



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
May 22, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Lydia Glaize
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable James Whitmore

Stephen Hood
Stephanie Tigner
Valerie Ross

Interim City Administrator
Interim City Clerk
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Honorable Mayor Mario Avery.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** A roll call was conducted and the members present were Council Members Heath, Hurst, Pallend, Portis-Jones and Whitmore. Council Member Glaize was absent. The members present, constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Council Member James Whitmore.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:**

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Tony and Linda Scharko

Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones read into the record the proclamation recognizing Tony and Linda Scharko of Scharko Farms.

WHEREAS, Tony and Linda Scharko are lifelong residents of Fairburn, Georgia with an established, decades old farming and landscaping business located on 17 Pine Street, Fairburn, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Tony and Linda farm for pleasure and sustainability on their seven-acre farm that grows vegetables, flowers and herbs grown in a natural way without pesticides; and

WHEREAS, Scharko Farms, is a small family farm that operates a Community Supported Agriculture or CSA with full and one-half shares available annually, May through October and host regular garden/farm related workshops, potlucks and biodynamic garden readings and love to share their enjoyment of the earth with others at their farm stand and local farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, at the heart of the Scharko Farm is a philosophy of natural farming and helping others. They are mentors to dozens of farmers who survived many hurdles involved in starting a small farming enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Scharkos are cultivating metropolitan Atlanta's next generation of farmers with a passion, not only working alongside but take them under their seasoned wings through droughts, floods, farmers market turmoils and all things that can cause a young farmer to doubt their decision to farm. "Those with experience and knowledge must pass it on. It's about the next generation"-That's what Linda and Tony believe; and

WHEREAS, the Scharkos were leaders in starting and restarting the Fairburn Farmers Market and advisors to the current iteration of Fairburn Farmers Market and a consistent vendor; and

WHEREAS, they are an active part of Georgia Organics and Slow Food Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, they've received numerous awards for outstanding community leadership in Georgia's sustainable farming and food movement.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mario B. Avery and the six members of the City Council for the City of Fairburn hereby acknowledge, recognize and appreciate Tony and Linda Scharko and Scharko Farms for their unwavering commitment to the City of Fairburn, the Fairburn Farmers Market and the mentoring of the next generation of emerging growers this 19th day of May, 2017.

2. Introduction of Boy Scout Troop #7250 Fairburn, Georgia

Boy Scout Troop leaders introduced Troop #7250 of Fairburn, Georgia. The troop is in attendance to learn about municipal government.

Jordan Wells-Life Scout
Anthony Johnson-Life Scout
Miles-Life Scout
Lawrence Tapia-Life Scout
DeAndre Johnson-Life Scout
Elijah Dixon-First Class
Adam Moore Voltaire-Life Scout

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Rufus Wells, 2057 Broadmoor Way, Fairburn GA. 30213 thanked the Mayor, Council and the police department for being proactive with the overflow of traffic due to the Renaissance Festival. Mr. Wells addressed his concerns with the overgrown unapproved lots located in Durham Lakes Subdivision. He then invited Mayor and Council to the Annual Pool opening at Durham Lakes Subdivision on Saturday, May 27, 2017 beginning at 12pm to 4pm.

2. Sandra Mason, 23 Black Diamond Drive, Fairburn, GA. 30213 gave thanks to the staff at Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad for welcoming her students at the facility. Ms. Mason said due to their special needs the students were not welcomed at a facilities.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda with Consent Agenda items #4, #5, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 and to add item #17-Concessionaire Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items #4, #5, #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15

4. Approval of Phase I Park and Ride and Construction (Engineering)
5. Final Plat Review 17P-005 - 115 Church Street (Planning)
11. Preventative Maintenance Program for Lift Station Pumps (Utilities)
12. Cancellation of the June 26, 2017 Workshop and City Council Meeting (City Clerk)
13. Service Agreement with James A. Fowler DBA Action Packed Parties (Parks & Recreation)
14. Service Agreement with Southern Construction Fence, LLC (Parks & Recreation)
15. Approval of A Landscaping and Design Installation Agreement for Fairburn Fire Station #22 (Building & Property)

Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: City Council Minutes of May 8, 2017.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of May 8, 2017 with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

X. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility (Planning)

City Planner Tarika Peeks provided an overview of the Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility and called for all speakers in favor of the amendment to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery called for all speakers against Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

2. Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance (Planning)

City Planner Tarika Peeks provided an overview of the Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance and called for all speakers in favor of the amendment to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery called for all speakers against Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Text Amendment 17TA-004 Residential Infill Ordinance with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

3. Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4) (Planning)

City Planner Tarika Peeks provided an overview of the Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4).

