

## CITY OF FAIRBURN CITY HALL 56 Malone Street Fairburn, GA 30213 December 10, 2018 7:00 PM

# The Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Presiding

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend

The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones The Honorable Ulysses Smallwood The Honorable James Whitmore

Keshia McCullough Randy Turner City Clerk City Attorney

I. Meeting Called to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

The Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst

II. Roll Call: Keshia McCullough, City Clerk All members of Council were present providing the Council with a quorum.

III. Invocation:

Pastor Charles Ramsey St. John A.M.E. Church

IV. Pledge of Allegiance:

In Unison

V. Presentations:

None

VI. Public Comments: Thirty (30) minutes shall be available for public comments. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes; however, a speaker may transfer his or her three (3) minutes to another speaker, but no speaker shall be permitted to speak for more than (6) minutes; further in the event, if more than ten (10) speakers desire to speak, each speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes and no speaker may speak more than four (4) minutes. Issues raised at this time will be referred to the City Administrator for review and response within ten (10) business days.

VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda: Councilmembers
Councilman Smallwood motioned to adopt the Council Agenda. Councilwoman
Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Councilmembers
Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-6.
Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

IX. Approval of November 26, 2018 Minutes: Councilmembers
Mayor Pro-Tem Whitmore motioned to approve the November 26, 2018 minutes.
Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

X. Public Hearings:

XI. Agenda Items:

**Utilities** Tom Ridgway

1. Approval of the Election for Off-System Sales Margins for Power Supply Year 2019

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

None

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

#### **Human Resources**

Linda Johnson

2. Approval of the cancellation of the City of Fairburn's Long-Term Care (LTC) group policy with Unum Life Insurance Company

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

## **City Clerk**

Keshia McCullough

3. Approval to add a Certification of Documents and Accident Report fee to the City of Fairburn's fee schedule

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

4. Approval of the purchase of E-Warrant

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

#### Community Development/Public Works Lester Thompson

5. Approval of a Construction Agreement with CSX Transportation for the Downtown LCI Streetscape Project in the amount of \$168,300

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

## **Property Management**

Harvey Stokes

6. Approval of the acquisition of the property identified as parcel # 09F-1708-0067-021-4

Councilman Smallwood motioned to approve the consent agenda item. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

#### Office of the Mayor

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

7. Discussion and possible action on Downtown Development expenses

Mayor Carr-Hurst discussed a possible request to transfer funds from the 2006 Utility Bond Debt Services Account to jumpstart the renovation of the Passenger Depot and the Train Depot to make them available for the upcoming tenants. She stated the funds are needed so that they can start construction. Building Director Harvey Stokes estimated that approximately \$200,000 is needed per building. All Councilmembers were in agreement that restaurants have been needed for a long time and these restaurants would benefit the City as a whole. City Attorney Randy Turner noted that the monies will be returned to the City via rent payments from the new tenants. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitmore motioned to authorize the transfer of \$400,000 from the 2006 Utility Bonds Debt Service Account to the Operating Account. Councilwoman Davis provided the second.

**Motion Carried 6-0** 

#### 8. Council Comments:

#### Councilmembers

Councilwoman Portis-Jones congratulated Police Chief Mathis on his Blue-Light Christmas. She also congratulated Landmark Christian School students on being engaged in the community. She stated that they are the future and that this is how the City will move forward. Lastly, she thanked Pastor Ramsey for giving the invocation and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Councilman Pallend said that this is a delightful way to end the year and he hopes for all that 2019 is the best year they have ever had.

Councilman Smallwood wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he stated that he is thankful to be here and involved in this great City. He extended congratulations to Mayor Carr-Hurst on her powerful speaking engagement at Enon Baptist Church. He ended by stating that he's very excited for the City of Fairburn's future.

Councilwoman Davis said that she's excited about the young people at Landmark Christian School seeing a problem and presenting a solution to it. She is also excited that Landmark Christian School is partnering with the City. Councilwoman Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Heath expressed appreciation to the citizens of Fairburn for electing him for his third term on Council. He stated that Fairburn has always been a close place for him as it is where he grew up. Councilman Heath stated that he is thankful for all Department Heads and employees because without them the Council wouldn't be able to do what they need to do. Lastly, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitmore stated that this will be the end of his third year on Council as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. He further stated that a lot has happened and he blessed to be a governing official for the City of Fairburn. He gave kudos to the Blue Light Christmas. He said that the Police are showing that they can be a community policing department within the City of Fairburn. He concluded stating that the staff luncheon that took place on Friday was wonderful and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor Carr-Hurst congratulated Landmark Christian School. She thanked Council by stating that each one of them has played a vital role in the running of the City. She said that she's surrounded by competent people every day. She expressed that they are going to do some great things in Fairburn has never been seen because they are Moving Forward Together. She noted that the State of the City address is January 14<sup>,2</sup> 2019 at 7:00 PM at Temple of Prayer Family Worship Cathedral and it will be streamed live on the City's website. She thanked all Department Heads and staff and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

#### 9. Executive Session\*

## 10. Adjournment

## Councilmembers

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitmore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Councilman Smallwood provided the second. **Motion Carried 6-0**Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

\*When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: (1) Personnel (2) Real Estate or (3) Litigation.

Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

Keshia McCullough, City Clerk