led by a ground-breaking, strong, and capable group of leaders that work for the good of all citizens across the city.

As a legislative body, the council's main role is to make laws. In addition, the council has oversight of multiple agencies, boards, and commissions. The Atlanta City Council is comprised of 15 members and led by the council president. Each member of the Atlanta City Council tirelessly works to improve the lives of Atlanta's citizens.

Together, they work to ensure safer and cleaner streets, bolster Atlanta's economy, and institute many community-based programs. Working hand in hand with Atlanta's mayor and the members of the executive branch, the council plays a key part in the budget process and financial well-being of Atlanta.

Government Oversight

In addition to legislation, the Atlanta City Council works hard to ensure that city government works for its citizens. Through the various committees, the council assesses various government programs and agencies.

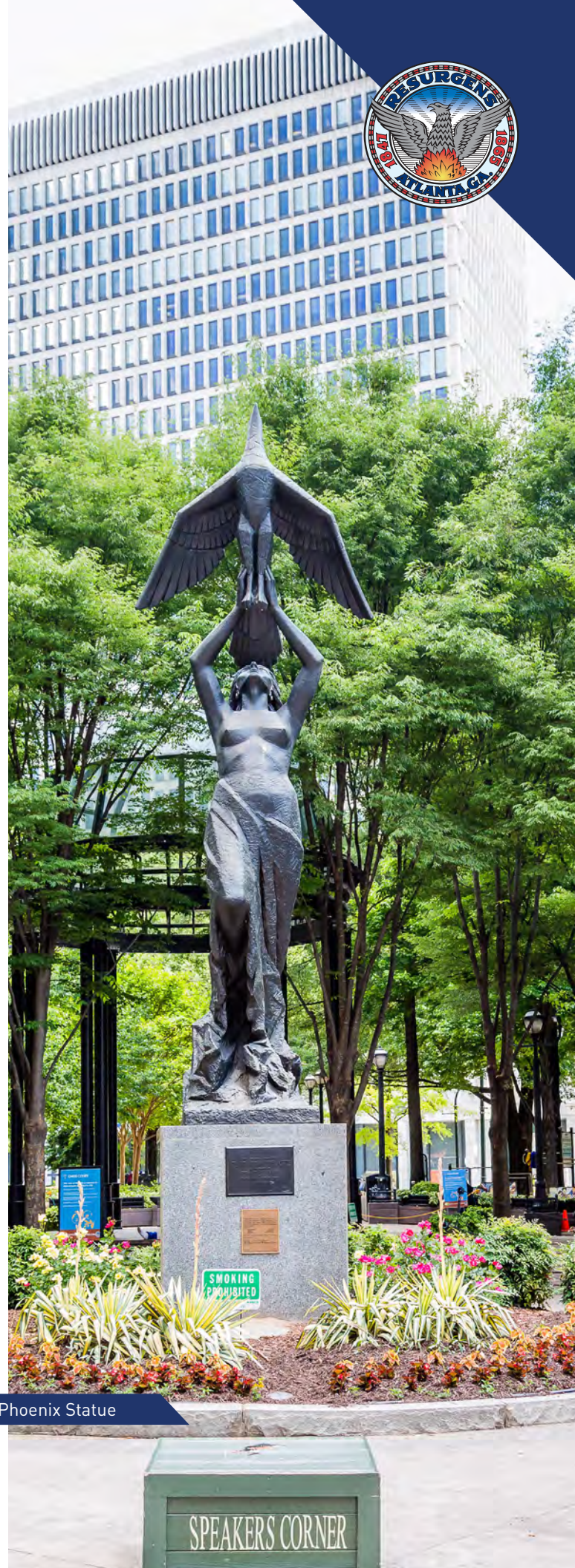
Each year, the council is in charge of holding budget hearings in which the city's budget, recommended by the mayor, is strictly reviewed prior to being approved.

Constituent Services

The Atlanta City Council prides itself on being responsive to its citizens. Each Councilmember employs a professional staff to address questions and concerns of Atlanta's citizens.

To contact your council representative, call us at (404) 330-6030.

Considered the symbol of Atlanta's rebirth, "**The Phoenix**" —represents the ascension from the ashes and **devastation of the Civil War** to become an international city.



Phoenix Statue

How the Atlanta City Council works

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

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

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

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

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

THE CITY CHARTER:

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

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

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

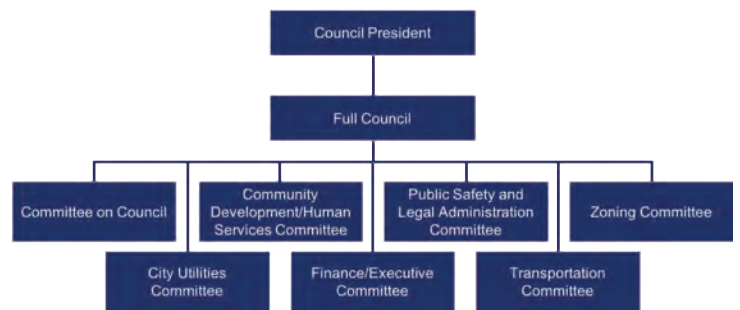
Resolutions usually express intent or support of various projects and enterprises or establish legislative policy of a general nature. Resolutions need be read only once and can be introduced and adopted at the same meeting.



The Honorable Atlanta City Council



THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATION



Atlanta is the
36th most
populous City in
the United States
with an estimated
2019 population
of **510,730**





Panoramic View of the Atlanta City Council Chamber

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. More than 100 pieces of legislation are discussed per meeting. Citizens have the opportunity to appear before a standing committee and express their views on any piece of legislation. Comments from the public on matters related to zoning changes are heard by the Zoning Review Board, an independent body comprised of appointed city residents. The Zoning Review Board meets once per month. The Council is required by law to hold public hearings on certain matters including changes to the City Charter, changes to the City Code of Ordinances, tax increases, etc. Notification must be provided to residents in advance of any public hearing.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:

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

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

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

ABOUT THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL:

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

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

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

Atlanta City Councilmembers are paid an annual salary of \$60,300. The Council president is paid \$62,000 annually. Salaries are determined by an independent committee of city residents (Elected Officials Compensation Committee).



Overview of the Legislative Process

- A** Once a councilmember introduces a legislative item, it is assigned to one of the council's committees for consideration.
- B** If the committee recommends that the council adopt the item into law, it goes before a vote of the full City Council.
- C** Passed items are then signed (enacted) into law by the mayor.

DETAILED PATHWAY:

- A** Legislation is introduced on the floor of the full council by a councilmember as a personal paper or through a standing committee.
- B** The council president assigns it to one or more appropriate committees.
- C** The committee considers the legislation.

1. The legislation can be held in the committee for later review.
2. If the committee takes no action within one calendar year, the legislation dies.
3. The committee can hold a public hearing or work session with additional councilmembers to discuss the legislation in depth.

