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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the City Council reaches the midpoint of its term, I am pleased to highlight the unwavering commitment to cooperation, collaboration, and prioritizing the needs of Atlanta's citizens. Through strategic policy decisions and strong partnership with Mayor Andre Dickens, we have fostered a more resilient, thriving, and sustainable city.

Throughout this year, the City Council has demonstrated unparalleled dedication to ensure every corner of Atlanta shares in our city's progress. We have championed legislation to reward our invaluable city employees with retention bonuses, spearheaded initiatives to enhance pedestrian safety, allocated resources for the enhancement of our city parks, and earmarked funds to address the crucial issue of affordable housing. Additionally, long-overdue infrastructure projects have received the necessary funding, and innovative policies have been enacted to tackle homelessness and improve food accessibility, thereby stimulating job creation, fostering investment, and fostering development in underserved areas lacking access to quality groceries and fresh produce.

The synergy between Atlanta's City Council, Mayor's office, and our exceptional City workforce remains steadfast in addressing the city's most pressing challenges, fostering unity, and advancing the well-being of all residents. Moving forward, our focus remains steadfast on core issues critical to Atlanta's future: affordability, economic prosperity, equity, transit, infrastructure, and essential services that underpin our city's growth trajectory.

I, along with my esteemed Council colleagues, am deeply honored to serve each resident of our beautiful city. Together, we will continue to prioritize initiatives that propel Atlanta towards greater growth and prosperity.

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
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DISTRICT 6



HOWARD SHOOK
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MARY NORWOOD
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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.

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

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.



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 can 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 then 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).

