



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
April 10, 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
William Randy Turner

Interim City Administrator
Interim City Clerk
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Honorable Mayor Mario Avery at 7:05 pm.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** all members were present which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Pastor Danita Jones of In His Great Name Ministry.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:**

Police Chief Sutherland introduced and welcomed Officers Bennett, Langford and Potts to the Fairburn Police Department. Officer Bennett is a veteran officer that came to the City of Fairburn from the City of Atlanta. Police Chief Sutherland went on to state that that officers Langford and Potts returned from the academy after enduring 11 weeks of training.

Mayor Avery requested for all of the attendees from Creekside High School to stand as he presented a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr.

Mayor Avery said we are blessed to have an education center in Fairburn. Many of our council members have demonstrated their zeal and love for education and efforts to bring educational institutions into the City. He said I want to thank one of our former City Council Members Scott Vaughn for his help to bring this to pass. Today, we honor a man that has been honored by the Fulton County School System, Creekside High School

Principal Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr.

Mayor Avery asked Former City Council Member Scott Vaughn to read the proclamation in recognition of Creekside High School Principal Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr. into the record.

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. is a native of Eatonville, Florida, who holds an undergraduate degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor's of Science in History/Secondary Education and a Master's Degree from Nova Southeastern University in Education Leadership; and

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. has been married to Tiffany Maxwell for 18 years and is the father of three children: two daughters, Tia and Troy and one son, Ronald Maxwell, III; and

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. was a principal and assistant principal in the Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida for the past seven years; and

Whereas, Creekside High School opened its doors in the fall of 1990 due to the merger of Palmetto High School in Palmetto and Campbell High School in Fairburn; and

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. is the principal of Creekside High School a public high school, part of the Fulton County School system located at 7405 Herndon Road in Fairburn, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. began his tenure at Creekside High School four years ago after leading his school in Florida to "A" status on the Florida grading system with a proven track record of increasing student achievement; and

Whereas, Creekside High School was on the "Chronically Failing Schools List" with the State of Georgia's Governor's Office of Student Achievement for a number of years; and

Whereas, Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. along with his expert administration, has worked diligently to improve Creekside High School and as a result, Creekside High School is no longer on the Chronically Failing Schools List.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario B. Avery and the six members of the City Council for the City of Fairburn do honor and recognize Principal Ronald B. Maxwell, Jr. for instituting a culture of rigor and results at Creekside High School and for being named the South Fulton Principal of the Year for the Fulton County School system this 10th day of April, 2017.

Creekside High School Principal Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr. thanked everyone for the recognition. He thanked Mayor Avery and the Council for their support and said "we still have a way to go, but we are making progress". He said the goal is for Creekside High School to be one of those exceptional schools on the south side. He thanked his team and Mayor and Council for the recognition.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Pastor Danita Jones, 81 Dodd Street, thanked Mayor and Council for hearing the cry of the Lightning Community; the kids are excited about the park. She said the park is constantly full. Pastor Danita Jones said Mayor Avery drives by park daily. She thanked Mayor and Council for providing the funding for the new park equipment at Cora Robinson Park. She said we see the changes happening in the community. She said this is the first time the City has been involved. She thanked Council Members Heath, Hurst and Glaize for working collectively. Pastor Danita Jones thanked Mr. Harvey Stokes and the Street Department employees, Stephanie Tigner and Hang Nguyen.

2. Honi Williams, 75 Clay Street, said the Cora Robinson Park looks great. Ms. Williams spoke on the positive interaction between the Fairburn Police Department and her neighbors. Ms. Williams said the fire and police departments always respond promptly when called. She sent kudos to Council Member Glaize for “*Cat in the Hat Week*” and the arts and craft activities at the library. She also acknowledged Dr. Parks for the Black History display; it was outstanding, so impressed.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda of April 10, 2017, with Council Member Heath proving the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: City Council Minutes of March 27, 2017.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of March 27, 2017, with the necessary corrections with Council Member Whitmore providing the second.