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4) and called for all speakers in favor of the amendment to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery called for all speakers against Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4) to come forward.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing on Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4).

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the Text Amendment 17TA-005 Single Family Residential Zoning Districts (R-2 and R-4) with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

XI. AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Distributed Generation Electric Ordinance (Utilities)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Distributed Generation Electric Ordinance with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion**

carried.

7. Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreements (Utilities)

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreements with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

8. Distributed Generation Application (Utilities)

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the Distributed Generation Application with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

9. Electrical Power Exchange Agreement (Utilities)

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Electrical Power Exchange Agreement with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

10. Distributed Generation Policy (Utilities)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Distributed Generation Policy with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

16. Discussion Only of A Landscaping and Design Installation Agreement for Old Campbell Courthouse (Building & Property)

Building and Property Director Harvey Stokes provided Mayor and Council with a brief overview of the landscaping and design installation proposed agreement with Pike Nurseries for Old Campbell Courthouse.

Council Member Heath asked if there was a clause in the contract that states the City would implement landscaping.

Building and Property Director Harvey Stokes said “no sir”.

Council Member Hurst suggested bringing the item back to the next meeting on June 12, 2017 to allow the sponsor of the item some consideration.

17. Concessionaire Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad (Parks and Recreation)

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne provided Mayor and Council with an

overview on the Concessionaire at Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the Concessionaire Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Council Member Hurst asked if there were any other bidders.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said “no”. **The motion carried.**

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Boy Scout Troop #7250 of Fairburn, Georgia for coming out to the meeting tonight. She said “I am a Girl Scout advisor and I work with the Daisies and Brownies”. Council Member Portis-Jones also thanked the Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne and Farmers Market Manager Angela Bean. She recognized the Parks and Recreation’s staff to include Ms. Rachelle Eyma and the Street Department for helping with Fairburn Farmers Market opening day. Council Member Portis-Jones said “the layout, the variety of vendors and the ability to accept E.B.T. made the opening day outstanding”.

Council Member Pallend had no comment.

Council Member Hurst welcomed the Boy Scout Troop #7250 and the Troop Leaders to the meeting. She said “I hope you all were able to learn a little about government tonight and I urge you all to come back”. She said I was a Girl Scout and I do remember some of the lessons learned. Council Member Hurst acknowledged the Fairburn Farmers Market opening day; it was really nice. Council Member Hurst mentioned to Council Member Portis-Jones “I went to Newnan to persuade one of last year’s vendors to come back to the market for a few days”.

Council Member Heath had no comment.

Council Member Whitmore thanked Council Member Portis-Jones for her leadership. He welcomed the Boy Scout Troop #7250. He acknowledged P.O.A of Durham Lakes, Mr. Rufus Wells. He announced that the S.T.E.A.M program has reached 100 participants for the 2017 Summer Program. Council Member Whitmore thanked Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne. He then thanked the Utilities Director Tom Ridgway for the information on “Going Green”. He acknowledged the new Economic Development Director Mr. Edward “Ed” Smith. He said “I am looking forward to working with you”. Mayor Avery announced that Council Member Whitmore and Mr. John Childs, Director of the S.T.E.A.M Program will be recognized at the 2017 G.M.A. Annual Convention in Savannah, Georgia. Mayor Avery welcomed the new Economic Development Director Mr. Edward Smith. He then announced the Duncan Park Pool and Splash Pad Opening

Day is Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 1:00pm. Mayor Avery acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones and the Fairburn Farmers Market. He also urged residents to support the Music Festival hosted by City of Fairburn on the 4th Friday of the month. In closing, Mayor Avery recognized the Fairburn Police Department for their outstanding customer service. He said that he received word from residents that the police department is providing exceptional customer service.

XII. ADJOURN:

Council Member Heath made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for (1) Personnel and (1) Litigation Matters with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to exit out of Executive Session with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to reconvene the meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.**

Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

Mayor, Mario Avery