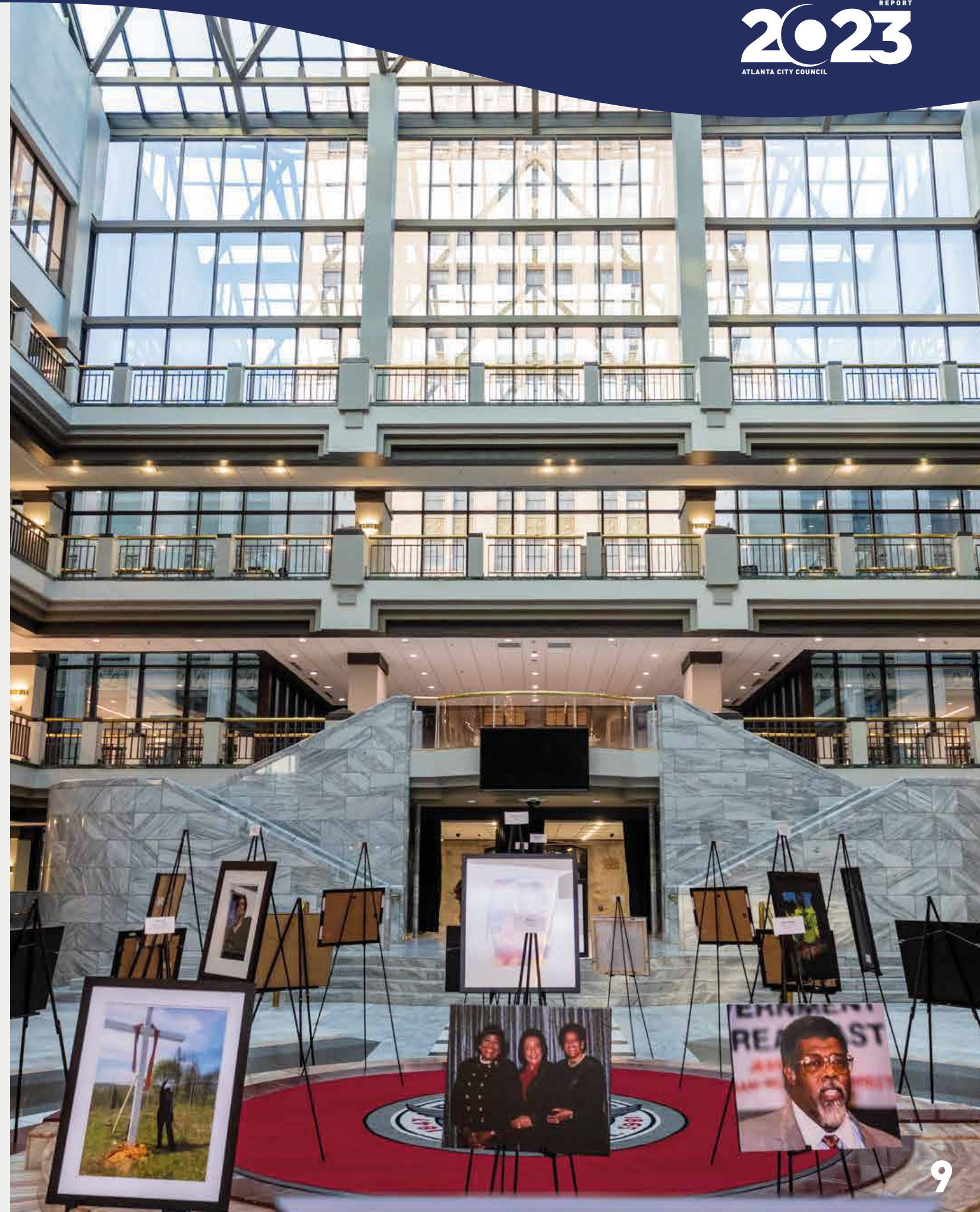


Overview of the Legislative Process

- 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 the fundamental framework and governance structure of the city, are established through ordinances that require readings at three regular meetings, reflecting their significance compared to code amendments.
- 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
JASON WINSTON – CHAIR

Michael Julian Bond
Andrea L. Boone
Jason Dozier
Dustin Hillis
Antonio Lewis
Howard Shook

Meeting: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Policy analyst: David Johnson
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

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

Byron D. Amos
Liliana Bakhtiari
Antonio Lewis
Keisha Sean Waites
Matt Westmoreland
Jason Winston

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

MATT WESTMORELAND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ZONING COMMITTEE
MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET – CHAIR

Liliana Bakhtiari
Michael Julian Bond
Jason Dozier
Amir Farokhi
Mary Norwood
Matt Westmoreland

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

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

Byron D. Amos
Michael Julian Bond
Andrea L. Boone
Antonio Lewis
Mary Norwood
Keisha Sean Waites

Meeting: Monday, 2 p.m.
Policy analyst: Corrine Lindo
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

VANESSA WALDON
INTERIM MUNICIPAL CLERK

COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
LILIANA BAKHTIARI – CHAIR

Byron D. Amos (VC)
Andrea L. Boone
Amir Farokhi
Howard Shook
Alex Wan
Jason Winston

Meeting: Monday, 11 a.m. before Council
Policy analyst: Jared Evans
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALEX WAN – CHAIR

Liliana Bakhtiari
Dustin Hillis
Marc Collier Overstreet
Howard Shook
Matt Westmoreland
Jason Winston

Briefing: Monday, 12 p.m.
Meeting: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
Policy analyst: Corrine Lindo
Legislative assistant: Jazmine Tell

SANTANA KEMPSON WRIGHT
COUNCIL STAFF DIRECTOR

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AMIR FAROKHI – CHAIR

Byron D. Amos
Antonio Lewis
Mary Norwood
Marc Collier Overstreet
Keisha Sean Waites
Alex Wan

Meeting: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Policy analyst: David Johnson
Legislative assistant: Wasonna Griffin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
DOUG SHIPMAN – COUCIL PRESIDENT

Liliana Bakhtiari
Jason Dozier
Amir Farokhi
Dustin Hillis
Marc Collier Overstreet
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Jason Winston



JASON WINSTON

CHAIR



The City Utilities Committee is responsible for making recommendations on a wide array of issues that includes solid waste, sanitation, recycling, and sewage and other matters pertaining to the Atlanta Fulton Water Resources Commission, Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission, public access television management, solid waste management authority, solid waste appeals board, water and sewer appeals board, and other relevant boards and bodies within its jurisdiction. This committee has legislative oversight over the Department of Watershed Management, Department of Public Works, and Office of Sustainability and Resilience.



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

[Legislative Reference No. 23-0-1148]

Amended Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund Budget in the amount of \$7 million to add funds to facilitate the Lakewood Park Project. The project includes the design and construction of stormwater infrastructure in Lakewood Park to remove a dam, stabilize a roadway, and alleviate flooding in the area.

Authorized an agreement to conduct a cost study for street-based sanitary services and general common good sanitary services, including solid waste collection and other services to include a review of existing and previous methods for fee assessments to ensure the City recovers the costs of the street-based and

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3853]

Authorized the mayor to execute an emergency procurement agreement with Ruby-Collins, Inc. on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management to add funding to phase two of the design-build agreement for repairs to the Niskey Lake Dam in an amount not to exceed \$7.3 million.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-0-1575]

Authorized an application for grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Solar for All Grant Program as a co-applicant with three Georgia local governments and a non-profit organization for \$250 million.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4349]

Requested the Department of Watershed Management install storm drain grates perpendicular to the direction of traffic to enhance traffic safety.



