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ATLANTA  
CITY  
COUNCIL





## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings City of Atlanta! 2022 was a busy, yet amazing year. This new Atlanta City Council has taken on some tough issues, but we have worked together to make sure Atlanta remains the best city in which to live, work, and play.

Over the last year, the Council has moved to tackle one of the biggest issues our country is facing today, affordable housing. We are working to assure those who call Atlanta home and those wishing to move to Atlanta have an opportunity to live within the city limits and help Atlanta continue to grow. To help combat crime, the Council voted to enhance public safety by increasing salaries for our police and firefighters and offering housing assistance so these first responders can live in the communities they serve.

The Council has also taken the reins in assuring that as we are making our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic, our citizens have assistance with food and job uncertainties. We continue to hold food drives and career fairs to help those residents as they begin to rebound their lives.

Sustainability continues to be a major focus for the Council. We have passed legislation protecting our tree canopy, reducing the number of cars on our streets, creating a study group for an e-bicycle rebate program, and establishing the Clean Energy Advisory Board.

This Council's first year has been very demanding. 2022 had some tremendous challenges, but this Council has worked together to face them head-on. In 2023, the Council will continue to collaborate with Mayor Andre Dickens to "Move Atlanta Forward" and work hard for the people we serve!

**DOUG SHIPMAN**  
PRESIDENT



In accordance with City Code Section 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.





**DOUG SHIPMAN**  
PRESIDENT



**MICHAEL JULIAN BOND**  
POST 1 AT-LARGE



**MATT WESTMORELAND**  
POST 2 AT-LARGE



**KEISHA SEAN WAITES**  
POST 3 AT-LARGE



**JASON WINSTON**  
DISTRICT 1



**AMIR FAROKHI**  
DISTRICT 2



**BYRON AMOS**  
DISTRICT 3



**JASON S. DOZIER**  
DISTRICT 4



**LILIANA BAKHTIARI**  
DISTRICT 5



**ALEX WAN**  
DISTRICT 6



**HOWARD SHOOK**  
DISTRICT 7



**MARY NORWOOD**  
DISTRICT 8



**DUSTIN HILLIS**  
DISTRICT 9



**ANDREA L. BOONE**  
DISTRICT 10



**MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET**  
DISTRICT 11



**ANTONIO LEWIS**  
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 residents 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 works tirelessly 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 the city of Atlanta.

