



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
February 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: by Honorable Mayor Mario Avery**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Council Members Lydia Glaize, Alex Heath, Pat Pallend, Portis-Jones and James Whitmore were present. Council Member Elizabeth Hurst was absent.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Dr. Maya Taylor of Open Word Ministries.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:**

1. Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (G.I.C.H.)

Council Member Lydia Glaize provided a brief overview of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing program. She said our staff looked at the program and saw an opportunity for our city. She said as the City of Fairburn moves towards becoming a 21st Century progressive city that is situated to succeed, we will evaluate, educate, engage and elevate everyone's standard of living through our innovative community housing program. Our citizens will be situated to live, work, and play in our great city.

We believe that every citizen deserves to live a life of quality and it is our aim to provide such by evaluating our housing and wellness needs, educate our citizens about our program, engage stakeholders from various sectors of our city and elevate our quality of living. As a member of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing

Program, we are situated to change the narrative and write a new and great story for our city, expand our resources, secure our infrastructure and housing development leading to economic stability for generations to come.

What is our why? It is because every citizen deserves inclusive equity while enjoying a prosperous and quality of life. What is our what? Our what is to provide a diverse offering of housing options for our residents. What is our how? Fairburn's GICH Team will evaluate our housing stock in light of providing safe and sustainable neighborhoods. We will educate ourselves utilizing data-driven best practices through the retreats offered through the Department of Community Affairs.

After some discussion, Council Member Portis- Jones asked if Council Member Glaize could bring back land bank information to Council.

Council Member Glaize thanked Mayor Avery, Council, City Administrator Chief Hood and staff for their support.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Andre Ferguson, 768 Sir Charles Drive, spoke on Fairburn Utilities. Mr. Ferguson said I had a power assessment done at my home due to the outrageous electric bills. Mr. Ferguson said his utility bills range from \$390.00 to \$504.00 since December.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the agenda and place items #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 on the Consent Agenda and add item #7 Tyrone Sewer Agreement Contracting Options and Considerations with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: City Council Minutes of February 13, 2017.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of February 13, 2017, with the necessary corrections with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items

2. Cancellation of March 13, 2017, Workshop and City Council Meeting (Council)

3. Adoption of the Resolution to Approve the Terms of SR 14; Campbellton Road; Smith St. & Washington St-LCI Project Local Government Lighting Project Agreement (LGLPA) (Engineering)
4. Approval of the Local Government Lighting Project Agreement (LGLPA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (Engineering)
5. Approval of the Proposal From Allen Vigil for the Purchase of a Vehicle for the Engineering Department (Engineering)
6. Duncan Park Fee Structure and Schedule (Parks and Recreation)

Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Ethics Board Appointment (City Clerk)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to appoint James Sumners to the Ethics Board with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

7. Tyrone Sewer Agreement (Administration)

Interim City Administrator Hood provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Tyrone Sewer Agreement Contracting Options and Considerations.

Mayor Avery asked for a motion to bring the Tyrone Sewer Agreement Contracting Options and Considerations to the floor.

Council Member Pallend made a motion to bring the Tyrone Sewer Agreement Contracting Options and Considerations item to the floor with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Avery said the City of Tyrone has been a friend to the City of Fairburn. He said the City had received valuable information about the Highway 74 Coalition led by Mayor Dial. Mayor Avery stated “I want to ensure we are clear, in 2014 the City of Fairburn’s District Commissioner said to pursue the sewer that we sold to Tyrone in his professional opinion was not proper. Mayor Avery said we acquired funding that was designated for specific uses as it relates to the sewer purchase. In this scenario, the City of Tyrone pursued efforts to help the City of Fairburn. At the time, we were not sure if we were going to be able to get the capacity back. Subsequently, we were able to get \$500K.

Council Member Heath wanted to know how much sewage the warehouses can produce.

Interim City Administrator Hood said if and when we need to purchase more capacity from Fulton is to be seen. He said we do not know what the rate will be as the rates may change; there is no threat to disconnect.

Council Member Pallend made a motion to select Option #2: Pro-rata repurchase of the .25 MGD under the current contract with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Glaize said the money that would be used to purchase the .25 is that a part of the bond money that was secured two years ago.

Interim City Administrator Hood said "yes."

Council Member Whitmore asked if the pro-rata rate had been calculated.

Interim City Administrator Hood said no, we have not done that yet.

Mayor Avery asked the City Attorney if we select Option #2 would there be any negotiations.

City Attorney Randy Turner said what we paid for is subject to further negotiations. I would assume that this would come back before the council in the form of an agreement to repurchase at that rate.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked if we had any idea of how open the cities would be if we were to select Option #2.

Council Member Heath said it would be ideal to modify the current contract and we could purchase additional capacity.

Council Member Heath made a substitute motion to accept Option #1-Modify the current contract. ***The motion died*** for the lack of a second.

Council Member Pallend made a motion to select Option #2- Pro-rata repurchase of the .25 MGD under the current contract with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried** with Council Member Heath voting "No."

8. Georgia Main Street Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. D. Hang Nguyen provided an overview of the Georgia Main Street MOU.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if there was any cost associated with the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ms. D. Hang Nguyen stated the initial startup cost of the program would be minimal; \$350 annual subscription cost.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Georgia Main Street Memorandum of Understanding with Council Member Glaize providing the second.
The motion carried.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Whitmore reminded Mayor and Council about the Homestead Exemption Program. He said the workshops will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 3pm to 4pm and Saturday, March 18th beginning at 10am to 11am. Both workshops will be held here at City Hall in Council Chambers. He said we would like to reach out to 100% disabled veterans to assist with helping those individuals with any qualifying exemptions they may qualify for and the seniors that meet the required criteria.

Council Member Heath thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He acknowledged the G.I.C.H. Members on the retreat in Albany, Georgia; I learned a lot of things that could help us to revitalize the community. He said it is going to be a great addition to our current tools; thank you for coming out to the meeting tonight.

Council Member Glaize thanked Mr. James Sumners for his acceptance of the appointment to the Ethics Board; we really appreciate your service. She acknowledged all of the city's staff and departments that worked with the G.I.C.H. committee on the housing stock; I appreciate you. She recognized Mayor Avery and the Council for helping the team move forward.

Council Member Pallend had no comment.

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated James Sumners on his appointment to the Ethics Board. She said he has been a loyal attendee at the council meetings and have offered some great sound advice to the city. Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Council Member Glaize, Tarika Peeks, staff and the entire G.I.C.H. team for the housing stock and G.I.C.H initiatives. Council Member Portis-Jones said there is a wealth of information and opportunity available to us. She said I think the Georgia Main Street

Program will create opportunities for the City of Fairburn. Council Member Portis-Jones said I have attended several of the seminars. We are doing a lot in our downtown area; to have dedicated staff to work solely on the initiative is great. She thanked Mayor and Council for approving the item.

Mayor Avery acknowledged Atlanta Regional Commission (A.R.C.) for assisting with the housing stock report. He said Fairburn is grateful for the Atlanta Regional Commission for the work that is being done in South Fulton. Mayor Avery thanked the staff and volunteers that helped to prepare for the G.I.C.H meeting; it is very beneficial to our city. Mayor Avery thanked Council Members Glaize, Heath and City Planner Tarika Peeks for representing our city. Mayor Avery went on to thank Mr. John Childs for bringing another level of 3-D Technology to the S.T.E.A.M. Program for our kids. He thanked Dr. Parks and Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne.

XII. ADJOURN:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for (1) Personnel and (1) Potential Litigation Matters with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to exit Executive Session with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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

Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

Mayor, Mario Avery