According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Atlanta ranked third among all U.S. cities and tops among the Southeast with the greatest number of ENERGY STAR certified commercial and multifamily buildings with 376.



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



Atlanta ranked 28th on the 2023 ParkScore index among U.S. cities with the best and most strategic park systems. Seventy-seven percent of Atlantans now live within 10-minute walk of a park.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1042]

Amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, aligning the hourly wage of park attendants with the updated City of Atlanta Employees’ pay rate, which had been increased to \$15.00 per hour in July 2019. It is noteworthy that the previous hourly rate specified in the Code for park attendants was \$10.50, a figure that became obsolete.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3199]

Expressed support for the Chattahoochee River Greenway Study, titled “Chattahoochee RiverLands.” The City of Atlanta endorsed the vision of establishing a seamless public realm along the river, emphasizing a safe and connected corridor that serves as a shared space for all. Additionally, it recognized the importance of creating an ecological refuge for the region and a living legacy of conservation and education. The resolution specifically requested the Departments of City Planning, Parks and Recreation, Watershed Management, Transportation, and all other relevant departments to use the guidance provided by the Chattahoochee RiverLands study.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1102]

Authorized the application for a \$750,000 grant from the State of Georgia’s allocation of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The intended purpose of the grant was to facilitate the development of a memorial, greenspaces, and park at the former site of the Chattahoochee Brick Company. The City is required to allocate and utilize the funds by October 31, 2026.

[Legislative Reference Nos. 23-O-1136 and 23-O-1186]

Amended the composition of the City of Atlanta Human Relations Commission, introducing an expansion from seven to nine members and altering the manner of appointment. The City of Atlanta’s Human Relations Code, outlined in Chapter 94 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, originated in response to the 1995 Georgia Supreme Court decision (City of Atlanta v. McKinney). The court affirmed the City’s authority to enact anti-discrimination laws under its general police power. The Human Relations Commission is tasked with receiving, investigating, and offering recommendations for the resolution of discrimination complaints as outlined in Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1331]

Allocated \$8 million from the FY24 General Fund Budget to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund under the Building the Beloved Community initiative. This transfer, representing approximately 1% of the proposed budget, was a deliberate effort to support and advance affordable housing initiatives within the city.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3756]

Urged the City’s Executive Branch to collaborate with the Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments to identify supplementary funding for ensuring access to abortion services; and encourages exploration of diverse funding avenues, including grants, private partnerships, and philanthropic contributions. The ultimate goal is to attract additional investments, aspiring to match or surpass the City of Atlanta’s FY24 \$300,000 investment in this crucial area.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1005]

Amended the Beltline Overlay and District Regulations in the Land Development Code to prohibit the addition of new service stations within the Beltline Overlay District, with the goal of preserving and protecting the existing character and ensuring that future development aligns with the Beltline’s objectives. The amendment addresses the increasing number of pedestrian fatalities, particularly with a disproportionate impact on Black individuals. It aligned with the Vision Zero strategy, which aimed to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3968]

Accepted the First Neighborhood Heat Vulnerability Assessment and assigned responsibility to the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and Resilience for reviewing the results of the Atlanta Heat & Food Risk Assessment and the Resilience Scoresheet. The assessment, which evaluated exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity in each Atlanta neighborhood regarding heat stress, aimed to identify at-risk communities prone to heat-related illnesses. It highlighted disparities between higher and lower-risk neighborhoods. The assessment provided valuable insights into potential interventions, including optimizing cool roof technologies and increasing tree canopy cover in neighborhoods to mitigate the impact of heat.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4351]

Established the City of Atlanta Reparations Study Commission.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3688]