## Government Oversight

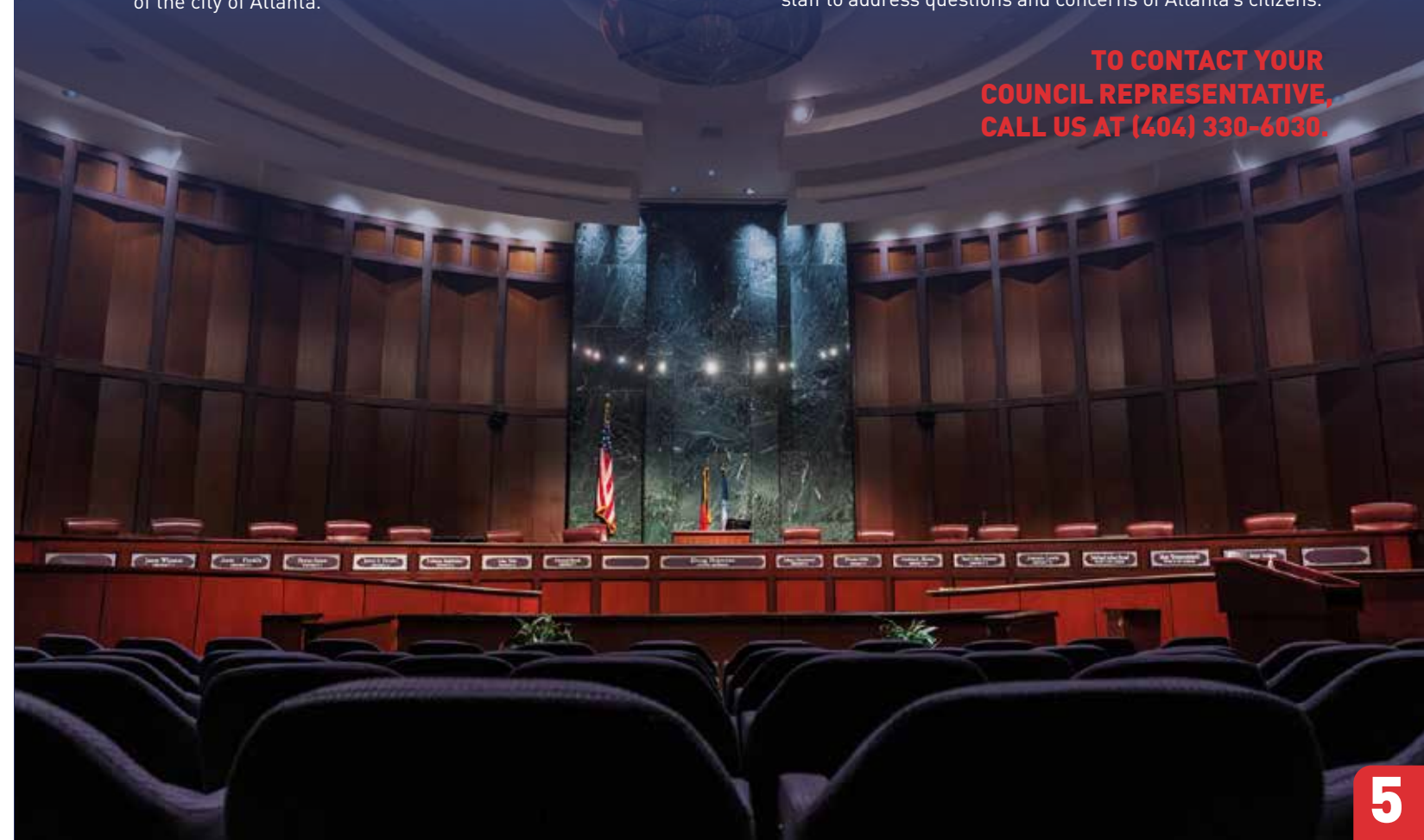
In addition to legislation, the Atlanta City Council strives to ensure that city government works for its citizens. Through the committees, the Council assesses multiple government programs and agencies.

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 Council member employs a professional staff to address questions and concerns of Atlanta's citizens.

**TO CONTACT YOUR  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE,  
CALL US AT (404) 330-6030.**



## How 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.

### 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 Council members 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.

### 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.

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.

### 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 considered 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, and other related items. 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 Council member 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.

Council members 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 Council members are paid an annual salary of \$72,360. The Council president is paid \$74,400 annually. Salaries are determined by an independent committee of city residents (Elected Officials Compensation Committee).

## Overview of the Legislative Process

- a** Once a Council member 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 Council member 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 Council members 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 to be read only once; 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.



**DOUG SHIPMAN**  
PRESIDENT

**CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE**  
HOWARD SHOOK – CHAIR

Dustin Hillis (Vice Chair)  
Andrea L. Boone  
Liliana Bakhtiari  
Antonio Lewis  
Alex Wan  
Jason Winston

**Meeting: Tuesday, 10 a.m.**  
Policy analyst: Miltresa McMichael  
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
JASON S. DOZIER – CHAIR

Matt Westmoreland (Vice Chair)  
Byron Amos  
Liliana Bakhtiari  
Michael Julian Bond  
Dustin Hillis  
Jason Winston

**Meeting: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.**  
Policy analyst: Jared Evans  
Legislative assistant: Wasonna Griffin

**HOWARD SHOOK**  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

**ZONING COMMITTEE**  
MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET – CHAIR

Matt Westmoreland (Vice Chair)  
Byron Amos  
Andrea L. Boone  
Amir Farokhi  
Mary Norwood  
Howard Shook

**Meeting: Monday, 11 a.m.**  
Policy analyst: Jared Evans  
Legislative assistant: Wasonna Griffin

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
DUSTIN HILLIS – CHAIR

Byron Amos (Vice Chair)  
Michael Julian Bond  
Andrea L. Boone  
Mary Norwood  
Marci Collier Overstreet  
Keisha Sean Waites

**Meeting: Monday, 2 p.m.**  
Policy analyst: Miltresa McMichael  
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

**FORIS WEBB**  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL**  
ANDREA L. BOONE – CHAIR

Mary Norwood (Vice Chair)  
Amir Farokhi  
Dustin Hillis  
Antonio Lewis  
Howard Shook  
Matt Westmoreland