- D** The committee sends the legislation out of committee with or without a recommendation for its passage. The full council may accept or reject the committee's recommendations.

- E** Once sent out of committee, legislation is placed onto the agenda of the regular Council session.

1. Ordinances, which establish a permanent rule of law, must be read before council at two regular meetings.
2. Resolutions, which express the general intent or support of various projects or enterprises, need be read at only one meeting; they can be adopted at the same meeting.
3. City charter amendments, which affect everything the city government does including regulatory functions and delivery of services, require readings at three regular meetings.

- F** The full council considers the legislation, including any amendments and substitutions it may have acquired, and votes.

1. Majority no: Legislation fails.
2. Majority yes: Legislation passes.
3. Legislation can also be sent back to its originating committee.

- G** If an additional reading is required at a future meeting (for ordinances and city charter amendments), the previous step is repeated.

- H** Once adopted by the council, the legislation goes to the mayor for signature. The mayor must act within seven days.

1. Signed (approved): Legislation becomes law.
2. Vetoed (rejected): Legislation is sent back to council.



Flag of the City of Atlanta



Atlanta City Council

Felicia A. Moore, President

President Pro Tempore – Clela Winslow

Foris Webb III, Municipal Clerk – Theo Pace, Council Staff Director

2019 COUNCIL COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

J. P. Matzigkeit – Chair

Michael Julian Bond

Joyce M. Sheperd (Vice Chair)

Howard Shook

Carla Smith

Cleta Winslow

Dustin Hillis

Briefing: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Policy Analyst: Jared Evans

Legislative Assistant: David Johnson

ZONING COMMITTEE

Carla Smith – Chair

Michael Julian Bond

Andrea L. Boone

Jennifer N. Ide

Amir Farokhi

Cleta Winslow (Vice Chair)

Marci Collier Overstreet

Briefing: None

Meeting: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Policy Analyst: Corrine Lindo

Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Hammonds-Griffin

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Natalyn Mosby Archibong – Chair

Michael Julian Bond (Vice Chair)

Dustin Hillis

Marci Collier Overstreet

Joyce M. Sheperd

Matt Westmoreland

Antonio Brown

Briefing: None

Meeting: Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Policy Analyst: Corrine Lindo

Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Hammonds-Griffin

FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Howard Shook – Chair

Natalyn Mosby Archibong

Andrea L. Boone

Andre Dickens

Jennifer N. Ide

J. P. Matzigkeit

Matt Westmoreland (Vice Chair)

Briefing: Monday, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting: Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Policy Analyst: Santana K. Wright

Legislative Assistant: David Johnson

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dustin Hillis – Chair

J. P. Matzigkeit

Andrea L. Boone (Vice Chair)

Andre Dickens

Marci Collier Overstreet

Howard Shook

Antonio Brown

Briefing: None

Meeting: Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.

Policy Analyst: Julia Pulidindi

Legislative Assistant: David Johnson

COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

Jennifer N. Ide – Chair

Natalyn Mosby Archibong

Andre Dickens

Amir Farokhi

Cleta Winslow (Vice Chair)

Matt Westmoreland

Antonio Brown

Briefing: None

Meeting: Monday, 11:15 a.m.

Policy Analyst: Jared Evans

Legislative Assistant: Jazmine Tell

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Andre Dickens – Chair

Jennifer N. Ide

Joyce M. Sheperd

Amir Farokhi

Marci Collier Overstreet (Vice Chair)

Carla Smith

Matt Westmoreland

Briefing: None

Meeting: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Policy Analyst: Julia Pulidindi

Legislative Assistant: Wasonna Hammonds-Griffin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Felicia A. Moore – Council President

Natalyn Mosby Archibong

Andre Dickens

Dustin Hillis

Jennifer N. Ide

J. P. Matzigkeit

Howard Shook

Carla Smith

Meeting: Monday, 9:30 a.m.



City Utilities Committee

J.P. MATZIGKEIT - CHAIR

The City Utilities Committee is responsible for the Departments of Watershed Management and Public Works (liquid waste and solid waste).

JURISDICTION:

- Solid waste, sanitation and recycling
- Sewage, bulk waste, construction and inert disposal
- Matters pertaining to cable television and the Mayor's Office of Communications
- The Department of Watershed Management
- The Department of Public Works and matters related to solid-waste enforcement and services, street cleaning and fleet management
- The Metropolitan Atlanta River Protection Act
- The Office of Resilience
- City franchise agreements including those related to public-access television
- Street lighting, banners, utility and other public right-of-way matters
- Street naming, street abandonment and street dispositions
- Matters related to the Atlanta Fulton Water Resources Commission, Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission, public-access television management, Solid Waste Management Authority, Water & Sewer Appeals Board
- Other boards and bodies with subject matter under this committee's purview
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to agencies under the jurisdiction of this committee



Atlanta's new **green energy plan**, approved by the City Council in 2019, calls for the city to run on **100 percent renewables by 2035**



City Utilities Committee

J.P. Matzigkeit, Chair

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2019 SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

18-R-3783: Established a target for Atlanta to transition to 100 percent clean energy for municipal operations by 2035 and authorized the Mayor’s Office of Resilience to request additional funds in subsequent fiscal years to be used solely for the purpose of this legislation and authorized the Mayor’s Office of Resilience to actively pursue public/private partnerships to attain the City’s goal.

19-O-1297: Amended Section 130-84 (Rates and Charges) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust the rates charged for apartments, condominiums, townhomes, public housing or any other multi-family dwelling. Per Ordinance 18-O-1300 adopted November 5, 2018, which updated Solid Waste rates, the rate for the aforementioned dwellings was set at \$400 per parcel. This legislation set a lower flat rate of \$63.39 per dwelling unit per year plus a tiered rate that factors in land use zones and parcel size. All amendments in this ordinance were effective retroactively to April 1, 2019.

19-O-1060: Transferred \$1 million from the Water & Wastewater Extension Fund Reserve to the Care and Conserve Trust Fund account. The Care and Conserve Program was established to assist low-income families and individuals who are experiencing hardships and having difficulty paying their water and sewer bills. The program also provides assistance to customers with plumbing problems and with the installation of water conservation devices.

19-R-3292: Authorized the City to accept a subsidized loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the amount of \$25 million for improvements to the Water Supply Program.

19-R-3701: Requested that the Department of Public Works conduct a solid waste rate study and market analysis. Companion legislation is 19-O-1297 which amended Section 130-84 (Rates and Charges) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust the rates charged for apartments, condominiums, townhomes, public housing or any other multi-family dwelling effective April 1, 2019. Previously, the rate for the aforementioned dwellings was set at a flat \$400 per parcel. 19-O-1297 set tiered rates based on a variety of factors related to the characteristics of the dwellings.

19-O-1354: This legislation amends Chapter 138 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to create a new Article VII titled Right of Way Dining for the purpose of establishing regulations related to and procedures for the authorization of eating and drinking establishments that wish to operate outdoor dining areas in the public right-of-way. It also amends Chapter 10 (Alcoholic Beverages) so as to provide for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in outdoor dining areas in the public right-of-way.

19-O-1418: amended the Code of Ordinances to add new Sections to prohibit the buying or otherwise acquiring of any non-compostable single-use service ware products by the City of Atlanta, by commercial operations located in Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and by commercial operations located in public buildings and facilities owned, operated, or leased by the City of Atlanta. This legislation authorized the Chief Resilience Officer to create regulations to carry out the ordinance.

19-R-3949: is the companion resolution that requested that the Office of Resilience pursue strategic partnerships with private entities such as grocery stores, stadiums, etc. to advance policies consistent with Ordinance 19-O-1418.



Piedmont Park



Community Development Human Services

NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG - CHAIR

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

JURISDICTION:

- The Department of Planning and Community Development
- The Department of Parks and Recreation
- The Offices of Housing, Cultural Affairs, Special Events, Constituent Services, Human Services, Grants Management and Film and Entertainment
- Design and planning functions of the city
- Comprehensive development plans
- Land-use plans
- Neighborhood reformulation and development
- Economic development
- Office buildings, including zoning and building-code enforcement
- The Department of Parks and Recreation
- The Capital Improvement Program
- Development-impact fee matters for parks, transportation and public safety
- The Women's Entrepreneurial Initiative
- Urban farming initiatives
- The consolidated plan
- Community Development Block Grant funding
- The Atlanta Housing Authority
- The Atlanta Workforce Development Agency WorkSource Atlanta (formerly the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency)
- Matters pertaining to health, education and welfare
- All City community-services activities
- Consumer affairs
- Cultural affairs, including public art and murals
- Convention and tourism



**The National
Forest Service**
has recognized
Atlanta as “The
most heavily
forested urban
area in **the
country**”



Centennial Olympic Park



Community Development Human Services

Natalyn Mosby Archibong, Chair

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Committee held the following Public Hearings:

- Quarterly Public Hearings to consider a total of 41 applications for Amendments to the 2016 Comprehensive Development Plan.
- Annual Public Hearing on the Capital Improvement Program to review the allocation of Development Impact Fees.
- Public Hearing on the 2019 Annual Action Plan of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to review grant requests for entitlement funding for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, and funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Program.
- Public Hearing to create the "City views at Rosa Burney Park" Housing Urban Enterprise Zone.

WORK SESSIONS

The Committee held the following Work Sessions:

- Two Work Sessions with Invest Atlanta were held jointly with the Finance/Executive Committee to review an amended intergovernmental agreement for services and to review Invest Atlanta's economic development strategy based on economic mobility strategy for the City and help to develop metrics to measure success of the strategy.
- Work Session on HOPWA Programming to discuss issues surrounding funding the program.
- Work Session to discuss the re-write of the City's Tree Protection Ordinance.
- Work Session on Homeless Outreach and emergency sheltering plans for the winter season.

UPDATES

The Committee received quarterly and/or periodic updates from the following:

- Atlanta Beltline Inc, Invest Atlanta, Office of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation, Atlanta Workforce Development Agency and WRS on the Underground Reconstruction project.
- Annual updates were provided by the Mayor's Office of Film, Fulton County and DeKalb County Health Departments, Fort McPherson Local Development Authority and the Atlanta Fulton County Land Bank Authority.
- The Center for Civic Innovation provided an update on their ongoing study of the Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU) process.

AUDIT REPORT

19-C-0144 Reviewed the findings of the Performance Audit Report on the closeout of the \$23 million construction project for the Martin Luther King Jr., Recreation and Aquatic Center Project, completed December 2017.

2019 SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

18-O-1764 Reconstituted the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and codified the Committee in the City Code establishing a nine-body Committee comprised of representatives from the development, building, and real-estate industries who will work to update the outdated Impact Fee Schedule.

18-O-1493 Authorized the disposition of three City-owned properties to be developed through the City's Affordable Housing Homesteading Program to provide housing for low-income families.

19-O-1671 Established the City View at Rosa Burney Park Housing Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) at 259 and 295 Richardson Street in the Mechanicsville neighborhood and preserved 181 affordable housing units.

19-R-4570 Authorized an agreement with Metro Fair Housing for \$60,000 to provide fair housing counseling, education, and legal representation for Atlanta residents who have experienced discrimination in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

19-R-3750 Created a pre-submittal team responsible for reviewing tree protection plans at the beginning of the Building permit review process to incorporate a tree protection plan early in the development phase.

19-R-3008, 19-R-3516, 19-R-3866, 19-R-4585 and 19-R-5047 Authorized over \$17.9 million in donations to improve city parks, including the development of park land at the Bellwood Quarry and enhancements at Selena S. Butler Park, Parkway-Merritts Park, Ben Hill Park and the Bessie Branham Park.

19-O-1251 Authorized the purchase of 7.1 acres of real property to develop a park and create the largest urban food forest in the nation, to be named the "Urban Food Forest at Browns Mill".



Community Development Human Services

Natalyn Mosby Archibong, Chair

2019 Performance Report

19-0-1583 Authorized the purchase of 2.544 acres of real property to expand the Boulevard Crossing Park in Council District 1, further increasing the availability of green space in the city.

18-0-1732 Renamed Ontario Park in Council District 10 to the John Davis Park in honor of Mr. John Davis, a highly regarded resident of the district and the Westview Community Organization who passed away on April 11, 2017. Mr. Davis helped to beautify the community and left an incredible mark on the Westview Community through his many contributions and commitment.

19-0-1332 Renamed the Community Garden in the Sarah J. Gonzalez Park, in Council District 9, in honor of fallen police officer Edgar Isidro Flores, a 24-year-old DeKalb County police killed in the line of duty on December 13, 2018. This is the first park named for a Latino in the State of Georgia and honors inclusiveness and diversity.

19-R-3877 and 19-0-1623 Authorized Invest Atlanta to create and administer a Community Loan Fund program to serve small and micro-business development in the City. Loans will be available to credit-disadvantaged entrepreneurs using non-traditional underwriting standards.

19-0-1019, 19-0-1020, 19-0-1514, 19-0-1515 and 19-0-1516 Authorized over \$4 million in grant awards for the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency, DBA WorkSource Atlanta to provide education, training and job assistance to youth, veterans and low-income individuals with barriers to employment and who are low-skilled. The funding supports programs which provide education and training opportunities that will lead to employment.

19-R-3150 Authorized an agreement to accept a \$400,000 grant award from the Kendeda Fund to reimburse the City for two years of compensation for the City's Chief Housing Officer.

19-R-3452 Approved jointly with the Finance and Executive Committee an updated Intergovernmental Agreement with the City's Development Authority, Invest Atlanta, for Economic Development and Redevelopment Services to add additional financial reporting requirements and economic mobility indicators.