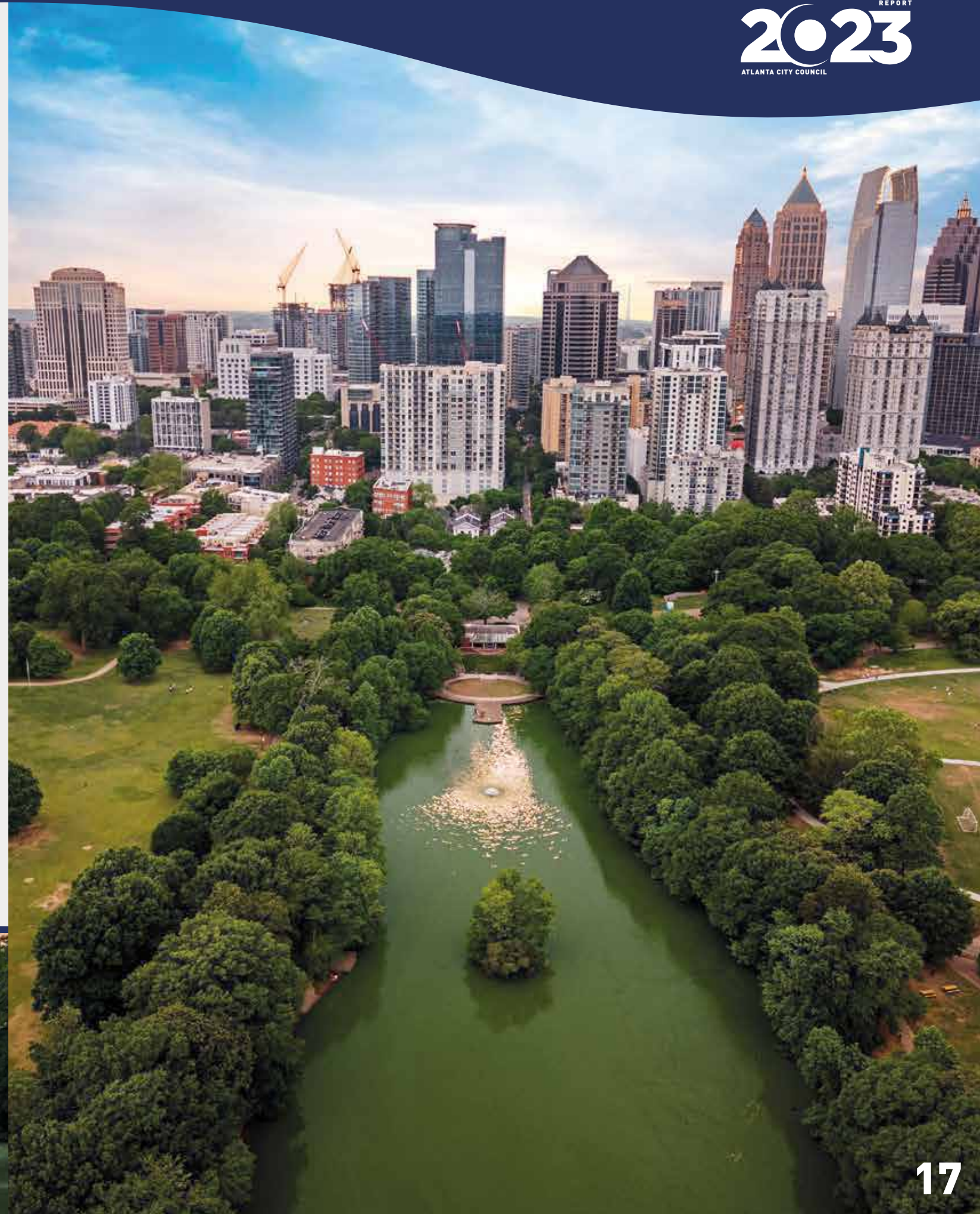
Expanded the boundaries of the Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District (CID), to enhance the provision of governmental services and facilities within the district.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3688]

Requested the City Development Authority dba Invest Atlanta, undertake a comprehensive exploration of financing options to assist property owners in covering the initial costs of renovating or making additions to their homes for the creation of accessory dwelling units. (ADUs).



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



In 2023, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport achieved an extraordinary milestone, serving 104.7 million passengers, setting a new post-pandemic record.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3090]

Authorized the application and acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant in an amount not to exceed \$25 million for the construction of the Atlanta BeltLine Northeast Trail .

[Legislation Reference No. 23-O-1044]

Authorized the acceptance of \$240,000 in grant funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission and the allocation of \$60,000 in local matching funds from the Atlanta Department of Transportation’s budget for the Georgia Department of Transportation to conduct a preliminary engineering and scoping study of the intersection of Moreland Avenue and DeKalb Avenue

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3104]

Authorized a memorandum of understanding and contract item with the Georgia Department of Transportation and to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed approximately \$60,000 for construction services along Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway. The scope of work consists of adjusting water and sewer infrastructure to help facilitate the department’s road diet project along the parkway to improve safety and road access.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-O-1134]

Authorized the application and acceptance of grant funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, up to \$2 million, for resurfacing work on Trinity Avenue, Memorial Drive, and roads around the state capitol.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3278]

Requested the Georgia Department of Transportation include the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge located over I-285 in the I-285/I-20 Interchange Project and to host additional public forums with southwest Atlanta communities.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3325]

Requested MARTA adopt Disadvantaged Business Enterprise practices in its procurement and contracting processes for the More MARTA program to promote economic opportunities for small businesses, particularly those owned by women and minorities.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3519].

