



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019
7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by The Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst at 7:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call was taken by Interim City Clerk Shana T. Moss with the following members present:

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

Mayor Pro-Tem Linda J. Davis	Councilman Alex Heath
Councilman Pat Pallend	Councilwoman Hattie Portis Jones
Councilman Ulysses J. Smallwood	

The absent member was Councilman James Whitmore.

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

- III. The invocation was given by Bishop Aaron Lackey of Temple of Prayer Family Worship Cathedral UCOGIC.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Presentations:

1. Mr. Doug Carey, Fulton County Board of Education's Director of Strategic Plan gave a comprehensive update of the STEM School that is being constructed in Fairburn. The school will house grades 6th-12th and the curriculum will be focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The school will be located on 44 acres and will cost roughly \$50 million. The school will consist of an auditorium, a gymnasium, and a large multi-purpose space. The building will consist of two stories and have allocation for 900 students with a 128 students per grade being accepted. The school's structure will blend in with the façade of the neighborhood consisting of granite, brick, glass and shading. The school is slated to open in 2021 for the school year. Only students from South Fulton will be enrolled in the school. Mayor and Council stated they were excited about the new school.

2. Ms. Laura Benz and Ms. Andrea Gray with South Fulton Municipal Water and Sewer Authority Project Managers provided a water update to Mayor and Council. Ms. Benz highlighted some important dates with the water authority. She referenced August 2017 GEFA approved an amendment to the terms and conditions of the \$10.5 million loan which allowed funds to be used for engineering, permitting and other activities associated with a direct withdrawal, reservoir or infrastructure needed to purchase water from another source. Ms. Gray stated on September 30, 2017 a study was conducted which illustrated 13.25 million gallons per day was being consumed by the three cities of Fairburn, Palmetto and Union City.

VI. Public Comments:

1. Ms. Nikki Young had concerns with the police department. She inquired about the departments standard operating procedures.

2. Mr. Jay Going had concerns with Code Enforcement. Mr. Goings was previously cited, and he has complied and is in compliance standing. He stated his issue is with the ordinance stating another citation can be issued for something totally different within a twelve-month period of receiving the initial citation.

3. Ms. Vera Raglin expressed concerns with basketball being played in the streets from Campbellton to Sir Charles. She stated visitors to the area are parking on lawns and streets and loud music is being played. Also, she stated with the numerous cars parked in the street makes the visibility in the subdivision limited.

VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis with the second provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items: There were no consent agenda items.

IX. Adoption of City Council Minutes for the April 8, 2019 meeting was made by Councilman Heath with the second provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

X. Public Hearing: There was none.

XI. Agenda Items:

1. Tanner, Ballew and Maloof. Mr. Stephen Maloof addressed Mayor and Council with the city's property and liability insurance renewal. He stated Travelers Insurance would still be the city's commercial property and casualty insurance. The city's property renewal is listed at \$287,000.00 this includes all liability, law enforcement, fire, and all vehicles. Mayor Pro-Tem Davis inquired about a \$10,000 increase in premiums. Mr. Maloof stated the reason was an increase in vehicle fleet from 115 in 2018 to 121 in 2019. Mayor Carr-Hurst asked for a motion to approve or disapprove and include the \$287,000.00 rate in the motion. The motion to approve the renewal at \$287,000.00 was made by Councilman Heath with the second provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

2A. City Attorney Mr. Randy Turner addressed Mayor and Council regarding a marijuana ordinance. This ordinance arises out of a way to provide for the prosecution of less than one ounce of marijuana as a city ordinance violation. Mr. Turner stated more cities are adopting this ordinance. This ordinance would be an addition to the city's disorderly conduct ordinance. Fines would start at \$75.00. Motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 3-2: Motion Carried.

Councilmembers voting in support: Mayor Pro-Tem Davis, Councilwoman Portis-Jones and Councilman Smallwood.

Councilmembers voting in opposition: Councilman Heath and Councilman Pallend.

2B. City Attorney Mr. Randy Turner addressed Mayor and Council regarding a truck ordinance. The City of Fairburn's roads are heavily traveled by trucks. A lot of these roads are not built for heavy trucks and to promote and preserve the public's health, safety and welfare. An ordinance is needed to designate certain routes. Signs will be posted by the city informing the truck drivers of the unauthorized routes. Mr. Turner stated a minimum fine of \$350.00 could be imposed and violators will be charged an increased fine and the citation would affect their driving record. Motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. Fire Department. Chief Robinson presented to Mayor and Council a request to approve fire department software in the amount of \$4,956.48 annually. This software is used to generate reports from the

department. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Pallend and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

XII. Council Comments:

Councilman Heath wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis thanked the Police Department and said they were fabulous.

Councilman Smallwood thanked everyone for coming out, stated God Bless You and please come out and enjoy Georgia Cities Week.

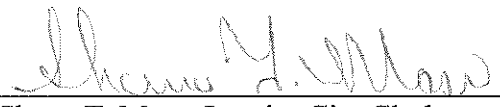
Councilman Pallend had no comment.

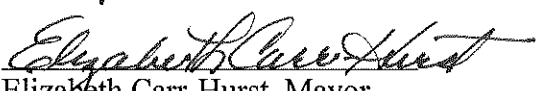
Councilwoman Portis-Jones thanked the Mayor for inviting the Water Authority. She also reminded everyone that today was Earth Day and the climate is changing.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated she was excited Armando's was given permission to open, and as of today they are open for business. She stated there would be a soft opening for city employees and council and a date would be announced later. She further stated Casablanca Restaurant will also be relocating back to Fairburn. She is excited about both restaurants. Georgia Cities Week is in effect and today she hosted, "Movie with the Mayor," at the Youth Center. The movie that was viewed was War Room.

XIII. There was no Executive Session.

XIV. Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 9:04 p.m. by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.


Shana T. Moss, Interim City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

These are the Official Minutes of the City of Fairburn. Approved by Mayor and Council on May 13, 2019.