19-0-1215 Allocated funding for the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan which included grant funds totaling over \$33.3 million to support programs that conserve, expand and increase access to affordable housing, provide assistance to persons living with



Downtown Atlanta at night

HIV/AIDS and for homeless outreach and prevention.

19-0-1044, 19-0-1584, 19-0-1071, and 19-0-1085 Adopted neighborhood master plans for Virginia Highlands., Loridans Park, Greenbriar Town Center and the Westside, establishing a vision for the future growth and economic development of these historic and vibrant communities with a focus on land use, transportation, infrastructure, and facilities combine with urban design and preservation.

19-0-1021, 19-0-1022, 19-0-1023, and 19-0-1024 Authorized over \$1.3 million in grant funds from the Office of Housing and Urban Development to pay rental subsidies for 190 housing units for low income and formerly homeless families.

19-R-3441 Authorized a donation of \$95,000 to support the development of an Atlanta University Center Neighborhood Comprehensive Master Plan to plan for the future growth and preservation of this vitally important and historic area of the City.

19-R-3540 Awarded over \$367,000 in grants from the Stadium Neighborhoods Trust Fund to support various community service programs focused on community development initiatives, affordable housing and job training, to benefit the neighborhoods of Mechanicsville, Peopletown, Pittsburgh, and Summerhill, and a portion of Grant Park.





Transportation Committee

ANDRE DICKENS – CHAIR

The Transportation Committee recommends on matters pertaining to transportation, generally, including the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). One of its main functions is overseeing the Department of Aviation, which operates Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

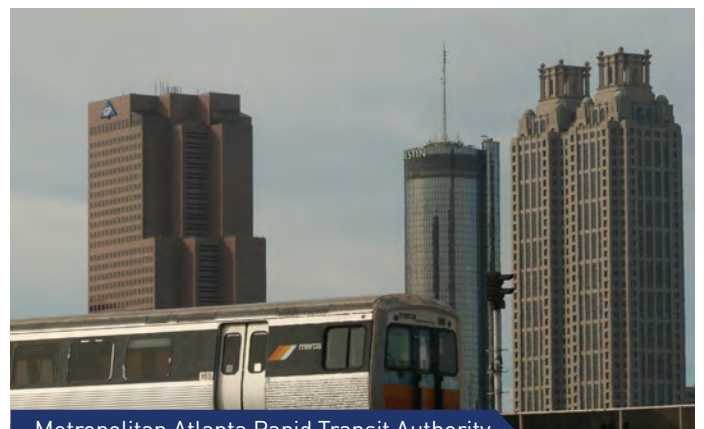
The Transportation Committee also has purview over the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Traffic and Transportation, whose task it is to perform traffic studies, install traffic signage and other traffic-calming devices throughout the city.

JURISDICTION:

- Aviation and Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- The Department of Public Works related to transportation, engineering, operations, planning, streetcar and capital projects
- DPW capital projects including traffic engineering and control, bridges, roads, pedestrian facilities, sidewalk waivers, paths trails and bike facilities
- Parking facilities
- The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)
- The Atlanta Regional Commission
- The Department of Planning
- Community-development activities related to transportation planning
- Infrastructure-bond issues and other capital funding related to transportation projects
- Renew Atlanta related to transportation infrastructure
- The Atlanta Streetcar and BeltLine transit and trails
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to agencies under the jurisdiction of this committee



Atlanta has
the most
traveled
airport in the
world, serving
107 million
passengers
annually



Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority



Transportation Committee

Andre Dickens, Chair

2019 Performance Report



WORK SESSIONS

- **Renew Atlanta Re-Baselining Overview:** On January 10, the Committee held a work session to receive an update from the Administration on steps toward the Renew Atlanta Re-Baselining initiative.
- **Department of Transportation:** On April 30, the Committee held a work session to receive an update from the Administration on the structure of the new Atlanta Department of Transportation, anticipated challenges, and a timeline for the creation and implementation of the Department.
- **Ordinance 19-O-1205 (Smoke-Free ATL):** On May 22, the Committee held a work session, jointly with the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to discuss how the smoke-free ATL ordinance would be implemented and to hear remarks from the public.
- **Scooter Safety Town Hall:** On August 8, the Committee Chair, Councilmember Dickens, along with the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee Chair – Dustin Hillis, held a Town Hall to address scooter safety concerns within the City. Several members of the public attended and voiced their concerns or support over the use of scooters.

UPDATES

- **Critical Updates:** The Committee has facilitated/received the following updates:
 - March 27: The Administration provided an update on the Renew Atlanta Re-Baselining initiative.
 - April 24: The Department of City Planning provided the annual update, as required pursuant to Ordinance 18-O-1322, on the implementation of the scooter ordinance.
 - May 29: The Atlanta Regional Council provided an update on the BeltLine Light Rail Transit component.
 - October 16: The Georgia Department of Transportation provided an update on the condition of state roads through the City.
 - December 11: The Department of City Planning provided an update of a survey they had conducted, following the Scooter Safety Town Hall, to gain a better understanding of the use of scooters throughout the City.
- **Tours:** The Committee facilitated a tour of the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on August 20.

2019 SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

19-O-1110 Amended the Code to establish penalties in the amount of \$100 for smaller vehicles and \$1,000 for larger vehicles for the improper use of bike lanes. It also directed the City Solicitor’s Office to create a diversion program for violators of this ordinance. It was a dual referral to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee.

19-O-1159 Created the Atlanta Department of Transportation for the City of Atlanta. It was a dual referral to the Finance/Executive Committee.

19-O-1215 Amended the Code to prohibit smoking and vaping in all City facilities, specified public places and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. It was a dual referral to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee.

19-O-1429 Repealed the City’s scooter ordinance for the purpose of reexamining the City’s approach to regulating scooters for the purposes of ensuring safety.

19-R-3952 Requested the Department of Aviation to conduct a study and create a plan to reduce the time required for Airport employees to receive an identification badge. This report was provided to Council in October.

19-R-4335 Requested the Atlanta Public Schools and other private schools within the City to consider initiating the process to establish automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones, as defined in the Georgia State Code. It was a dual referral to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee.

19-O-1642 Accepted grant funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the 2020 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant.

19-O-1687 Accepted grant funding in the amount of \$2.8 million from the Federal Transit Administration for the Atlanta Streetcar Downtown Crosstown Extension Project.

19-O-1418 Prohibited the buying, purchasing, or otherwise acquiring of any non-compostable, single-use serviceware for use by the City and at the Airport. It was a dual referral to the City Utilities Committee.

Additional Items

- The Committee provided recommendations on several pieces of legislation related to the maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, driveway aprons, and associated infrastructure.
- The Committee started to review and attached the Independent Procurement Review Office reports to legislation authorizing all new procurements over \$1 million.



Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

DUSTIN HILLIS - CHAIR

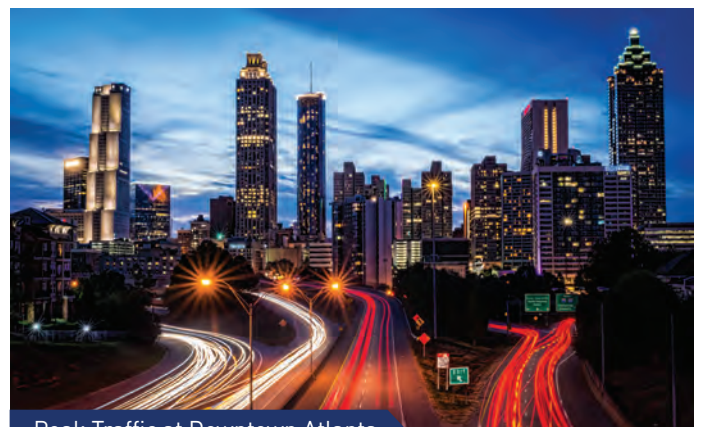
The Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee recommends on matters regarding public safety, licenses issued under the police powers of the City, discrimination under the human-relations ordinance and the drafting, implementation and supervision of all penal ordinances. It controls the Departments of Police Services, Corrections, Law and Fire Rescue, the Office of Emergency Management Services and the City Courts.

JURISDICTION:

- The safety of the public, generally
- The Departments of Police, Law, Fire Rescue and Corrections
- The Office of Emergency Management Services
- Licenses issued under the City's police powers
- Matters of discrimination under the City's human-relations ordinances
- Drafting, implementation and supervision of penal ordinances
- The judicial branch of City government
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to agencies under this committee's jurisdiction



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Peak Traffic at Downtown Atlanta



Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

Dustin Hillis, Chair

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WORK SESSIONS

- **Ordinance 19-0-1205 (Smoke-Free ATL):** On May 22, the Committee held a work session jointly with the Transportation Committee to discuss how the smoke-free ATL ordinance would be implemented and to hear remarks from the public.

UPDATES

- **Critical Updates**

- Received quarterly presentations and updates from the Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Fire and Rescue, Department of Corrections, Atlanta Municipal Court, City Solicitor's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Department of Law.
- Received monthly reports and quarterly updates from the Code Enforcement Division.
- Received an update on the Atlanta Police Department's zone/beat re-alignment on February 12.
- Received an update on the implementation of the scooter ordinance as required pursuant to Ordinance 18-0-1322 on April 23.
- Received an update on public safety impact fees from the Department of Finance and the Department of Planning on October 29.
- Received an update on the Code Enforcement portion of the Westside Blight Remediation Projection December 10.

- **Tours:** The Committee facilitated a tour of the Atlanta Police Academy on December 12.

2019 SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

- The total amount of claims that were found favorable by the Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee in 2019 is \$937,319.79.
- The total amount of settlements that were found favorable by the Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee in 2019 is \$7,528,244.95.

19-R-3084 Authorized the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department to enter into an IGA with the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) to create a delayed entry program for APS students.

19-R-3184 Requested hospitals, urgent care facilities, and other similar healthcare institutions to submit scooter-related injury data to the City on a quarterly basis for the purposes of enhancing the City's scooter ordinance.

19-0-1110 Amended the Code to establish penalties in the amount of \$100 for smaller vehicles and \$1,000 for larger vehicles for the improper use of bike lanes. It also directed the City Solicitor's Office to create a diversion program for violators of this ordinance. It was a dual referral to the Transportation Committee.

19-0-1208 Amended the Code to clarify that being physically present in a known drug area does not constitute a crime if they are not engaging in the purchase, use, possession, or consumption of illegal drugs.

19-0-1209 Amended the Code to permit the Mayor to name an authorized designee to take action on license or permit applications which were referred to the License Review Board for the more expeditious issuance of licenses and permits.

19-0-1288 Amended the Code to repeal the provision which made it unlawful to move or transport household goods and furnishings between sunset and sunrise.

19-0-1205 Amended the Code to prohibit smoking and vaping in all City facilities, specified public places and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. It was a dual referral to the Transportation Committee.

19-0-1426 Amended the definition of what a "junked vehicle" is in the Code for the purposes of allowing the Code Enforcement Director to further mitigate junked vehicles that have become a nuisance.

19-R-4335 Requested the Atlanta Public Schools and other private schools within the City to consider initiating the process to establish automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones, as defined in the Georgia State Code. It was a dual referral to the Transportation Committee.



Finance/Executive Committee

HOWARD SHOOK - CHAIR

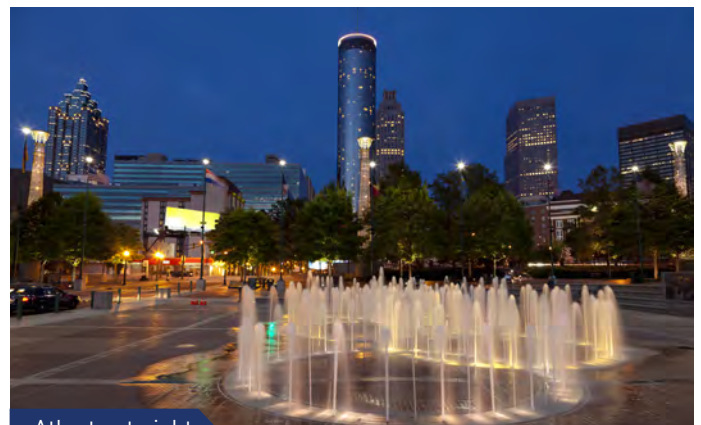
The Finance/Executive Committee recommends on matters pertaining to the City budget and budgetary spending, real estate transactions and matters pertaining to the executive branch of government.

JURISDICTION:

- Matters pertaining to budget
- Matters pertaining to transfers of appropriations
- Taxing ordinances
- Public revenue
- Tax officials and collectors
- All licenses other than those issued under the City's police power
- Operation and maintenance of cable television
- Pertaining to the mayor and executive branch
- The Mayor's Office of Communications
- Legislative oversight of the executive branch, especially purchasing functions of the City
- Operation of the Office of the Mayor and departments under its jurisdiction not within the purview of another standing committee
- The Department of Human Resources
- The Department of Procurement and Office of Contract Compliance Intergovernmental relations with the Atlanta Board of Education and county, state and federal authorities
- International and diplomatic affairs, including activities of the Office of Immigrant Affairs
- Innovation delivery and performance
- The Divisions of Real Estate and Facility Management
- The Office of Customer Service and ATL311 call center
- The Office of Enterprise Assets Management
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to the agencies under this committee's jurisdiction



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Atlanta at night



Finance/Executive Committee

Howard Shook, Chair

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19-0-1038 Expanded the composition of and renamed the Board of Ethics to the Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance and established the position of Independent Compliance Officer. This was later revamped with the creation of the Office of the Inspector General (19-0-1729).