Authorized the mayor or his designee to amend a contract related to widening Concourse D at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$365 million and to fund the initial construction phase of Concourse D North in the amount of \$200 million

[Legislation Reference No. 23-O-1234]

Authorized the City to acquire certain easements, rights-of-way, and other property interest necessary for the completion and maintenance of the Monroe Drive Complete Street Project on behalf of the Atlanta Department of Transportation.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-O-1345]

Accepted grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$30 million for the implementation of the Pryor and Central Safe Street and Protected Bike Lanes Project and to allocate \$10 million in local matching funds for the project.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-3815]

Expressed intent to change Confederate street names in the city of Atlanta based on recommendations received from the Advisory Committee on City of Atlanta Street Names and Monuments Associated with the Confederacy.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-4047]

Authorized an application for the fiscal year 2023 United States Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods discretionary capital construction grant in an amount not to exceed \$250 million for planning, design, and construction of the first phase of The Stitch.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-4252]

Requested the State and Federal governments support the installation of a noise barrier wall along I-20 to address the environmental noise pollution created by the interstate’s expansion in Mozley Park, Westview, West End, and Mechanicsville.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-O-1604]

Authorized acceptance of award funds from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration in an amount not to exceed \$25 million for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant.

[Legislation Reference No. 23-R-4547]

Urged the General Manager of the Hartsfield-Atlanta International Airport to implement a plan to aid and provide support services for unhoused individuals seeking shelter at the airport, including entering an emergency procurement agreement with a qualified service provider to provide outreach and identify the need for specific services.



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



Tom Groenfeldt for Forbes Magazine wrote, 'Atlanta is the unsung leader in financial technology, noting that, 70 percent of all global financial transactions pass through companies headquartered in metro Atlanta.'

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1016]

Amended the City's Code to establish the mayor's Office of Policy). The office would help develop and implement the mayor's key initiatives and shape the policy framework for top mayoral priorities.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3002]

Opposed federal and state legislation allowing for increased truck weights and lengths on interstates, state routes, and local streets, support legislation freezing current truck weight and length limits, and to urge Congress and the state legislature to pass such legislation.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1016]

Amended the City's Code to create the organizational structure within the mayor's executive office to provide executive and administrative staff to support the chief policy officer.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1050]

Authorized the mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs to accept a donation of an artwork installation dedicated to Xernona Clayton at Hardy Ivy Park in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

[Legislative Reference No.23-O-1080]

Authorized a master lease agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for the acquisition of 100 Dodge Chargers and 100 Dodge Durangos with police packages for the Atlanta Police Department (APD) and three Chevy Tahoes and one GMC Yukon XL with police packages for mayoral protection detail and to execute special procurement agreements in an amount not to exceed approximately \$12.1 million.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3160]

Requested the City of Atlanta Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Board divest City employee pension funds from private prisons by 2030 and requesting that no further investments.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3158]

Denounced the government of Iran for its continued violence against the Iranian people, denounce any and all entities that have not taken action against or support the oppressive regime, and to call for instating a democratically elected government for the Iranian people.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1074]

Authorized a \$2.8 million donation to Park Pride to support district-specific greenspace improvements and park upgrades in communities across Atlanta In 2021, the Council approved legislation calling for a referendum to consider three ballot questions to provide \$750 million toward transportation, recreation, public safety, and arts projects. In 2022, Atlanta voters approved the referendum known as the Moving Atlanta Forward initiative. As part of the initiative, District Council members were authorized to allocate funds to community projects not already listed as part of other specified investments. This legislation commits a portion of these discretionary dollars to Park Pride for park improvements.