**Meeting: Monday, 11 a.m. before Council**  
Policy analyst: David Johnson  
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

**FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
ALEX WAN – CHAIR

Howard Shook (Vice Chair)  
Liliana Bakhtiari  
Michael Julian Bond  
Jason S. Dozier  
Keisha Sean Waites  
Jason Winston

**Briefing: Monday, 12 p.m.**  
**Meeting: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.**  
Policy analyst: Corrine Lindo  
Legislative assistant: Wasonna Griffin

**SANTANA KEMPSON WRIGHT**  
COUNCIL STAFF DIRECTOR

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
AMIR FAROKHI – CHAIR

Antonio Lewis (Vice Chair)  
Jason S. Dozier  
Marci Collier Overstreet  
Keisha Sean Waites  
Alex Wan  
Matt Westmoreland

**Meeting: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.**  
Policy analyst: David Johnson  
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**  
DOUG SHIPMAN – COUCIL PRESIDENT

Andrea L. Boone  
Jason S. Dozier  
Amir Farokhi  
Dustin Hillis  
Marci Collier Overstreet  
Howard Shook  
Alex Wan



**HOWARD SHOOK**

CHAIR

The City Utilities Committee is responsible for the departments of Watershed Management and Public Works.



**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 should be the Office of Sustainability and Resilience
- City franchise agreements including those related to public-access television
- Matters related to the Atlanta Fulton Water Resources Commission, Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission, Solid Waste Management Authority, Water and Sewer Appeals Board
- All budgeted contracts pertaining to agencies under the jurisdiction of this committee



Atlanta adopted a goal to **reduce energy burdens for 10 percent of households**, with tracking metrics focused on those with low incomes.



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1280)**

Amended the City Charter, to authorize the collection of taxes and assessments for sanitary and solid waste disposal services, establish collection rates, fees, and charges and to authorize the adoption of administrative procedures for the resolution of disputes regarding solid waste property taxes and assessments.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1281)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to adjust the taxes, assessments, services fees, and charges billed for solid waste services, waste collection and recycling charges and the fees for street related sanitary services.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3589)**

Authorized the execution of an Amendment to Emergency Procurement Agreement EA-S-1210023, Municipal Waste Collection Support, with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., to add funding for continued municipal waste collection support services in an amount not to exceed \$2 million.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1393)**

Approved legislation reinstating the Agreement with People TV, Inc for the operation of Public Access Television.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1456)**

Authorized the expansion of the Care and Conserve Program to include assistance for homeowners who have experienced property impacts related to water infrastructure. The Care and Conserve Program benefits all Department of Watershed Management customers by helping to reduce the burden of outstanding debt on the system and promotes the most efficient use of water resources.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1802)**

Approved legislation to name the Bellwood Quarry Pumping Station, the Shirley Clarke Franklin Pumping Station and Reservoir, in honor of Mayor Shirley Franklin, the 58th Mayor of the City of Atlanta. Mayor Franklin served from 2002 to 2010 and was the first woman to be elected Mayor of the City of Atlanta.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1874)**

Authorized an agreement with the State of Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services for federal funds to assist with water and sewer accounts for low-income households.





**JASON DOZIER**

CHAIR

The Community Development/Human Services Committee makes recommendations 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**

- Department of City Planning
- 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 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 Work Source 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
- Department of grants and community development
- Atlanta Beltline as it relates to housing and the Tax Allocation District



**Westside Park**, Atlanta’s largest at 280 acres, received **the HGOR Award of Excellence in Resilient Infrastructure in 2022**. The park at the former Bellwood Quarry doubles as an emergency reservoir for the city.



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1097)**

Amended the City Code to revise the duties of the Urban Design Commission (UDC) as it relates to their review of demolitions that have been ordered by the City’s In-Rem Review Board to support the timely demolition of properties ordered for demolition that pose a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens, when those properties have not been designated historic or a landmark.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1133)**

Amended the City Charter to adopt changes to the Atlanta Urban Enterprise Zone Act. The updates to the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program is a policy action identified in the City’s ONE ATLANTA Housing Affordability Action Plan. The amendments include establishing the findings for and purpose of urban enterprise zones, creating definitions, providing for types of ad valorem property tax exemptions, outlining the criteria for designating urban enterprise zones, clarifying the amount of exemptions that may be provided, setting limitations on the time that exemptions may be in place, establishing criteria for identifying exempt properties, and other related matters.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1134)**

Amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to incorporate the Strategic Urban Enterprise Program. This was done in conjunction with an amendment to the Charter pursuant to 22-O-1133. The adopted program guidelines delegate authority to the Department of City Planning to implement evidence-based methodologies to designate targeted areas as Urban Enterprise Zones and target specific outcomes within these areas.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1255)**

Approved legislation that authorized the acquisition of the Chattahoochee Brick Company property, consisting of approximately 75 acres on the Chattahoochee River, for the purpose of furthering the City’s goal of increasing its parks, greenspace, recreation, and watershed land. The property gives the public a significant place on the river where a park can be established to provide access to the river front and create an appropriate site to honor the Chattahoochee Brick workers.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1306)**

Approved legislation enabling the BeltLine Marketplace Program which will serve as a pilot program to provide entrepreneurs with immediate access to BeltLine pedestrian traffic, for existing businesses to test new products and services and to gain new markets, and for residents on the Southside and Westside to have access to new amenities in their communities.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3414)**

Approved legislation urging the City Planning Commissioner to work with the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board to develop a set of best practices guidelines for the City’s twenty-five Neighborhood Planning Units. The best practice guidelines were produced and presented to the Committee on September 27, 2022.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1404)**

Approved legislation authorizing the creation of all necessary funds and project numbers to support an additional \$22,513,368.85 from the U. S. Treasury for the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1459)**

Amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94 (Human Relations) which prohibits discrimination in public accommodations, private employment, and housing located within the City to provide for a definition of gender expression, as well as for gender expression to be reflected characteristic in the membership of the Human Relations Commission, and to add allegations of LGBTQ+ profiling to the list of functions for the Human Relations Commission to investigate.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3976)**

Approved legislation increasing the boundaries of the West End Community Improvement District.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1747)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances, Section 6-3013 (a) to ensure that any modifications to Neighborhood Planning Units boundaries be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1815)**

Approved legislation to purchase all or part of approximately 178 acres of forested land located on Fairburn Road SW in order to protect, in perpetuity, high-value mature forest and habitat for the benefit of Atlanta’s residents and the environment.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1871)**

Approved legislation in support of Invest Atlanta grant programs to assist faith-based organizations seeking to develop their land into missing middle affordable projects in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.





## SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED

[Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1829].

Approved the phase one update of the Tree Protection Ordinance to include the recommendations of a broad group of stakeholders representing a wide array of professions and interests. This update includes new definitions, new parking lot requirements, new variations, new penalties, changes to appeals, and new criteria for removal, destruction, or injury to trees and addresses their replacement.

[Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1316, 22-0-1546, 22-R-4720].

Approved a total of \$9,700,000 to facilitate the relocation of residents from the dilapidated Forest Cove apartments in the Southeast Atlanta community of Thomasville.

Considered the symbol of Atlanta's rebirth, **"The Phoenix"**





**AMIR FAROKHI**

CHAIR

The Transportation Committee has purview over the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT), which serves as both the coordinating agency for all transportation matters within city government, and as the single point of contact for citizens and external agencies.



**JURISDICTION**

- Aviation and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- Atlanta Department of Transportation activities related to, engineering and operations, including traffic engineering and control, street lighting and naming, banners, bridges, roads, pedestrian facilities, encroachment and easement agreements, sidewalk waivers, paths, trails and bike facilities
- Parking facilities
- The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)
- The Atlanta Regional Commission
- Community-development activities related to transportation planning
- Infrastructure-bond issues and other capital funding related to transportation projects
- Renew Atlanta matters 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 Department of Transportation activities related to mobility strategy, planning, and performance



An average of more than **six million passengers** used Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport each month **represents an increase of 2.91 percent** during the fiscal year in comparison to 2021.