19-0-1223 Approved the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget with a proposed general fund of \$67 million, reduced the millage rate, a 3.1 percent increase for all Atlanta Fire Rescue Department sworn personnel, a 3.1 percent for 911 dispatchers, elevated all employees to a living wage of \$15/hour, \$800,000 funding for Office of Independent Compliance and \$150,000 for enhanced programming of senior services.

19-R-3747 Authorized a five-year cooperative purchasing agreement for body worn vest cameras and video storage equipment for the Atlanta Police Department.

18-0-1779 Amended Section 2-1188 (Source and Contract Formation) in the Code of Ordinances to enhance the transparency and efficiency of the procurement process via the implementation of the new 'E-Procurement' capability that includes fewer opportunities for errors than was afforded via the old, paper-intensive process.

18-0-1781 Amended Section 2-1191 (Sole Source Procurement) in the Code of Ordinances to establish clarity and uniformity and increased justification for proposed 'sole source' procurements.

18-0-1470 Amended the Code of Ordinances to create a new section to establish a procedure for awarding performance bonuses. Supporting legislation requested the Departments of Human Resources, Finance and Law work collaboratively with the City Auditor and Ethics Officer to establish an appropriate performance bonus policy that complies with state law.

18-0-1769 Amended the City Charter to clearly outline the general responsibilities and authorities of the Independent Procurement Review Office within the City Auditor's Office.

19-R-3366 Requested the City Auditor and/or Ethics Officer conduct an independent review of personnel transactions which authorized the hiring and payment of campaign staff to determine if any portion of the City's Code of Ordinances, state law, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, or Federal Aviation Commission had been violated.

19-0-1220 and **19-0-1221** Amended the FY2019 Tree Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,246,453 for planting and maintenance of trees, improvements to the urban forest and community education services.

19-0-1622 Requested the Georgia General Assembly statutorily authorize the City of Atlanta to propose a non-binding ballot question to the electors of the City concerning whether Atlanta, Georgia should be considered as a possible destination location, if the State of Georgia were to legalize gambling.

19-R-5035 Authorized a contractual agreement with Park Pride, Inc. to provide services to the Department of Parks and Recreation through coordination of community engagement, volunteer support services, fundraising services and other services including administration, planning and design and construction management services for City parks and recreation centers and various programs and events.

19-C-0026 Received Citywide Overtime Performance Audit Report. City spent \$54.2 million in overtime in FY17, double the amount spent in 2013. The audit assessed overtime spending patterns and examined controls over the use and distribution of overtime. Recommendations were provided to: continue to reduce and manage overtime expenses, ensure the city code regarding overtime administration and improve transparency and efficiency.

19-0-1064 Received \$200,000 in grant funds from Atlanta Affordable Housing for the Future, Inc. to fund the City of Atlanta's Chief Housing Officer. AAHFI is a Georgia not-for-profit corporation which seeks to foster housing opportunities for low income families and promote and facilitate community and neighborhood revitalization within the City of Atlanta.

19-C-0030 Appointed the City's first Chief Transparency Officer. This position includes overseeing and assisting in the enforcement of citywide compliance with the requirements of the Georgia Open Records Act and ensuring appropriate access to public records to foster perpetual confidence in government.

19-R-4485 Authorized a grant award of up to \$250,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to increase financial literacy for residents by establishing a Financial Empowerment Center. This center will provide free financial counseling services to the public through an approved nonprofit organization that will provide certified counselors.







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Howard Shook, Chair

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19-0-1510 Amended the Code of Ordinances to create a new section requiring annual Active Shooter Training for all City of Atlanta elected officials and employees.

19-0-1517 Amended the Code of Ordinances to create provisions for micro-purchases for supplies, services and construction not to exceed \$5,000.

19-R-4487 Requested the Georgia General Assembly enact legislation supporting the legalization, decriminalization and regulation of cannabis and cannabis-related products which include oils and beverages.

19-0-1615 Amended the Code of Ordinances to modify the benefit eligibility requirements by eliminating the 90-day period for newly hired employees and their dependents, making health and dental benefits available immediately after satisfying all new hire requirements.



Zoning Committee

CARLA SMITH - CHAIR

The Zoning Committee recommends on matters related to the zoning ordinance of the City as well as land use in conjunction with the Community Development/Human Services Committee.

It is responsible for the Department of City Planning's Office of Zoning & Development. The committee handles routine legislation such as transfer of ownership and development rights, site-plan amendments, the Metropolitan River Protection Act, special-use permits, text amendments, rezoning, Comprehensive Development Plan amendments and other departmental needs as they relate to land use and subdivision of property issues.

It also makes recommendations on Zoning Review Board and Board of Zoning Adjustment nominees.

JURISDICTION:

- The City's Land-Subdivision Ordinance (Part 15 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances)
- The City's Zoning Ordinance (Part 16 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances)
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment
- The Zoning Review Board
- Land-plat amendments
- The Metropolitan Atlanta River Protection Act
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to the agencies under this committee's jurisdiction



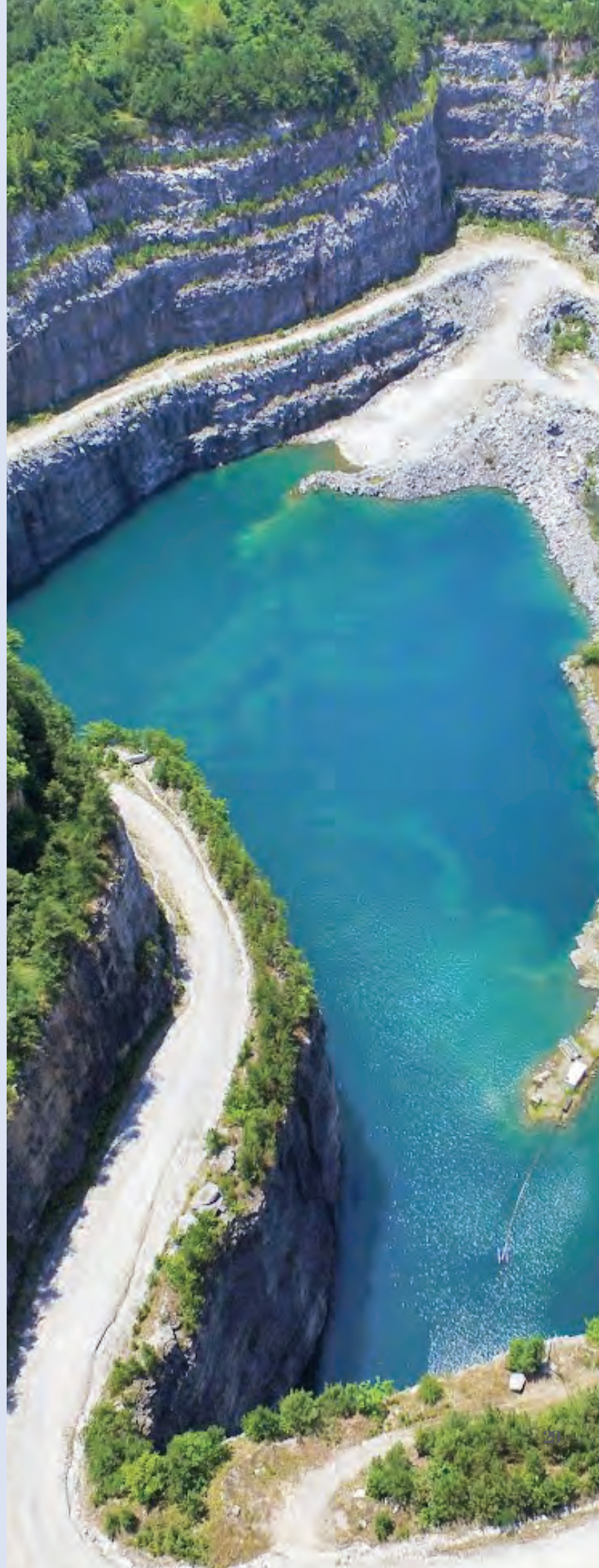
Atlanta is known as the **birthplace of the civil rights movement** in America.



