

2016 MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The Year of Managerial Success



MAYOR MARIO AVERY

City Council Members

Ron Alderman

Lydia Glaize

Alex Heath

Elizabeth “Liz” Hurst

Marian Johnson

Hattie Portis-Jones



MAYOR AVERY

CITYWIDE PROGRESS

Unprecedented Growth:

- 5 million square feet of industrial space planned or under construction
 - Three buildings totaling 2.4 million square feet under construction
 - Includes two nearly identical one million square foot buildings on Bohannon Road



MAYOR AVERY

CITYWIDE PROGRESS

-All three buildings represent 1.3% of new industrial space in the country, with Fairburn's population equating to 1.6% of the population of Fulton County

- Construction of 88 unit senior housing facility on West Broad Street
- Addition of New Businesses: Subway, Bojangles, Starbucks, *Firehouse Subs*, *Verizon* and *Shane's Rib Shack (under construction)*



CITY ADMINISTRATOR

TOM BARBER

- Supervises eight department heads to oversee daily municipal operations
- Monitors the City budget
- Negotiates contracts on behalf of the City with the Mayor's endorsement
- Works closely with planning, engineering, inspection staff, legal advisors and outside consultants to spearhead economic development



CIVIL ENGINEER

BRENDETTA WALKER

- Manages two planners and one transportation engineer
- Ensures all zoning codes and future development are compliant with state and local zoning ordinances
- Works with the City Attorney's office to ensure projects are legally solicited and procured
- Ensures engineering standards are properly executed and monitored upon completion



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DAVID SMITH

- Since 2010, the City's bond rating has grown from triple B plus (bbb+) to double A minus (AA-)
- The City has a personal credit score equivalent to an 800 rating
- The general fund has grown from negative \$400,000 to a positive \$3.2 million
- Commended by independent auditors for great financial management



FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF STEPHEN HOOD

- Acquired a Class #1 ISO fire rating from the Insurance Services Office
- The Class #1 ranking represents the highest ranking and is most advantageous for insurance policy holders
- The ranking is only held by five other Fire Departments in Georgia and only 149 departments in the entire United States



HUMAN RESOURCES

DAVID JOHNSON

- Consistently recruits and hires highly qualified employees available during time of solicitation
- Coordinates with department heads to fairly administer personnel guidelines
- Fairburn employs one of the highest caliber management teams in Metro Atlanta
- Managed to weather recession with no personnel layoffs and implemented a new pay scale for all City workers



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF CHIP McCARTHY

- Responsible for the Code Enforcement Department as well as the Police Department
- Fairburn has seen a significant decrease in crime statistics over the last six years
- Fairburn was ranked in the upper 90's in 2010 on Georgia's most dangerous cities list, but by 2015, we have fallen to number 43, more than a 50% reduction



PUBLIC WORKS

HARVEY STOKES

- Oversees building inspection, City facilities and the street department
- His departments are responsible for the beautification of all gateways and City landscapes
- Worked with builders to inspect over 2.3 million square feet of industrial space and more than 75 homes that were under construction in 2015



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

TOM RIDGWAY

- Responsible for bringing electricity and water to Fairburn's homes and businesses
- Competed for the right to provide electric service to the two new one million square-foot industrial facilities
- Submitted two winning bids against both Georgia Power and Greystone Power



CITY CLERK

BRENDA JAMES

- Serves as Treasurer and EEO Officer for the City
- Prepares all legislative agendas for Mayor and Council
- Works in conjunction with City Attorney's Office to ensure the massive increase of legislative actions in 2015 were compliant with state law



CITY CLERK

BRENDA JAMES

- Oversees the Fairburn Events Department
 - The Event Coordinator opened the new downtown courtyard and stage, added a Laser Show that attracted over 3,000 people to Duncan Park, successfully coordinated the annual Fairburn Fall Festival and Parade with over 14,000 attending and ended the year with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show at the courtyard with 500 plus in attendance

2016 ON THE HORIZON

LEGISLATIVE:

- City Council will welcome Councilmen Elect Pat Pallend and James Whitmore

DEVELOPMENT:

- Begin construction on over 300 class-A apartments on Oakley Industrial and Hwy 74
- Another 2-3 million square feet of industrial space



2016 ON THE HORIZON

DEVELOPMENT:

- Over 100 new homes citywide
- Staff continues to work on the design of a new interchange at I-85 and Highway 74 with projected construction completion in 2020
- Completion of swimming pool at Duncan Park
- Over 1,000 new jobs coming to Fairburn



2016 ON THE HORIZON

CONCERNS:

- Water Authority Permit (404 permit) and remaining financially solvent
- Preparing for the loss of \$350K annually in coming years, due to expiration of LOST
- Being in compliant status to acquire Federal Highway Funding
- Acquiring \$10 million to improve city infrastructure (streets, bridges, etc.) with an increase of people working in our City on Bohannon Road