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3059)**

Requested the MARTA Board of Directors provide a report on funding related to the expansion of the Campbellton Road Corridor project and the Greenbriar Transit HUB allocated as part of "More MARTA", to ensure all dollars are being spent appropriately.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3057)**

Requested implementation of a pedestrian safety plan for Danforth Road to enhance street safety for West Cascade Park.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3120)**

Approved a \$4.47M grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the 2022 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) to resurface certain Atlanta streets.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1246)**

Approved the installation of historical markers to memorialize the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre at 112 Courtland Street NE and 35 Gammon Avenue SE in Atlanta.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1369)**

Adopted legislation to increase oversight, accountability, resident participation, and a commitment to improving project delivery for the "Moving Atlanta Forward" infrastructure initiative.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1532)**

Authorized the use of \$6.3M in Transportation Impact Fees to modernize traffic signals and communication corridors and to add complete streets and intersection improvement projects.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1674)**

Authorized the acquisition of certain parcels owned by MARTA located at 143 Alabama Street for development as affordable housing and to support a revitalization project for downtown Atlanta.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-R-4262)**

Authorized the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot discretionary grant program in an amount not to exceed \$10.5M that will be used for preliminary engineering for The Stitch Project, a proposed three-quarter mile platform spanning the I-75/I-85 Downtown Atlanta Connector between Ted Turner Drive and Piedmont Avenue.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-R-4252)**

Approved legislation requesting the City's Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works update the list of City Arterial Streets, City Connector Streets, and State Route streets within the City's Public Right-of-Way Manual.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1751)**

Authorized the execution of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation for up to \$16.4M for the construction of the Atlanta Beltline Southside Trail.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1828)**

Amended Chapter 22 of the City Code of Ordinances to extend the permissible age of a taxi or rideshare vehicle from seven years to ten years, for period of two years, through December 31, 2024.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1881)**

Authorized the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), for the funding of a planning study for The Stitch, a proposed three-quarter mile platform spanning the I-75/I-85 Downtown Atlanta Connector between Ted Turner Drive and Piedmont Avenue.



**ALEX WAN**

CHAIR

The Finance/Executive Committee makes recommendations 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
- Matters 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
- 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 Department of Customer Service and ATL311 call center
- The Department of Enterprise Assets Management all budgeted contracts pertaining to the agencies under this committee's jurisdiction



According to the Atlanta Business Chronicle, **the Atlanta economy ranked 11th largest in the country** with an estimated 2022 GDP of more than \$559 billion.



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1101]**

Approved legislation to support the collaboration between the City of Atlanta, Fulton County and other stakeholders and partners in providing a Continuum of Resources through the creation, establishment and operation of a Center for Diversion and Services.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3138]**

Recognized the City's 911 Communication Dispatchers as first responders. The recognition of 911 dispatchers as first responders has become a national trend spurred by the "911 Saves Act", bipartisan legislation was introduced by the U.S Congress in 2021 to reclassify 911 dispatchers as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1162]**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to create a new section entitled 'iSpeakATL' to require that all elected officials, part-time, full-time and contract employees of the City be required to undergo language access training on an annual basis. iSpeakATL is the citywide language access plan designed by the Division of Immigrant Affairs to ensure that all City departments are equipped to serve all constituents equally, efficiently and free of charge, regardless of the language they speak.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3250]**

Approved legislation in support of Starbucks employees within the City of Atlanta who are attempting to establish a union. The legislation urges the Starbucks corporation to accept the basic labor right of "Check Card Neutrality" which is a contract between a union of works and an employer under which the employer agrees to support an attempt to organize the workforce and urges the Georgia Generally Assembly to take legislative action to enable all Georgia workers to lobby for competitive wages, benefits and a suitable workplace environment.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3344]**

Approved legislation requesting the Department of Human Resources review all existing policies and procedures in place to ensure there are appropriate protective measures for employees who report allegations of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, workplace violence and/or bullying.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3346]**

Approved legislation supporting Senate Bill 330, the "Giving the Gift of Life Act" to protect living donors from losing or being denied life insurance and raise the tax credit to \$25,000 for organ donation as well as provides a tax credit for businesses to assist their employees with organ donation.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1344]**

Amended the City Charter regarding audit provisions for the purpose of adding a responsibility for audited departments to submit quarterly progress reports with supporting documentation to the City Auditor's Office to track and report on implementation of audit recommendations.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1460]**

Approved legislation authorizing that loans made to small businesses through the Invest Atlanta Creative Industries Loan Fund Programs be converted to grants and that all future disbursements made from the Creative Industries Loan Fund will be distributed as grant awards.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1507]**

Amended the FY23 General Fund budget to transfer \$7M from the General Fund Uncommitted Fund Balance to the Non-Departmental General Fund to offset a \$7M transfer to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund was established pursuant to 21-O-0777 requiring two percent (2%) of the General Fund budget to be set aside for affordable housing over a three-year period.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3864]**

Ratified \$406M in General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds for the City of Atlanta that will be used to pay for the construction, improvements and critical capital maintenance of public safety and parks and recreational facilities, as well as, transportation and infrastructure projects.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1620]**

Approved legislation authorizing a master lease agreement with JP Morgan Chase to acquire three (3) Spartan, 1,400 gallons per minute custom reserve fire pumpers for the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department.