Zoning Committee Carla Smith, Chair 2019 Performance Report

18-0-1581 Approved Phase II of updates to 1982 Zoning Ordinance.

The Phase II updates were moderately extensive and added provisions to the zoning text regarding individual district regulations as well as established provisions for allowing Accessory Dwellings Units (ADUs). The ADUs allow garden type apartments as an accessory use to a residential dwelling. Phase II also included the new I-MIX (Industrial Mixed-use District) regulations which supports a mix of industrial, non-industrial, and some residential uses in areas previously used only for high-density industrial. Also added was a new MR-MU (Multi-family-Multiunit) zoning District, "missing middle" housing types supports increased residential density in traditionally single family residential districts. The MR-MU (Multifamily-Multiunit) zoning allows development which is a cross between single-family homes and duplexes, triplexes, or small apartment houses. Other changes adopted in the Phase II updates are enhanced neighborhood design standards to protect neighborhood character, rules for telecommunications, transitional height planes, and updates to the quality of life districts regulations. The goal of the Phase II updates is to create more vibrant communities throughout the City.



Committee on Council

JENNIFER N. IDE - CHAIR

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 the Council and councilmembers; and procedures for the Office of the City Council and the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

JURISDICTION:

- All operations of the Council, its officers and employees
- All appointments of the executive branch, which by law must be approved or confirmed by the Council
- All questions pertaining to conflicts of interest and standards of conduct
- The revision, codification and clarification of all ordinances and examination of all proposed ordinances and resolutions as to their clarity
- Formulation of the agenda of the Council
- All matters pertaining to elections, initiatives and referenda
- The rules of Council and any modifications thereof
- The conduct, decorum and good repute of the Council and its members
- Fund expenditures for members of Council, the Office of Research and Policy, Council Communications and the Office of the Municipal Clerk
- Oversight of the Director of Council Staff and Municipal Clerk
- Matters pertaining to cable television in the Office of Communications, specifically related to the programming of City Channel 26 (ATL26).



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Downtown Atlanta



Committee on Council Jennifer N. Ide, Chair 2019 Performance Report

Significant Legislation

- 18-O-1731** Amended the Rules of Council including renaming several Rules, striking duplicate Rules that already exist in Code, removing all references to he/she and replacing with Council President, replacing all references to Section numbers with Rule numbers, and other reorganization of the order of Rules.
- 19-O-1000** Repealed subsection (g) of Section 2-104 (Remarks from the Public) to remove the requirement that, when making public comment during City Council or Committee meetings, each individual must disclose the receipt of income from any source from within the City.
- 19-O-1037** Amended the Code to make “adoption of the agenda” the third agenda item on the Full Council agenda; it was the ninth item on the agenda.
- 19-R-3148** Created a task force to evaluate the efficacy of the City’s legislative and administrative policies and procedures related to ethics, transparency, and compliance and to survey national models of government and corporate ethics, transparency, and compliance.
- 19-C-0030** Appointed Kristen Denius as the City’s Chief Transparency Officer.
- 19-C-0039** Appointed James Jackson as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.
- 19-R-3007 and 19-O-1114** Renamed the City Council Chamber as the Marvin Arrington, Sr. City Council Chamber.
- 19-R-3087 and 19-O-1115** Renamed the Old City Council Chamber as the Sam Massell Council Chamber.
- 19-O-1149** Amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to remove the attorney requirement for one of the appointments to the Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance.
- 19-O-1144 and 19-R-3372** Authorized a special election for the Atlanta Board of Education and authorized the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County to conduct the Special Municipal Election.
- 19-O-1155** Amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to establish guidelines for how proclamations are conducted at Atlanta City Council meetings. Proclamations will be limited to five per meeting. Proclamations would be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis by the Council President. There is no annual limit on how many proclamations any one Councilmember may give per year.
- 19-O-1207** Amended Section 2-104 (Remarks from the Public) to allow members of the public to sign up for public comment at Full Council meetings up until the start of the public comment portion of the agenda. The legislation also allowed additional opportunities for the public to sign in to speak before the day of the meeting.
- 19-C-0072** Appointed Joshua Williams as the Chief Operating Officer.
- 19-O-1385** Required real-time closed captioning for every meeting of the Atlanta City Council and its standing committees.
- 19-R-4731** The Taskforce for the Promotion of Public Trust was convened to evaluate the efficacy of the city’s current legislative and administrative policies and procedures relative to ethics, transparency, and compliance.
- 19-O-1608** A charter amendment revising Section 2-407 (Annual Relegation of Pending Legislation) such that all pending legislation held in committee will be automatically terminated one calendar year from the date the Council or Council Standing Committee votes to hold such legislation, rather than at the end of the last city council meeting of each year.
- 19-O-1541** Amended the City’s code of ordinances related to remarks from elected officials to ensure the efficient and equitable conduct of the public comment section of the agenda by adding a section entitled “Statements by elected officials” to the Council’s order of business where elected officials will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes.



History of the city of Atlanta

Atlanta was founded in 1837 as the end of the Western & Atlantic railroad line. It was first named Marthasville in honor of the then governor's daughter, nicknamed Terminus for its rail location, and then changed soon after to Atlanta, the feminine of Western Atlantic – as in the railroad.

In December 1842, the first train ran to Marietta, Georgia. Growth continued and in 1847, Atlanta was incorporated to include the four-square-mile area center on the terminus. The first city election in 1848 was contested by the Moral Party and the Free and Rowdy Party. The latter won the vote. The telegraph arrived in 1849 and several additional railroads reached Atlanta within a few years. In 1854, the Georgia legislature created Fulton County to include Atlanta and its suburbs.

By the outbreak of the Civil War, Atlanta had a population of around 8,000. Owing to its role as a hospital center, there were about 20,000 people in the city when General William Tecumseh Sherman reached it in 1864. As part of his policy to crush the Confederacy's resistance, Sherman ordered Atlanta to be burned, but following the war, the city rapidly rebuilt and soon exceeded its prewar population.

Because Atlanta was built as a railroad center, the numerous train tracks throughout the city posed problems for vehicle traffic in the fast-growing city. In 1929, the downtown street level was moved one-and-a-half stories above ground level. The original street level area is now known as Underground Atlanta.

Known as the cradle of the Civil Rights Movement, Atlanta is birthplace and home to several great leaders of the movement for racial equality and human rights including the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and many others. During the Civil Rights Movement, in general, the city adopted one of the most progressive approaches to racial problems of any large Southern city. Integration of city schools took place without major incident.

Today, the fast growing city remains a transportation hub, not just for the country but also for the world. Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the nation's busiest in daily passenger flights. Direct flights to Europe, South America, and Asia have made metro Atlanta easily accessible to the more than 1,000 international businesses that operate in Atlanta and in more than 50 countries that have representation in the city through consulates, trade offices, and chambers of commerce. The city has emerged as a banking center and boasts the third largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the country.

Atlanta is the capital city of the southeast, a city of the future with strong ties to its past. Atlanta is the soul of the South, and its heritage enhances the quality of life in a contemporary city. In the turbulent 60's, Atlanta was "the city too busy to hate." Moreover, today, in the 21st Century, Atlanta is the "city not too busy to care."



Historic Downtown Atlanta

For more than five decades, Atlanta has been linked to the civil rights movement. Civil rights leaders were the visionaries who saw a new south, a new Atlanta. They believed in peace, and they made monumental sacrifices for that peace; and, because of them, Atlanta became a fast paced modern city, which opened its doors to the 1996 Olympics.

Over the past two decades, Atlanta has experienced unprecedented growth – the official city population is estimated around 486,290 but the metro population has grown nearly 36 percent, from 4.2 million to more than 5.7 million today. A good measure of this growth is the ever changing downtown skyline, along with skyscrapers constructed in Midtown, Buckhead, and outer perimeter business districts.

Since the late 1970s dozens of dazzling skyscrapers designed by such luminaries as Philip Johnson, I. M. Pei, and Marcel Breuer have reshaped the city's profile. Twenty-first century history in Atlanta is being written.



Civil Rights Movement Leader Hosea Williams







Post 3 At-Large Council member Andre Dickens honors WNBA champion, motivational speaker, philanthropist and anti-bullying advocate Simone Edwards, O.D. with a proclamation at the Atlanta Women In Sports gala. **(February 4, 2019)**



District 3 Council member Antonio Brown honors game changers in the LGBTQ community. **(June 17, 2019)**



District 5 Council member Natalyn Archibong presents a proclamation to the Drew Charter High School Golf Team, Georgia's first all-black golf team to win the state title. **(July 1, 2019)**



District 2 Council member Amir Farokhi presents a proclamation celebrating the 30th anniversary of A Cappella Books, the City's only intown full-service bookstore. **(August 19, 2019).**



District 11 Council member Marci Collier Overstreet shows her support for the Bahamas after a catastrophic hurricane hit the islands in September 2019. Overstreet hosted the Bahamas Consulate General at a full council meeting and asked that Freeport be added to Atlanta's Sister City Program. **(September 16, 2019).**



District 10 Council member Andrea Boone and Post 1 At-Large Council member Michael Julian Bond present a proclamation to Dr. Tobe Johnson, a former Morehouse professor and political advisor who played a major role in civic affairs and government during the 1970s and 1980s in Atlanta. **(October 21, 2019)**





District 6 Council member Jennifer Ide presents a proclamation to Sally Flocks, founder of Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety ("PEDS") and former director for the organization. **(November 4, 2019)**



District 1 Council member Carla Smith honors the City's veteran employees with a proclamation for Veterans Day. **(November 4, 2019)**



Post 1 At-Large Council member Michael Julian Bond presents a proclamation to Rev. Dr. Fred Taylor, a civil and human rights activist and 38-year staff member for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. **(November 4, 2019)**



Post 2 At-Large Council member Matt Westmoreland presents a proclamation to Mary Early Francis, the first African American to earn a degree from the University of Georgia. **(December 2, 2019)**



District 9 Council member Dustin Hillis presents a proclamation to Department of Corrections Chief Patrick Labat at a full council meeting. Chief Labat officially retired from the City of Atlanta after 30 years of service. **(December 2, 2019)**



District 8 Council member J.P. Matzigkeit presents a proclamation to Richard Cox, the City of Atlanta's Chief Operating Officer, as he leaves the city to return to his role with Cox Automotive. **(December 12, 2019)**



Post 1 At-Large Michael Julian Bond leads the City of Atlanta's team at the 2019 Kidney Walk, which kicked off at Atlantic Station. **(May 18, 2019)**



District 11 Council member Marci Collier Overstreet welcomes guests at the opening of the city's first Good Neighbor Club located inside the William Walker Recreation Center. **(August 14, 2019)**



Council members listen to public comment during the Mobility and Safety Town Hall hosted in August by Council members Dustin Hillis and Andre Dickens. **(August 26, 2019)**



District 12 Council member Joyce Sheperd speaks with friends at the groundbreaking for the Southside At-Promise Youth and Community Center in the Pittsburgh community. **(September 3, 2019)**



District 3 Council member Antonio Brown celebrates improvements to the Washington Park natatorium and the park's centennial birthday with members of the community. **(September 12, 2019)**



District 2 Council member Amir Farokhi chats with students at the first District 2 State of the District celebration, which was held on the Atlanta BeltLine. **(September 26, 2019)**





District 1 Council member Carla Smith and District 5 Council member Natalyn Archibong joined the annual East Atlanta Strut as judges. **(September 28, 2019)**



District 8 Council member J.P. Matzigkeit chats with residents following the ribbon cutting ceremony for Play Chastain Phase II playground grand opening. **(October 12, 2019)**



District 4 Council member Clela Winslow speaks with a contractor at the Hyatt grand opening. **(October 24, 2019)**



District 6 Council member Jennifer Ide attends a Rally for Safe Streets outside Grady High School. Ide helped commemorate the anniversary of the passing of a Grady High student who was tragically killed while riding her bike. **(November 4, 2019)**



Atlanta City Council President Felicia Moore meets with a Hometown Connection attendee. Moore partnered with the Georgia Municipal Association to host local legislators at City Hall in November. **(November 7, 2019)**



District 10 Council member Andrea Boone and Atlanta native Clifford Harris (T.I.) gave out turkeys to residents before Thanksgiving. **(November 26, 2019)**





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