[Legislative Reference No. 22-O-1823]

Amended the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances to change the structure of the Office of the Inspector General by removing the ethics officer and Ethics Division from the office in order to reestablish a separate Ethics Office.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1130]

Authorized the chief financial officer to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to accept \$512,000 in proceeds from the Eastside Tax Allocation District (TAD) that will be used to reimburse the Department of Enterprise Asset Management (DEAM) for costs related to the implementation of real estate transaction strategy development services for city property at 2 Peachtree Street.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1137]

Authorized the City to execute agreements with performers, artists, venues, and vendors, accept donations and contribute funds for the 2023 National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit, hosted by the city in November 2023.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3330]

Authorized the City to donate \$100,000 to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change to support Nonviolence 365 training for up to 400 Atlanta youth.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3419]

Issued declaration that City of Atlanta Tax Allocation District No. 4 - Princeton Lakes is substantially complete based on achievement of the significant objectives of the Princeton Lakes Redevelopment plan.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1231]

Authorized the acquisition of property known as the Fulton County West End Arts Center at a purchase price of \$100. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved legislation authorizing the conveyance of the property to the City of Atlanta for the continued use and benefit of the public.



[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3531]

Authorized a donation of \$20,000 to Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective to provide up to 25 scholarships for Black mental health and healing justice peer support training for Atlanta transgender and gender expansive youth.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1257]

Authorized the City's chief financial officer to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 general fund budget to transfer and allocate \$30 million in funds from the uncommitted fund balance to support continued construction and improvements to the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center campus on City-owned property located along Key Road.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1258]

Amended the City's Charter related to taxation to increase the millage rate associated with the Park Improvement Fund from half a mill to one mill to generate additional revenue to support park improvements and to revise restrictions on how such funds may be used. The legislation seeks to bolster the fund by approximately \$16 million annually.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1260]

Allocated \$1 million toward Economic Opportunity Fund grants related to food access to incentive job creation, encourage investment, and promote development in areas of Atlanta that lack access to quality groceries and food fresh food.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1289]

Amended the Fiscal Year 2023 general fund budget to create a Civic and Cultural Event Support Trust Fund to fund future civic and cultural events as may be authorized by the Council and authorize the chief financial officer to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 budget by transferring \$400,000 from the general fund non-departmental account to the trust fund account.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1338]

Established an employee retention incentive payment program for Fiscal Year 2024 to apply to certain City employees and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 budget by transferring an amount not to exceed approximately \$6.8 million to accounts identified by the chief financial officer to cover the incentive payments. The legislation is aimed at providing a \$2,000 incentive and addressing current challenges to recruiting and retaining employees.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1525]

Requested the inclusion of baby changing stations in City-owned buildings in the City of Atlanta, including women's, men's, and gender-neutral restrooms.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1656]

Amended the City Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum vacation time allowed to be extended annually by City employees, beginning December 21, 2023, and to provide for an annual payouts, on a quarterly basis, of a percentage of excess vacation hours each year, beginning January 1, 2024.



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 metro area population of Atlanta in 2023 was 6,106,000, a 1.55 percent increase from 2022.

CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENTS

The Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee approved \$4,614,769.82 to settle claims in 2023.

[Legislative Reference No. 22-R-3223]

Authorized the acceptance of four 2022 Dodge Dodgers and a 2022 Ford Explorers from the Atlanta Police Foundation, on behalf of the Atlanta Police Department valued at approximately \$281,699.52. The vehicles are to be used as additional patrol vehicles to supplement police presence throughout the City.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3098]

Authorized a donation of \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Atlanta Police Foundation to support the Community Safety Housing program for police, fire, and corrections personnel. As part of the legislation, the City would provide a housing subsidy administered by the foundation to encourage and allow for officers to live in apartment homes in their assigned police zones or in proximity to the fire stations or corrections facilities where they work.

[Legislative Reference 23-O-1080]

Authorized a master lease agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for the acquisition of 100 Dodge Chargers and 100 Dodge Durangos with police packages for the Atlanta Police Department (APD) and three Chevy Tahoes and one GMC Yukon XL with police packages for mayoral protection detail and to execute special procurement agreements in an amount not to exceed approximately \$12.1 million

[Legislative No. Reference 23-R-3327]

Requested that the Municipal Court's chief judge, the Court's administrator, and the City's solicitor coordinate with the City's Department of Law to establish and develop a process by which people charged with non-violent offenses in the Municipal Court may efficiently seek the restriction of these records of these offenses in accordance with state law.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3551]

Requested the Atlanta Police Foundation provide quarterly in-person reports to the Public Safety and Legal Administration and Finance Executive committees.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1268]

Allocated \$800,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Solicitor's Office's Safe Housing Program to increase capacity for the solicitor to enforce the Housing Code and improve housing conditions for residents living in nuisance and substandard multifamily properties.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3536]

