



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
March 27, 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
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members were present which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Council Member James Whitmore.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Avery read the proclamation into the record in recognition of Sergeant Aaron Baker.

**Proclamation in Recognition of Sergeant Aaron Baker**

**Whereas**, Sergeant Aaron F. Baker enrolled in the police academy in 2005, graduated with honors and accepted his position as an officer with the Fairburn Police Department; and

**Whereas**, Sergeant Baker, an exceptionally brave and dedicated professional, advanced quickly as a leader; and

**Whereas**, Sergeant Baker became a patrol supervisor, initiated the safety checkpoint systems which led to the most arrests in more than 7 years and also was an instructor, specializing in firearms, tactics and police training; and

*Whereas*, Sergeant Baker is a strong advocate of community-based policing, and with his commitment to partnership-building he was instrumental in reducing crime in drug-infested areas and noted by a local newspaper as being personally responsible for stomping out crime in Fairburn; and

*Whereas*, Sergeant Baker worked throughout his career to help the under-privileged and senior citizens, he spearheaded initiatives joining with local business owners to ensure many families in South Fulton neighborhoods enjoyed good meals that he both delivered and prepared so that others would have festive holiday seasons; and

*Whereas*, Sergeant Baker for his dedication and excellence in serving on the Fairburn Police Department received accolades for excellence from former Mayor Betty Hannah and Officer of the Year and was promoted to Sergeant in 2008; and

*Whereas*, Sergeant Baker prior to joining the police force served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, retiring in June of 2005 as a Sergeant First Class at Fort Benning, Georgia, he earned expert badges in infantryman, combat infantry and drill sergeant; and

*Whereas*, Sergeant Baker is retiring with 12 years of dedicated service to the City of Fairburn.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Mario B. Avery and the six members of the City Council for the City of Fairburn do honor the distinguished and noble service of Sergeant Aaron F. Baker and wish him well as he begins his retirement, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Rebecca Smith, 4167 Matisse Lane (representative of the South Fulton Little League) announced “Opening Day” was this past Saturday. She said Chic-fil-A, Fairburn’s Public Safety departments were on staff. Ms. Smith said the Mayor and Council Member Glaize was in attendance; it was a beautiful day.

Mayor Avery thanked Ms. Smith and the South Fulton Little League on their work with the youth.

2. Richard Williams, 6115 Capitol Knoll, saluted Sgt. Aaron Baker and the other servicemen and women in attendance. He said that he is the owner of ProTek 360 Private Security. He said he resides in the Fairburn area and wanted to introduce himself with any security solutions.

## **VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda of March 27, 2017 with Consent Agenda Items #3, #4, #7, #8, #9, #13 and to add item #14 with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items #3, #4, #7, #8, #9 and #13

3. Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority and Development Authority (Mayor)
4. Resolution Setting the Qualification Dates for the 2017 Municipal Election (City Clerk)
7. Approval of Landscaping Design and Installation (Property Management)
8. Yancey Power Systems Agreement (Utilities)
9. Toilet Rebate Program (Utilities)
13. Advanced Disposal Rate Increase (Administration)

Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** City Council Minutes of February 27, 2017.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of February 27, 2017 with one correction; to add the cost to participate in the Main Street Program with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **X. PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

City Planner Tarika Peek provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to continue the Text Amendment 17TA-001 Distributed Generation Facility to the May 22, 2017 City Council Meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **XI. AGENDA ITEMS:**

2. Distributed Generation Electric Ordinance (Utilities)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to continue the Distributed Generation Electric Ordinance to the May 22, 2017 City Council Meeting with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

5. Lease Agreement With A-Knight's Traffic School (Administration)

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement With A-Knight's Traffic School with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion failed** with Council Members Whitmore, Hurst and Jones and Glaize voting "No".

6. Civic HR Agreement (Human Resources)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Civic HR Agreement with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Council Member Hurst asked if the current website supports the Civic HR add on module financially.

Human Resources Director David Johnson said the addition connects to CivicPlus and the cost that is enumerated here is the only cost to onboard the system.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know if there would be a demonstration of the new system.

Human Resources Director David Johnson said the only module that I am proposing is the applicant tracking system, the other available parts we are not asking for. He said the pressing issue is to upgrade the website so candidates can make applications electronically and can be distributed to various departments to speed up the process.

Council Member Glaize asked if there is an onboarding date; when can we expect the system to go live.

Human Resources Director David Johnson said the system is not established yet. He said it is a 12 week timeline. He said I would like get the most crucial part of the system up and running. I would like for the applicant to be able to see a posting and have the ability to fill out an application electronically and the city receive it. The other elements the timeline prescribe will take 12 weeks; we will get to those; I do not have a date. After some discussion, **the motion carried.**

10. MS4 Inspections (Phase 1) of Storm Drains (Utilities)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Task Order for MS4 Inspections (Phase 1) of Storm Drains with Council Member Pallend providing the second.

Council Member Glaize made a substitute to approve the Task Order for Inspection and report only with Integrated Science Engineering, The motion failed for lack of a second.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway stated the Task Order is only for the inspection and reports. **The motion carried.**

11. 2016 MEAG Telecom Year End Settlement Funds (Utilities)

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the 2016 MEAG Telecom Year End Settlement Funds in the total amount of \$13,438 and that \$5,375 be placed in the Flexible Operating Account and \$8,063 be placed in the New Generation and Capacity Funding account with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if there is adequate emergency money in the account to deal with emergency situations.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said we have funds in our normal budgeted amounts to deal with emergencies; the only reserves we have is in the MEAG Trust, but we do not have any reserve funds in our water/sewer or stormwater accounts.

Council Member Glaize said it is the end of the first quarter and if there are any major issues are we poised to replace and repair.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said we have \$2M in bond money for water and sewer to access. He said the MEAG Trust came from electric revenues that came be used in any way the Council decides.

Council Member Glaize asked if there will be any impacts made in the mid-year to go into these funds.

Mayor Avery said for clarification purposes there is a percentage of the money that will have to go back to the trust account.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said none of the refunds have to go into a trust accounts; we can take it as cash. He said the reason for placing the funds in the reserves is to build the reserves we need; we will need reserve for Plant Vogle

because there will be an increase and we can offset the increase without affecting rates. Ridgway said to have the money in the flexible operating accounts will help us take on the big projects like Google and Project M that helped us attract jobs and businesses into the community. Without those reserves we would not have had the money to do the infrastructure improvements to attract those businesses here.

Mayor Avery wanted to know if you have a projected date for Plant Vogle.

Utility Director Tom Ridgway said right now it was going to be mid 2019 when Vogle Unit 3 came on and now we are looking to additional delay to the time. After some discussion, **the motion carried.**

12. 2016 MEAG Power Projects Year End Settlement Funds (Utilities)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the 2016 MEAG Power Projects Year End Settlement Funds in the total amount of \$344,838 with \$137,935 in the Flex Operating Account and \$206,903 in the New Generation Trust account Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

14. To Rescind Support of the Millennial Roundtable Committee

Council Member Heath made a motion to rescind support and payment to the Millennial Roundtable Committee and to seek any funds owed to the City with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

For the record, Council Member Glaize stated the committee received a total of \$5000; \$2,500 for a facilitator and \$2500 for programs etc. **The motion carried.**

**XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

Council Member Whitmore had no comment.

Council Member Heath said he experienced his first blizzard in Washington D.C. where there was 4-6 inches of snow in one night. He announced that he received an award at National League of Cities Conference. Council Member Heath thanked his colleagues that were in attendance and provided support. He said the city is going through some growing pains. Council Member Heath said there are more warehouses coming to the area and jobs are available. He thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Hurst congratulated Sergeant Aaron Baker for his 12 years of service with the City of Fairburn. She said “thank you for showing me what a true officer is”. Council Member Hurst congratulated Council Member Heath for receiving the Diamond

Cum Laude award. She said Council Member Heath was the only person to receive the award. Council Member Hurst said the LIHEAP Program came back to the City for one day. We thought the program did not have any funding but they did and we were able to serve over 101 applicants. The program brought in \$35,350 in one day; that was really good for one day. She said in FY16 we served 570 applicants for two weeks and brought in \$197K and in FY15 we serviced 522 applicants and brought in \$180K. She said she continues to working aggressively with the program. I want us to get back to the \$100K mark and I want to ensure that the assistance reaches our elderly residents. She announced that the LIHEAP program is scheduled to come back to the city on April 21, 2017.

Council Member Glaize congratulated Council Member Heath for receiving the Diamond Cum Laude award at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.; you were the only to receive the award this year. She said out of almost 4,000 members Council Member Heath is the only person to receive the Diamond Cum Lau de award. She said this City has the most well trained Mayor and Council. Council Member Glaize congratulated Sergeant Aaron Baker on his retirement and to leading the charge to bring back safety in the Lightnin Community. She thanked Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne on a great event. She said there were 90 plus people that participated in the event. Council Member Glaize thanked the public safety departments for keeping everyone safe; “you are Fairburn Finest”. She thanked Council Member Hurst for the leading the charge with bring body cameras to the city and the LIHEAP Program. She said proposed that the utility board discuss the “round up” method to assist people with their utility bills. Council Member Glaize said you can have the option of rounding up your amount by (\$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 or other). She acknowledged Ms. Mozelle Jenkins. She said Mother Mozelle Jenkins is one of the eldest citizens in Fairburn; she is 97 years old. Mother Mozelle Jenkins resides at 189 Chestnut and is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Council Member Pallend said well done! Well done to Council Member Heath. He went on to say “six inches of snow ain’t nothing”.

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Sergeant Baker. She said “I heard about you and you are all of what they said”. I hope that you stay connected. Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne for the FitRun. She said the event conflicted with another scheduled event that she had planned. She said the Wellness Program is heartfelt; we want the employees to meet their goals and be healthy and assist City. She congratulated the South Fulton Little League on the “Opening Day”. She said she was there last year and had a great time. Council Member Portis-Jones welcomed Mr. Richard Williams and thanked him for coming to the meeting. She said regarding the heating assistance it is on the chopping block on a federal level. I hope that we can maintain the program. She said she is saddened to hear that Mother Mozelle Jenkins is not doing well.

Mayor Avery thanked the schools and the R.O.T.C. programs at Creekside High School for participating in the FitRun. He thanked Council Member Glaize for the Litter Patrol. He thanked the staff for participating. He said the Code Enforcement Director Lester Thompson really did a great job. He said the City feels good about the presentation made regarding the Interstate 85 @ Highway 74-Senoia Road. He thanked Council Member Portis-Jones for helping to coordinate the meeting. Mayor Avery thanked “Action Jackson” Sergeant Aaron Baker for his service; our police department is well served. He said his wife said “thank you”. Mayor Avery announced the Cora Robinson Park Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 6, 2017 beginning at 11am to 2pm and the Lighting Cleanup.

### **XIII. ADJOURN:**

Council Member Hurst made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

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Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

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Mayor, Mario Avery