



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Emergency Called Meeting
March 31, 2020
4:00 p.m. Telephonic Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Ulysses J. Smallwood
The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath

The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable James Whitmore

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

- III. Also present: Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk
- IV. Agenda Item: To discuss and decide the format for the City Council Meeting scheduled on Monday, April 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and social distancing requirements set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Mayor Carr-Hurst began the meeting by informing Council that City Administrator Dennis Stroud submitted his letter of resignation effective April 13, 2020. Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that she accepted his resignation but made it effective March 30, 2020.

Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that she and Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood attended a phone conference with Fulton County Superintendent Dr. Looney. Mayor Carr-Hurst learned from the conference call that Dr. Looney will meet with the Board of Education in the next few weeks to decide if schools will re-open this school year. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated other issues mentioned on the conference call were students not having access to the internet to do online learning and students not having access to the lunches provided by the school because of transportation to the distribution location.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that the City of Atlanta's Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms spoke to surrounding cities Mayors about expanding curfews and the shelter in place ordinance. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that as of today Fulton County has 547 cases of people infected with the COVID-19 virus and have had 17 deaths; Georgia has over 3,800 cases with 800 people currently hospitalized and 108 deaths.

Mayor Carr-Hurst thanked Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones for assisting with the Pandemic Operation Plan for the City of Fairburn. Mayor Carr-Hurst will make the Operation Plan available for all Councilmembers by Wednesday, April 1, 2020 for input before the plan is finalized. Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and Fulton County Health Department suggested we have a plan in place in the next 72 hours. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that staff has

been attempting to go to stores to secure necessary supplies but have not been very successful because stores are sold out of the essential items.

Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that all the chairs will be removed from Council Chambers because the Chambers will serve as the command center if needed.

Mayor Carr-Hurst discussed different virtual meeting options with Council to facilitate the April 13th Council Meeting that allows citizens access to the information being discussed. Mayor and Council had a consensus that the Council Meeting would be held telephonically, and an ad would be run in the South Fulton Neighbor informing citizens.

Mayor Carr-Hurst explained to Council that there are stimulus packages available through the Federal Government that is designed to reimburse the City's to help pay employees needing sick time in response to COVID-19 that may not have the time accrued. There are 2 new employees who fit in the category. Mayor Carr-Hurst suggested advancing 80 hours to ensure no employees have a financial hardship. Council agreed that advancing hours to employees in need during the pandemic was a great idea.

V. At 5:11 p.m., with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the meeting was adjourned.


Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor