

City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019
7:00 pm @ City Hall

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Arika Birdsong-Miller with the following members present:

The Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable James Whitmore

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

- III. The invocation was rendered by Ms. Leah Porch. Ms. Porch is a Senior at Landmark Christian Academy.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Presentation:
 1. Ms. Althea Philord-Bradley, Director of Finance and Accounting at the City of College Park, presented the City of Fairburn's Finance Department with the Distinguished Budget Award on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
 2. Mr. Doug Moses of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, presented the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Moses discussed the financial trends of the proprietary funds and how well the City of Fairburn is doing compared to 5 years ago. The current fund balance of the General Fund is \$7.6 million dollars compared to a negative fund balance in 2009. Mr. Moses stated that the percentage of total expenditures is approximately 56%.
 3. Mr. Bill Johnston, of Stephens, Inc., presented the City of Fairburn's Bonds Report, proceeds, and balances. Mr. Johnston ended the discussion with a market overview. The City has 2 General Obligation Bonds (GO) outstanding. The purpose of the GO Bonds was to acquire, construct, and furnish a fire station, city recreation facilities, downtown renewal projects, constructing and installing road rebuilding projects and projects of the City as determined. The City also has 4 Revenue Bonds outstanding. Two were issued to acquire, construct, equip and install certain improvements to the water and sewerage system of the City and acquire certain wastewater treatment rights. The other two were issued for an education campus project.
- VI. Public Comments:
 1. Ms. Lula Howard, a homeowner on Splitwood Lane, wanted to know the status of the roads being repaired in her neighborhood.

VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda. *City Attorney Randy Turner informed the Mayor and Council that he would like to add an item to the original agenda. The item added would be the appointment of outside legal counsel for the City's Board of Ethics.* The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore with the second provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried

VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items: Agenda Items #1,2,3,4, and 5 were consent items. Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Heath. Vote (6-0) Motion Carried.

The consent agenda items were:

1. **Planning and Zoning** **Ms. Tarika Peeks**
For Mayor and Council to review and approve a Resolution creating the 2020 Census Partnership with the City of Fairburn.
2. **Planning and Zoning** **Ms. Tarika Peeks**
For Mayor and Council to review and approve a Resolution forming the 2020 Complete Count Committee pertaining to the U.S. Census Bureau.
3. **Fire Department** **Mr. Cornelius Robinson**
For Mayor and Council to agree to provide and receive Automatic Aid to and from the City of South Fulton in order to provide additional fire protection in the coverage areas that have extended response time.
4. **Utilities Department** **Mr. Lee Hauesler**
For Mayor and Council to approve the USIC Agreement for underground facilities locating and marking services.
5. **Mayor's Office** **Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst**
For Mayor and Council to approve an Agreement for Fulton County-Atlanta Action Authority Inc. (FACAA) to accept Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) payments for Fulton County residents and to utilize the City of Fairburn's Annex Building.

IX. Adoption of City Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes from September 23, 2019 were presented and approved. The motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis with the second provided by Councilman Whitmore. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

X. Public Hearing: There was no public hearing.

XI. Agenda Item:
City Attorney

Mr. Randy Turner

Two attorneys submitted their resumes and proposed hourly rates to provide outside legal counsel for the Board of Ethics. It was recommended that one of the two attorneys be selected. The motion to select Ms. Jamala S. McFadden was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis and the second was provided by

Councilman Pallend. Councilwoman Portis-Jones recused herself from the vote.

Vote:5-0: Motion Carried

XII. Council Comments:

Councilman Whitmore thanked Mr. Rodrique Taylor and Ms. Tarika Peek for their efforts in earning awards for the City of Fairburn. Councilman Whitmore expressed his gratitude for staff on the noteworthy accomplishment.

Councilman Heath thanked the citizens for attending the Council meeting and gave kudos to staff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis stated that she is extremely proud to be a member of Council and a resident of Fairburn. Mayor Pro-Tem Davis also thanked the outstanding staff.

Councilman Pallend stated he was happy that the City of Fairburn is in a good financial position.

Councilman Smallwood had no comment.

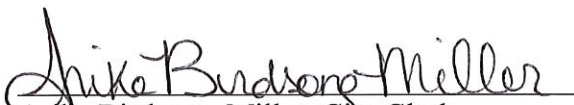
Councilwoman Portis-Jones congratulated staff on the accomplishments and thanked Mr. Rodrique Taylor for stepping in when the City of Fairburn did not have a Finance Director. Councilwoman Portis-Jones also expressed gratitude to Ms. Tarika Peek for the work done with the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) and thanked former Councilwoman Lydia Glaize for establishing the GICH program in the City of Fairburn. Councilwoman Portis-Jones expressed appreciation to the City of Fairburn's Police and Fire Department in rendering aid to someone having a heart attack in Duncan Park.

Mayor Carr-Hurst applauded the Finance Department for the awards earned for the City of Fairburn. Mayor Carr-Hurst also recognized Ms. Tarika Peek and Councilman Heath for their efforts in ensuring the GICH program was successful. Mayor Carr-Hurst mentioned the hard work Aerotropolis is doing to make sure the areas surrounding the airport is blossoming.

XIII. Executive Session: At 8:26 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for personnel was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

XIV. Adjournment: At 8:55 p.m. with no further business of the City of Fairburn the motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.


Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor