

City of Fairburn Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 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 Interim City Clerk, Shana T. Moss with the following members present:

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 Mr. Dalton Colburn. Mr. Colburn is a Senior at Landmark Christian Academy in Fairburn.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Presentation:

Ms. Mary Darby of the Collaborative Firm presented the Zoning Rewrite Update. Ms. Darby gave a comprehensive overview of the (1) Enhanced layout of Non-Residential Districts (2) Categorization of Non-Residential Districts Permitted Uses (3) Zoning Map Update (4) Legal Review Update (5) Other Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Highlights and (6) Remaining Project Schedule. She also stated that railroad districts have not been changed. This rewrite has been through Phase 1 of the legal review which transpired from July 29th-August 26th, 2019. The remaining project schedule is:

September 12 th -20 th , 2019	Attorney review Phase II
October 1 st , 2019	Fairburn Planning Commission Meeting on Zoning Ordinance
October 14 th , 2019	Fairburn City Council, 1st reading of Zoning Ordinance
October 28 th , 2019	Fairburn adopts Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis said she was very impressed with the rewrite. She asked City Planner Tarika Peeks how much time will this rewrite save her in doing her work? Ms. Peeks stated it will be very beneficial, it will allow her to be more efficient, effective and concise when she is researching zoning issues/ordinances.

VI. Public Comments:

1. Mr. Earl Jones began his comments by asking if anyone knew what an LVAD was? He stated heart disease is the number one killer in women and LVAD is Left Ventricle Assisted Device. This device runs by batteries and electricity. He stated this device is keeping his daughter alive, she is sick and suffers from heart disease. His daughter's electricity has been disconnected for nonpayment. She is a single parent and for nine months she could not work due to her illness. He stated her electric bill skyrocketed (\$4,000) within three months and with her being out of work

- she could not pay the bill. They have sought assistance from agencies to defray the pay. He will be moving in with his daughter to help alleviate some of the cost. He asked the City of Fairburn to have some leniency and reconnect his daughter's electricity.
- 2. Ms. TaFoya C. Jones, stated she wears the LVAD and her father was the person who spoke prior to her. Ms. Jones said she has Stage 4 advanced heart disease and she has been extremely sick and can't work. She must wear the LVAD constantly without this device she will die. She realizes her bill is high; however, she has made payments and she would like to work out a payment agreement with Fairburn Utilities.
- 3. Ms. Lula Howard gave accolades to Mr. Harvey Stokes and his team on the cleanup of Splitwood Lane. She further stated trash is being dumped on Vickers Lane.
- VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda: 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: There were no consent agenda items.
- IX. Adoption of City Council Minutes from August 26th, 2019 the regular meeting and executive session. The motion to approve the executive session minutes was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.

 The motion to approve the regular 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 Items:
 - 1. Parks and Recreation

 To provide Mayor and Council with an update on the Fairburn Festival. Ms. Payne stated the Fairburn Festival will be held on Saturday October 5th, 2019 from 4:00 pm-9:00 pm. The theme is a Block Party Edition. She hopes this event will bring everyone together. There will be rides for the children, bouncy houses, some of the local high school football players and cheerleaders will be present. The City is sponsoring a Spirit Week leading up to the Festival for everyone to get involved in. Fairburn resident and NFL Player, Mr. Eric Berry will hopefully be in town and will attend the festival. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated there will be a VIP section for elected officials and guests on the upper level of Oz Pizza. Additional activities are a chalk alley, face painting for kids, and characters from the Renaissance Festival.
 - 2. Parks and Recreation

 For Mayor and Council to review and approve the facility use agreement for South Fulton Little
 League Fall 2019 Season. South Fulton Little League uses Duncan Park for the baseball field. This
 is an annual event with South League. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Pallend
 and the second was provided by Councilman Heath:

 Vote: 6-0 Motion Carried
 - 3. Parks and Recreation

For Mayor and Council to review and approve the facility usage agreement for Kickball for Girls Fall 2019 season. Ms. Payne stated girl's kickball is a fast-growing sport in Fairburn and the turnout has been great with this sport. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0 Motion Carried.

XII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Portis-Jones had no comment.

Councilman Pallend had no comment.

Councilman Smallwood had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis had no comment.

Councilman Heath had no comment.

Councilman Whitmore stated it is always good to see everyone.

Mayor Carr-Hurst had no comment.

XIII. Executive Session: At 7:46 pm a motion to enter into executive session for litigation was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

XIV. Adjournment: At 7:56 pm with no further business of the City of Fairburn the motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

rika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk

Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

These are the Official Minutes of the City of Fairburn adopted by Mayor and Council on September 23, 2019.