**[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1635]**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to create the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs as a standalone office within the Department of the Mayor. The office will have purview and scope over international and immigrant affairs for the City and work to facilitate the City's efforts to advocate on a global level, the various needs of the City's immigrant community with a focus on fostering safe, healthy, connected neighborhoods, which provide equity and offer opportunities for upward mobility and youth development.



## SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4037)**

Authorized a donation in the amount of \$500K to “Choose Atlanta 2024,” in support of the Democratic National Committee’s consideration of Atlanta as a host city for the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4421)**

Urged the Georgia General Assembly to enact legislation to prohibit commercial harassment and make it a punishable offense under the Georgia State Code. The City of Atlanta enacted Ordinance 22-O-1668, which amended the City code to prohibit the offense of commercial harassment in the City and made the offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1k. A state law recognizing commercial harassment would constitute a misdemeanor or felony.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4432)**

Urged the Georgia General Assembly to take action to regulate investor-owned housing and encourage owner-occupied housing to protect single-family neighborhoods and increase access to affordable homeownership and affordable rental options for citizens.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1872)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to formally establish a stand-alone office of Sustainability and Resilience within the Department of the Mayor. The duties of Office of Sustainability and Resilience will include the development, implementation, and promotion of policies, programs, regulations, and initiatives related to environmental sustainability, climate resilience, environmental justice, resource management, waste diversion and food security.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4711)**

Authorized a Special Procurement Agreement for Short Term Rental Software that will provide automated assistance to monitor the rental market and to enforce regulations in the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. The platform offers options for automated host compliance monitoring and enforcement with minor staff intervention, a 24/7 complaint hotline, and user-friendly registration for short-term rentals on the market.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4708)**

Approved legislation declaring the City of Atlanta as a Human Rights City and urge government officials at all levels of government to more fully and effectively implement policies that serve to protect the human rights of all its citizens. The Human Rights Cities initiative was launched by the People’s Decade for Human Rights Education (PDHRE) in the wake of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna and aims to mobilize people in communities to pursue a community-wide dialogue and to launch actions to improve the life and security of women, men and children based on human rights norms and standards.

### **(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4797)**

Urged the 118th Congress to reintroduce and pass the Youth PROMISE (Prison Reduction Through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, And Education) Act, that would provide grant funding to support programs and initiatives that assess, develop, and implement evidence-based practices to deter juvenile delinquency, youth violence and criminal street gang activity.





**DUSTIN HILLIS**  
CHAIR

The Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee makes recommendations 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 has legislative oversight over the Atlanta police department, Corrections, Law, Fire Rescue, the Office of Emergency Management Services, and the City Courts.



**JURISDICTION**

- General public safety
- Police departments, 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



The city of Atlanta's population reached **496,461 in 2022** with a population density of 3,154.3 people per square mile.



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENTS**

The Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee approved \$601,496.40 to settle claims in 2022.

The Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee approved \$9,279,445 for litigation settlements in 2022.

**2022 SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION**

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1407)**

Approved legislation authorizing the training of non-sworn law enforcement employees, firefighters, and volunteers to assist in traffic control at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to enhance safety and the efficient movement of traffic.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1447)**

Authorized a donation of \$75,000 to the Atlanta Police Foundation to assist with funding for the installation of surveillance cameras in the Thomasville neighborhood.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-4043)**

Approved legislation authorizing the commission of an independent appraisal of the Atlanta City Detention Center to determine the true market value of the building and property, in order to make informed decisions on the redevelopment of the facility.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1765)**

Approved legislation accepting a grant award in the amount of \$2,988,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to support the operating costs associated with the Center for Diversion and Services.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1632)**

Authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Office of the Fulton County Sherriff for the temporary housing of 700 Adult Detainees at the Atlanta City Detention Center for a term of 4 years, with no renewal options.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1102)**