Required all City of Atlanta In Rem Review Board hearings to be added to the Channel 26 live broadcast schedule.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-13063750]

Amended the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances related to offenses by and against minors to remove provisions imposing a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 60 days and to add requirements for attendance at certain educational programs as a condition of any probation.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3752]

Authorized a donation of \$205,000 to various organizations to support public safety patrols and other public safety initiatives.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1394]

Accepted a \$1.6 million Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. The funds will be allocated to address the increase in violent gun crime and community violence and the decrease in law enforcement staffing attributed to the pandemic.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4264]

Urged the Atlanta Police Department and other law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction within the city to expand diversion services and encouraged Fulton County and the Fulton County sheriff to take similar measures in addressing overcrowding and safety concerns at the Fulton County jail.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4256]

Authorized renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Fulton County to fund and support the center for diversion and services for a renewal term of four (4) years to transition away from legal system responses that utilize jails or arrest for concerns offenses related to homelessness, mental health, problematic substance use, and poverty.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4257]

Authorized a special procurement agreement with Grady Memorial Hospital corporation to serve as operator for the center for diversion services, effective on January 1, 2024, for a term of two years, with a one-year renewal option, in an amount not to exceed \$12.1 million, to serve as medical and behavioral health screening provider.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-4261]

Requested that Invest Atlanta authorize Tax Allocation District funding at \$8.7 million for Atlanta Fire Rescue Department emergency fleet replacement purchase to include fire engines, battalion chief vehicles, and heavy apparatus.

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



In 2023, Atlanta ranked third among cities with the most Fortune 500 headquarters with 19.

The Zoning Committee reviewed and approved over 100 ordinances in 2023, including 53 zoning cases, 26 Special Use Permits, and 9 reviews of applications under the Metropolitan River Protection Act to ensure consistency with the Chattahoochee River Corridor Plan.

[Legislative Reference Nos. 23-0-1030, 23-0-1097, 23-0-1202 & 23-0-1614]

Approved moratoriums on the acceptance of development applications in the Westside, Tuxedo Park, and the Atlanta Medical Center property, to preserve the status quo while new zoning rules are thoughtfully considered, to receive the necessary public input, and complete the legislative process.

[Legislative Reference Nos. 22-0-1825, 22-0-1826, 22-0-1827].

Approved legislation to support expanded and additional choices for low density residential housing and home ownership in a manner compatible with surrounding uses and development in the Grove Park neighborhood.

[Legislative Reference No. 22-0-1742]

Approved legislation to establish the Upper Westside Overlay, aligned with the Upper Westside Improvement District Masterplan incorporated into the 2021 Comprehensive Development Plan. The overlay's purpose is to foster a well-rounded blend of harmonious uses and enhance the public realm. The objective is to craft a district that is safe, transit-accessible, walkable, and bikeable.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-0-1004]

Approved legislation to prohibit drive-through and drive-in facilities, whether as principal or accessory use, within the BeltLine Overlay. Clear definitions for these terms are established, outlining the comprehensive scope of the prohibition. This strategic move aligns with the vision for the BeltLine Overlay and its distinctive urban planning considerations.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-0-1005]

Approved legislation to prohibit the establishment of new service stations within the Beltline Overlay District. This measure is designed to safeguard the current character and promote future development in harmony with the Beltline's objectives: enhancing walkability, encouraging alternate transportation modes, minimizing traffic congestion, and fortifying the urban character. Furthermore, this aims to address the rising number of pedestrian fatalities, particularly impacting Black individuals, and to advance the Vision Zero strategy, striving for the elimination of all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries.



LILIANA BAKHTIARI

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.

[Legislative Reference Nos. 23-R-3861, 23-R-4036, 23-R-4540]

Mandated annual reviews of boards and commissions. Sunse various boards, authorities, commissions, etc. (BACE) have fulfilled their purpose or have become dormant since their establishment

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1271]

Amended the Atlanta City Charter to reclassify City Council Assistants from temporary employees to regular employees. This reclassification made them eligible to participate in the City's health and other benefits program.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-O-1494]

Updated the language of the Rules for the Conduct of Business of the Atlanta City Council to foster inclusivity and gender-neutrality by removing gendered pronouns and substituting them with gender-neutral alternatives or the official title of the job position being referenced.

[Legislative Reference No. 23-R-3536]

Enhanced the transparency of the In-Rem Review Board by mandating the inclusion of all In Rem Board Review Hearings in the Channel 26 live broadcast schedule, or to have the meetings recorded for later viewing in the event of live schedule conflict with other city-mandated meetings. This legislation provides the public with the opportunity to observe this important process in action.

[Legislative Reference Nos. 23-O-3607, 23-R-3608]

Authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Atlanta Public School System (APS) to administer the 2023 APS Board Election for seats 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The resolution ensured the proper conduct of the 2023 APS Board Election and the reimbursement of associated costs by APS.



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.





Council member Antonio Lewis held a job fair at Rosel Fann Recreation Center to jump-start the new year. The event featured career opportunities from national and local corporations.



Council member Amir Farokhi honored the Fisk University women's gymnastics team following the team's arrival in Atlanta. Fisk became the first HBCU to offer women's gymnastics as an intercollegiate sport.



Council member Jason Winston joined the community to welcome the JPMorgan Chase branch to the Summerhill neighborhood. The new facility will operate in a community center-style format, hosting educational workshops and mentorship opportunities.



Council member Marci Collier Overstreet hosted seniors at the William Walker Recreation Center in spring. The events featured singing and dancing for some of Atlanta's golden residents.



Council member Michael Julian Bond hosted a roundtable to discuss forming a reparation study task force. The discussion led to legislation authorizing the city to launch its task force.



St. Mark AME Church in the English Avenue neighborhood became a designated landmark site, with Council members Byron Amos and Michael Julian Bond hosting a dedication to honor the historic site.



City Council President Doug Shipman delivered a sincere message during the annual Atlanta Police Department memorial service. President Shipman's message included remembering the bravery and dedication of nearly 100 APD officers and Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department members who lost their lives in service to the city.



Council member Jason Dozier joined the Morehouse School of Medicine to unveil Chasing the Dream: Hank Aaron Bridge and Plaza to posthumously honor one of the city's greatest champions, the late Henry "Hank" Aaron.



Council member Dustin Hillis helped lead the efforts to Sweep the Hooch. Sweep the Hooch is an annual cleanup of access points along the Chattahoochee River.



Council members Amir Farokhi and Liliana Bakhtiari extended Nowruz greetings to all those celebrating the first spring day.



Council members Mary Norwood and Matt Westmoreland recognized several public health and health organizations to center awareness on CPR and AED training.



Council member Jason Winston celebrated the grand opening of Publix with several community leaders. Once an area labeled a food desert, the grocery store offers healthy food options and jobs to Summerhill, Mechanicsville, and Peopletown neighborhoods.



The Atlanta City Council was among 50,000 runners and walkers for the 54th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race. The event is a Fourth of July tradition in the city, with Council members serving as the starters for several race divisions.



Council member Liliana Bakhtiari teamed up with East Atlanta to break ground on future improvements to Brownwood Park. Actress Storm Reid and professional tennis player Coco Gauff helped secure funding for a new playground and tennis court.



Council member Marci Collier Overstreet celebrated 50 years of Hip-Hop with Instagram and Porsche North America in honoring music executives and contributors Princess Cut, Phylicia Fant, Ebonie Ward, and Jewel Wicker.



Council member Amir Farokhi joined the community in formally dedicating a sculpture by world-renowned sculptor Jaume Plensa in Freedom Park. The sculpture Self Portrait III celebrates unity and diversity.



Several members of the Atlanta City Council participated in National Night Out events around the city. National Night Out promotes relationships between neighborhoods and their local police departments.



Atlanta City Council members posthumously celebrated local community activist Leonard Tate, renaming Bell Street in his honor. The Council unveiled the new street sign before Trinity House, a transitional home for the un-housed, where Tate served as its director.



Council member Andrea L. Boone teamed up with Mayor Andre Dickens and Grammy award-winning rapper T.I. to serve more than 1,000 turkeys to families in southwest Atlanta through the Harris Community Works Foundation.



Council member Jason Winston launched his inaugural Diaper Drive to collect essential baby supplies for families. The collected items will go directly to those in need through Winston's partnership with Helping Mamas, an organization dedicated to tackling the increasing costs of baby supplies.



Council member Jason Winston visited one of the city's recycling centers. As the City Utilities Committee chair, he observed the facility's infrastructure and its process to create clean energy.



Council member Byron Amos presented a proclamation to hip-hop pioneer and icon Antwan "Big Boi" Patton. Patton is one of Atlanta's most famed musicians and one-half of the legendary Outkast.



Council member Keisha Sean Waites presented a proclamation to bus operator Coy Dumas for his 50 years of service to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).



Council member Antonio Lewis celebrated the joy of giving during Christmas with a toy giveaway in District 12.

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