Council Member Hurst made corrections to page 7 “*to serve*” the spelling of the work *Laude* in Diamond Cum Laude; On page (8) the word “her” should be “him”; remove the number (4) in the word member. The corrections were noted.

Council Member Glaize stated there was a correction to the spelling of Diamond Cum Laude on page (7); Council Member Glaize wanted to add the last name of Mother Mozelle to the record. “*Jenkins*”; and requested to remove the word “condolences” from the minutes. The corrections were noted and **the motion carried.**

IX. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Georgia Cities Week Resolution (Council Member Glaize)

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Georgia Cities Week Resolution with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

2. Task Order with Integrated Science (ISE) For Training to Perform MS4 Inspections (Utilities)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Task Order with Integrated Science (ISE) for Training to Perform MS4 Inspections in the amount of \$6,440.00 with Council Member Pallend providing the second.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know if the employees that were hired for stormwater will be the employees that will be trained with Integrated Science to perform the duties.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said we do not have two people that were specifically hired for stormwater; we have employees in water and sewer department that perform stormwater activities. We will have to determine the best two people to train for this purpose, but it appears that it will be a supervisor and one employee.

Council Member Hurst requested for Mr. Ridgway to check with personnel department. She said I am sure we specifically hired two employees specifically for stormwater at least two years ago.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said I think it is best to have a supervisor to lead on this project and one field leveled employees.

Council Member Glaize thanked Mr. Ridgway for bringing the item back. She referred to Task 3 On Call Support, if you add Task 3 On Call Support would prevent us from bidding this out.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said we are going to bid the contract out, this is a specific task order to perform a specific task.

Council Member Glaize asked if Task Order 3 was limited to the training.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said "yes".

Mayor Avery said for clarification purposes, under the procurement process

whatever you approved tonight it would end once you go out for bid; everything will cease. **The motion carried.**

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Creekside High School Principal Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr. Mr. Maxwell and his team at Creekside High School. He has been named the South Fulton Principal of Year at Creekside High School. Council Member Portis-Jones thanked Ron Mossner and his team at McGrath Consulting Group for the Management Audit. She thanked Chief Sutherland for the work he has performed in his position. She said she is very pleased with the feedback from the audit and from our police officers about you. Council Member Portis-Jones stated more importantly, the level of respect the police officers have for you and how the officers feel about this City is phenomenal. Council Member Portis-Jones went on to thank the rest of the staff and said "this places us on a different level."

Council Member Pallend had no comment.

Council Member Glaize thanked the entire Engineering Department and Ms. Brendetta Walker, Harvey Stokes and the Building and Street departments, Parks & Recreation, Pastor Danita Jones, and Police Chief Sutherland for their assistance with the grand opening of the Cora Robinson Park and making it a focal point. She went on to thank Utilities Director Tom Ridgway, Patrick McFarlane and all of the non-profits that participated in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) and Lightning Cleanup event. Council Member Glaize acknowledged the entire staff at Creekside High School and "Principal of the Year" Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr. for his accomplishments. Council Member Glaize thanked Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones and St. John A.M.E. Church for the monthly food program. She thanked the Fire and Police departments for the blood pressure checks administered during the event. She acknowledged Officer Potts for being onsite at the event. She then announced Mother Mozelle Jenkins has passed.

Council Member Hurst had no comment.

Council Member Heath had no comment.

Council Member Whitmore thanked Police Chief Sutherland for his work on the Police Management Audit. He acknowledged "Principal of the Year" Mr. Ronald B. Maxwell Jr. for his accomplishments. Council Member Whitmore thanked the Mayor's Assistant Mrs. Akilah Moody for coming in on her off day to write four proclamations. He then acknowledged longtime resident Ms. Nell Smith and thanked her for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Avery acknowledged City Planner Ms. Tarika Peek for spearheading the application to participate in the ARC Community Choices program. He said the City of Fairburn was selected to participate in the ARC Community Choices 2017 Implementation Assistance Program. He acknowledged his Executive Mrs. Akilah Moody and Ms. Hang Nguyen.

XI. ADJOURN:

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

Mayor, Mario Avery