Authorized an expenditure of over \$2.9M for construction of the Center for Diversion and Services within the Atlanta City Detention Center.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1696)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to provide more reasonable and efficient enforcement of the amount of time which an animal must persistently or continuously bark in order to be considered a nuisance, from twenty (20) to ten (10) minutes.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1743)**

Approved legislation authorizing the a Master Lease Agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for the acquisition of sixty (60) Dodge Chargers for the Atlanta Police Department.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1748)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to prohibit discrimination against persons directly impacted by the criminal legal system in the class of persons who may be aggrieved by alleged discrimination or unlawful practices under the Human Relations Code, to help combat the long-term impacts of incarceration.



The Zoning Committee reviewed and approved 118 ordinances in 2022, including 15 Special Use Permits and 79 cases involving a rezoning of a parcel(s) in the city limits or the zoning of newly annexed property.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1017)**

An approved amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update the regulations of the Greenbriar Special Public Interest District by amending regulations to align with the Campbellton Road Corridor plan and the Reimagine Greenbriar Plan that supports redevelopment of the Campbellton Road corridor. This text amendment improves upon the existing SPI-20 district originally adopted in 2004.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1095)**

Approved legislation to rezone parcels adjacent to the Bankhead MARTA station to the MRC-3/BL (Mixed Residential Commercial/BeltLine Overlay), to encourage transit-oriented development and provide affordable housing in close proximity to the Bankhead Station.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1019)**

Approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new Chapter 43, Campbellton Road Overlay District, to create an overlay district for the Campbellton Road corridor, the main street of Southwest Atlanta, with the intent to properly balance increasing residential, and retail uses with desired commercial and mixed-use development. The overlay district provides greater regulation of businesses along the corridor which attracts large numbers of people working and living on and along the corridor.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1535)**

Approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate off-street parking in the Downtown Special Public Interest District and the Midtown Special Public Interest District to lower parking maximums to support ongoing transportation mode shift and reinforce land use priorities near transit.



**MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET**

CHAIR

The Zoning Committee makes recommendations 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 and 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



Thirty-one companies headquartered in metro Atlanta are among the **Fortune 1000 list**, of which **17 are ranked in the elite Fortune 500.**



**ANDREA L. BOONE**

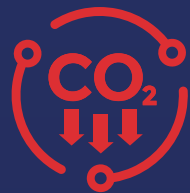
CHAIR

The Committee on Council makes recommendations 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 Council members; 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



**As reported in 2022 by the AJC**, metro Atlanta's improved smog levels allowed the area to meet federal standards for ozone pollution while less driving helped **the Atlanta area meet EPA smog standards.**



**SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION ADOPTED**

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3136).**

Appointed Council member Matt Westmoreland to the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Regional Commission for a term of four years.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3404)**

Approved legislation to sunset certain boards, authorities, commissions and other groups, created by the action of the Council, when such boards, authorities, or commissions, and other groups have accomplished the purposes for which they were created, or whose term has expired.

**(Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1554)**

Approved legislation to name City Council Committee Room 1, The Larry M. Dingle Committee Room, in honor of the former City of Atlanta Municipal Clerk and public servant.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1357)**

Approved Legislation requiring all audio and video recordings of the Atlanta City Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, and of any BACE meetings to supplement the minutes of such meetings or be accepted as a legal record of the meeting in the absence of the written minutes.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-R-3851)**

Appointed Ms. Santana Kempson-Wright to the position of Council Staff Director.

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1700)**

Amended the City Charter to redraw Council district boundaries and adopt a new Council districts map

**(Legislation Reference No. 22-O-1822)**

Amended the City Code of Ordinances to hold committee meetings of the Atlanta City Council three days a week instead of two.



Along with Mayor Andre Dickens, and the Council's members, new City Council President Doug Shipman officially began his four-year term after taking the oath of office on Jan. 3, 2022.



The 2021 November elections led to a significant turnover in the city's legislative branch for 2022. The new Atlanta City Council includes six newly elected members and two former members making a return to City Hall.



Council member Jason S. Dozier held his first town hall of the year in April at Dunbar Elementary School in the Mechanicsville neighborhood in District 4. The meeting allowed members of the surrounding communities to voice their concerns.



