



Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
July 22nd, 2019
City Hall
7:00 PM

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Elizabeth 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 Linda J. Davis

Councilman Pat Pallend

Councilman Ulysses J. Smallwood

Councilman Alex Heath

Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones

Councilman James Whitmore

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

Little Miss Payton Lynch joined Mayor Carr-Hurst on the dais as an Honorary Member of Mayor and Council.

- III. The invocation was given by Pastor Douglas Thompson of Harvest Rain International of Fairburn.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Presentations: There were none.
- VI. Public Comments:
 1. Ms. Lula Howard stated she has lived in Fairburn for 25 years. She resides on Washington Street and she has concerns regarding debris such as limbs and leaves. Every time she calls, she is told the machine is down. Also, in her area on Splitwood Lane when it rains the debris goes into the street. She is further concerned about the trash cans that are left on the road after the trash is collected.
 2. Mr. Alexander Doose spoke regarding the Frankie Arnold Stage. He stated he and his wife recently celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary at the stage and the stage is in bad shape. He observed deterioration of the building and property there was a wasp nest next to the columns on the front of the stage. There is discoloration on the steps and the grass hasn't been taken care of. Paint is peeling on the ceiling of the stage and there is no name identification on the stage.
 3. Mr. Walt Brown addressed Mayor and Council representing The Ronnie Thames Foundation. The Ronnie Thames Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and their families who have faced devastation and suffering as the result of a fire. The foundation was founded in 2013 by Ron and Teresa Thames in honor of Ron's son Ronnie who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in 2004. Their mission is an endearing tribute to the memory of Ronnie Thames. The Ronnie Thames Foundation is committed to being an agent of assistance to firefighters and community organizations by providing educational programs focused on the prevention of fires through safety awareness. Mr. Brown further stated that the Thames Foundation would be sponsoring Biscuits with the Bravest on Saturday August 24, 2019 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm in Downtown Fairburn. This event will honor the Fairburn and Union City Fire Departments. This event will also be educational to enlighten citizens as to the dangerous job that firefighters have.

4. Mrs. Beatrice Doose spoke regarding the Frankie Arnold Stage. She stated she and her husband reside on Valley Drive and this stage should be a Beacon of Light for the city. She does not think the stage is being kept up and being named to honor a councilwoman (former) is not acceptable in its current condition. She would like to see the city spruce it up and remain dedicated to keeping it up.

5. Mrs. Igna Kennedy spoke regarding the Lighting Community. She said vacant houses are being demolished and she is glad. There were problems in the community with unsavory activities, but they are now gone. She often sees Mr. Harvey Stokes and Mr. Eddie Powell and their teams in the area picking up trash and debris.

VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda. *Mayor Hurst informed Council she would like to add an item to the original agenda. The item added would be the Utility Relocation of the East Broad LCI project. Motion to approve the addition and the regular agenda was made by Councilman Pallend and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.* *Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.*

VIII. Adoption of the Consent Agenda Items: There was not a consent agenda.

IX. Adoption of City Council Minutes from June 10th, 2019. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. *Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.*

X. Public Hearing
Planning and Zoning

Ms. Tarika Peeks

Mayor Carr-Hurst opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Rezoning 19RZ-005-City of Fairburn. City Planner Ms. Tarika Peens presented the rezoning of +/- 0.953 acres of City owned property adjacent to the Clorox warehouse facility on Creekwood Road from AG-1 (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District). Clorox is in need to expand the warehouse/distribution facility located at 1595 Oakley Industrial Blvd., by adding 345,450 square feet of floor area. The expansion of the facility was approved by the City in 2010 and was authorized pursuant to a 2010 development by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

In Favor of Rezoning:

Mr. Larry Dingle, LLC of Grantley LLC commended staff on the rezoning process and stated this rezoning was approved by ARC.

Opposition: None

Mayor Carr-Hurst closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. *Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.*

XI. Agenda Items:

1. Office of the Mayor

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

Tyler Technologies. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated the city's current utility system (Harris) is 10 years old and will no longer be supported. Incode and Utility Billing need to support one another. The current system is antiquated and December 31, 2019 the current system will no longer be available. On June 13th, 2019 she and councilmembers Davis, Pallend and some city staff met with Tyler Technologies to discuss the integration process. Mr. Blake Reynolds of Tyler Technologies was present and stated he enjoyed the initial meeting with Fairburn and would love for his company to have the city's business. The initial cost would be \$69,420.00 and the yearly maintenance thereafter would be

\$11,120.00. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

2. Office of the City Clerk

Ms. Shana T. Moss

Interim City Clerk, Shana T. Moss presented the Invoice and Intergovernmental Agreement for Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections for the 2019 General Election. Fairburn will have 3 council seats on the ballot for the November 5, 2019 General Election. The projected cost of the election will be \$33,350.00. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Smallwood with the second provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

3. Finance Department

Ms. Angela Jackson

Finance Director Ms. Angela Jackson presented 6 budget amendments to council for approval. All of the funds are allocated and funded through the FY 2018-2019 Budget. The budget amendments were:

2-1 To transfer funds from various line items to fund the Gateway Project and the Park and Ride Parking Lot. \$568,262.00

2-2 To transfer funds to provide operating expenses for Court Services. \$142,000.00

2-3 To appropriate technology revenue for Police Technology expenses. \$20,000.00

2-4 To transfer funds to build the docks at Duncan Park. \$24,871.00

2-5 To transfer funds for the August 2019 election expenses. \$33,350.00

2-6 To appropriate TSPLOST revenue to fund road improvements. \$356,930.00

Councilwoman Portis-Jones had questions regarding the new fire station being built that the citizens voted on. She said this is what the mayor and council should be focused on. Ms. Jackson stated the fire station was approved with different funds. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated these funds were allocated within this budget Year. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore with the second provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: (5-1) Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilwoman Portis-Jones

4. Parks and Recreation

Ms. Chapin Payne

Parks and Recreation Director Ms. Chapin Payne presented a usage agreement between the City of Fairburn Parks and Recreation Department and Soccer in the Streets, Inc. This agreement will provide a sports-based youth development program to children and families in the city. This program will be free and will consist of the free soccer program and uniform cost. Soccer-in-the-Streets Community Program Manager, Mr. Ulric Alsobrook was present for the meeting. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Councilman Pallend and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

5. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

Community Development Director Mr. Lester Thompson presented a contract for Pond & Company for on call Professional Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore with the second provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

6. Engineering/Public Works

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented a contract for Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for on-call Construction Management Services. Moreland Altobelli assist with the construction management for the city's CDBG, LMIG and TSPLOST programs and other special projects as required. This agreement is for the duration of three (3) years. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided

by Councilman Heath.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

Engineering

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented a ratification for the Georgia Department of Transportation for the SR 14; Campbellton Road; Smith Street and Washington Street. The project includes streetscape enhancements along US 29 from Malone Street to approximately 175 feet north of Strickland Street. This agreement was time sensitive; therefore, upon review by Attorney Turner, Mayor Carr-Hurst executed the contract. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis with the second provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

7. Engineering

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented information on Mr. Aaron Phillips, CEO of AMCON as the city's appointment to the South Fulton CID Board. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Pallend with the second provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

8. Utility (Water & Sewer)

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented Task Order #135 with Integrated Science and Engineering, Inc. (ISE) For Renaissance Parkway Sanitary Outfall Construction Phase Services. This task order is for orders associated with civil engineering, water and wastewater, and water resource engineering on an as needed basis. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

9. Engineering

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented the 2019 LMIG/TSPLOST Road Improvement Project Contract Award with ShepCo Paving, Inc. for an amount of \$544,893.71. The City of Fairburn receives an annual grant of approximately \$170,000 in LMIG funds for various road improvements. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

10. Water and Sewer

Mr. Lester Thompson

Mr. Lester Thompson presented contract award to Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc in the amount of \$310,615.00 for the Renaissance Parkway Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project. Proposals for the Renaissance Parkway Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project (RFP# 18-009, Sewer Installation – Renaissance Parkway) were originally requested on July 6, 2018 by the City of Fairburn's Utility Department. The project was placed on-hold to redesign the layout to eliminate excess clearing and reduce construction costs. The redesign required an easement acquisition from the Knight Group. The easement agreement with the Knight Group was approved at the February 11th, 2019 City Council Meeting. The project was put back out to bid based on the new alignment on April 24th, 2019 (IFB # 19-001)- RENAISSANCE PARKWAY SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL). The bid opening date was May 29th, 2019 at 3:00p.m. at which time the two (2) bids received were opened and read aloud. After completion of the bid evaluation, it was determined that Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid price of \$310,615.00. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis with the second provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

11. Electrical Department

Mr. Eddie Powell

Mr. Eddie Powell, Electrical Superintendent presented the contract award for the LCI East Broad Streetscape Project. This project will allow 28 additional parking spaces downtown and allow phone and cable lines to be underground. The allowance of additional parking spaces will be along E. Broad Street

from Landmark Christian School parking lot. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Heath. Vote: (6-0) Motion Carried.

XII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Portis-Jones stated she is the lone ranger regarding the budget. There are items that are not being talked about. She has not received a mid-year budget review. She stated the city's budget is a contextual document, it serves a specific reasoning as the city's charter state this. She has a fiduciary duty as an elected official that she takes seriously. She is concerned that mayor and council are not taking a proactive and vigilant role in the finances of the city and one day it will be too late, and the damages will be done.

Councilman Pallend welcomed Payton Lynch the honorary guest member of council.

Councilman Smallwood applauded the city staff for a job well done. The city is beautiful, and the park is always pristine, he applauded Parks and Recreation Director Ms. Chapin Payne and her team.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis had no comment.

Councilman Heath stated he would like to thank every staff member and city employee for their hard work. He said each of you make the mayor and council look good.

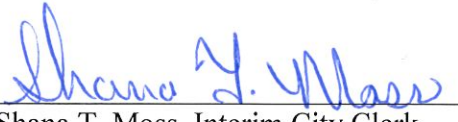
Councilman Whitmore had no comment.

Miss Payton Lynch (Guest Honorary Member) stated she was nervous when she first got to the meeting. She was very excited and enjoyed herself.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated the City of Fairburn lost two great citizens. Former Councilman Doug Crawford passed away. Mr. Ricky Hilley-Owner of Casablanca Catering passed away. Casablanca was in the process of relocating to Fairburn from Palmetto. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated his wife, Mrs. Ursula Hilley stated she was still moving forth because that is what Rick wanted. Rick would say, "the show doesn't stop." Mayor Carr-Hurst asked everyone to keep both families in their prayers. She further stated she takes her fiduciary duties seriously and she is above board with every transaction in the city. Also, she stated if anyone wants to come in and review anything in city hall, they are welcome to come in. When she took office, she stated she was going to move Fairburn forward and that is what she is doing.

XIII. Executive Session: there was none.

XIV. Adjournment: With no further business at 8:21 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.


Shana T. Moss, Interim City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

These are the Official Minutes of the City of Fairburn. They were approved at the August 26, 2019 Meeting.