Council member Byron Amos was on hand to share Morris Brown College's announcement that after nearly 20 years the institution has received full accreditation from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.



Mayor Andre Dickens and Council member Liliana Bakhtiari held a walkthrough of District 5 to address the ongoing traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety concerns and exit ramp issues along Bill Kennedy.



Council member Byron Amos welcomed the 2022 Black Music and Entertainment Walk of Fame and guest honorees, Tyler Perry, New Edition, Yolanda Adams, and Lionel Richie, to District 3.



In celebration of her inaugural 'Strength of A Woman Festival and Summit', Council members Keisha Sean Waites, Andrea L. Boone, and Liliana Bakhtiari recognized Mary J. Blige with her very own day.



Council member Marci Collier Overstreet hosted county leaders during Amerigroup Georgia's grand opening ceremony of its new community center on May 12, 2022, on Headland Drive in Southwest Atlanta.



Following the official opening of the Westside Park and Bellwood Quarry, Council member Dustin Hillis joined visitors to tour the 280-acre park, the largest greenspace in the city.



In March 2022, the Atlanta City Council returned to in-person meetings inside its chamber and committee rooms for the first time in nearly two years.



Council member Andrea L. Boone held her first of several informational meetings on redistricting. The goal of redistricting is to reapportion or distribute Atlanta's population more evenly across the 12 City Council districts.



To help increase community engagement in District 12, Council member Antonio Lewis coordinated a Rosel Fann community canvassing event. The campaign featured members of the community and the Atlanta Police Department.





For the Fourth of July, Council President Doug Shipman participated in the 2022 AJC Peachtree Road Race with several Council members competing or serving as official starters. It was the return of the coveted event since 2019 with an estimated 60,000 people that participated in the race.



Council member Byron Amos administered the coin toss to officially open the evening competitions of the 2022 Atlanta Tennis Open. The event was held in Atlantic Station and is considered a world-class tennis event.



Council member Alex Wan and several members of the Council joined the community in welcoming back the Atlanta Pride Celebration and Parade.



Council member Jason Winston and the Atlanta Department of Transportation held a ribbon cutting and an inaugural bike ride on the new protected bike lane in District 1.



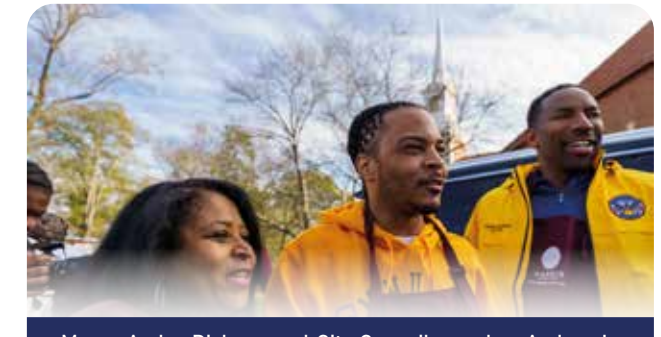
Several members of the Atlanta City Council toured and assessed the Atlanta City Detention Center before approving the legislation to lease beds at the city jail to Fulton County.



Council member Mary Norwood joined city leaders and guests for a celebratory groundbreaking at the Chastain Horse Park.



Council member Lilianna Bakhtiari addressed city leaders, historians, and community members during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Oakland Cemetery. The ceremony was held to celebrate the complete rehabilitation of the cemetery bell tower.



Mayor Andre Dickens and City Council member Andrea L. Boone teamed up with Atlanta native and rapper Clifford "T.I." Harris for his 17th Annual Harris Community Works Turkey Drive at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.



In honor of several individuals in Atlanta's LGBTQIA+ community, Council member Keisha Sean Waites held a Pride Equality and Unity Reception. The event recognized members of Atlanta's government, the business community, and the entertainment industry.



Council member Marci Collier Overstreet presented the Dogwood City Chapter of the Links, Inc. with a proclamation. The Dogwood City Chapter is the second chapter in the metropolitan Atlanta area.



Council member Michael Julian Bond rekindles his Christmas tradition of dressing up as Santa Claus to deliver toys to the children during the Jabez Project Christmas Party at the Saint Anne's Episcopal Church.



Celebrating Hanukkah with Chabad Intown! Council member Amir Farokhi attended the menorah lighting at Ponce City Market to help highlight the Festival of Lights.



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