



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
April 25, 2016  
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

Tom Barber  
Stephanie Tigner  
William Randy Turner

City Administrator  
Interim City Clerk  
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by the 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.

Mayor Avery acknowledged State Senator Donzella James.

State Senator Donzella James 35<sup>th</sup> District thanked the Mayor and Council for all the work that they do in the 35<sup>th</sup> District. She said “you make good things even better”. She said some good bills did pass. We made sure to get all the money in the State budget back to the taxpayers; get all of your fair share of tax dollars here in Fairburn. She said we could not do everything, but there is still time. State Senator Donzella James said every request made, I placed my attention to. She reminded everyone that May 2, 2016 is the first day of early voting for the May 24, 2016 election. State Senator Donzella James said “God willing, I will be back next year to take the bills you want us to start working on”. She said there are several hearings that we are going to do. She said as you may recall Creekside and Banneker had a scrimmage last year and a young man lost his life due to an unfitted-poor helmet. She said we did pass legislation to have a study committee. She asked if Mayor and Council had anything to contribute. If so, to please let her know.

Mayor Avery asked about the impact of South Fulton the City. He wanted to know the impact to the Local Option Sales Tax.

State Senator Donzella James said in 2005 and 2006 when Johns Creek, Sandy Springs, Milton and Chattahoochee Hills and others pulled away from unincorporated Fulton County a 2% Local Option Sales Tax was taken from the other cities. So, this is the rest of unincorporated South Fulton that is in the special tax district. I can get specific numbers after July.

Council Member Glaize said we are a MEAG city; and therefore we are using nuclear power. She said there is a national discussion on how we will dispose of nuclear waste. She said it is important to Georgia that we are at the table as it relates to the facilities and where they are going to be located and that they are not located near people. Council Member Glaize said the second topic is the coal ash and how we could use it in a sustainable way. She requested to have those topics to be discussed next term.

State Senator Donzella James said there have been a discussion that the nuclear waste will be transferred up the interstates; that is already a concern. She said there is a group that is trying to have discussion with the Governor and Lt. Governor about this. State Senator Donzella James stated there is a safety concern for all of Georgia.

Council Member Portis-Jones spoke on the recent passage of the Transportation Bill. She wanted to know about the collection, distribution, allocation to governments and minority participation. She requested an update so the City can participate to the fullest.

Mayor Avery acknowledged Council Member Alexander Gothard, City of East Point.

Council Member Gothard said it is a pleasure to be here. He said he is enjoying hearing the questions that are being asked. Council Member Gothard thanked the Council for allowing him to be in attendance.

## **V. PRESENTATION: Millennial Roundtable**

Janelle Jones, Founder of the Millennial Roundtable and creator of the Millennial Committee Engagement Program said she appreciates the opportunity to come to speak to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Jones stated she will only discuss year one. She said she had the opportunity to speak with Council Members Glaize, Hurst and Heath. She introduced her colleagues Erin Glen, Energy & Sustainability, Chris Polara, Founder Critical Point and Council Member Alex Gothard. Ms. Jones then provided an overview the program and the core areas that will be the focus for Fairburn: Community Beautification, Participation, Health & Wellness, Small Business Development,



Innovation Task Force and Voter apathy.

Council Member Heath wanted to know how do you advertise to acquire the (9) individuals 18-35 years of age to participate.

Janelle Jones said there are various ways; most of it is awareness. She said social media, robo calls, mailers, referrals from the City Council and being vocal. She said in addition, we can reach out to the media and press.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Bobby Fountain, Shugart Farms, spoke on the Bohannon Road expansion project. He said he wanted the Council to know that the developers have paid for 1/3 of the construction. He said the first check was in the amount of \$280K; the second was in the amount of \$290K to pay for construction. He said there is an additional \$125K for land we donated and attorney fees.
2. Dr. Danny Allen, 230 Misty Walk, thanked the Mayor & Council for the upgrades to field #4 and the ongoing work to field #7. He said due to the upgrades the South Fulton Little League will now host "Little League District Tournament of Champions beginning on May 26th-28<sup>th</sup>". He said the times for the games are still under construction, but I will ensure that Mayor & Council receive the information. He requested the extension to December 31, 2016. Dr. Allen invited Mayor and Council to the end of the season banquet that will be May 28, 2016 at 11am at V.F.W. Post 6449. He announced the fall season will begin in September with (3) camps and they are: skills, coaches and umpire camp. He said the league is requesting (6) police officers to expand the City's community policing to become umpires. He said the children will be better served. He went on to explain the reason for his request. Dr. Danny Allen said South Fulton Little League is hosting the Negro League Baseball Day "Juneteenth" at North Dekalb Mall at 2050 Lawrenceville Highway at Sights & Sounds Black Cultural Expo Museum. He said Hank Aaron has been invited to attend and urged Mayor & Council to attend.
3. Kathy Adams, 6465 Connel Road, said she is a candidate for State Representative seat in District 64 and is seeking to replace State Representative Virgil Flood who is retiring. She introduced herself and provided an overview of her qualifications. She said "I am a Project Coordinator and I manage (5) geographies around the globe with resource and financial needs". My key issues are safer communities; reducing the amount of juveniles going through the system; health care advocate and Medicare expansion; and strong advocate against opportunity school districts. She announced that she will be hosting "An Opportunity School District Forum" on May 3, 2016 at 7pm at Emmaus Road Baptist Church located at 3725 Flat Shoals Road College Park,

GA 30349. There will be representatives from around the state that will serve on the panel. She said we have (7) failing schools and we want to educate people on what will be on the ballot. She said Creekside is on the list. She also said "I am against the campus carry to allow students to carry firearms".

4. Shelda Lowery, 210 Lake Louise Lane, said she lived in the City of Fairburn for 11 years. She said the reason she is here is because of street repair that encroaches her driveway. She said when it rains the area maintains water. Ms. Lowery said she has reached out to the Street and Utility department and they continue to pass the buck; this has been going on for the last (5 or 6) years. She said with the Zika virus they tell us not to have standing water around. I would like to ask that someone come out to investigate and repair.

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

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda with Consent Agenda Items #2, #3, #4, #5, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Glaize abstained from the vote on agenda item #10.

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:**

Council Member Pallend made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Items:

2. PLAT REVIEW-Millam Village Final Plat
3. Approval of a Contract Award to Blount Construction Company for the Widening & Reconstruction of Bohannon Road
4. Approval of Change Order #3 to the Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Professional Services Associated with the Downtown LCI Project
5. Adoption of the Resolution to Approve the Terms of I-85 @ SR 74/Senoia Road Local Government Lighting Project Agreement
10. Service Agreement with Antoinette Montague
11. Service Agreement with Marcel Portilla Band
12. Service Agreement with the Wyatt Band
13. Service Agreement with Georgia Event Specialist

14. Service Agreement with Southern Construction Fence, LLC
15. Service Agreement with Jazzy Jazz Productions Sales
16. Service Agreement with Starwalk Enterprises
17. Service Agreement with Marti Pruitt
18. Service Agreement with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc.

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

Council Member Glaize abstained from the vote on agenda item #10.

**IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** City Council Minutes of April 11, 2016.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of April 11, 2016 with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Council Member Glaize stated there was a correction on page 13 where it states “*The first female African American Mayor*”. She said it should read the first female Mayor. She requested to strike “African American” from the record.

Council Member Portis-Jones said there was a correction on page 15. She requested to add the name Betty Hannah.

Interim City Clerk Stephanie Tigner deferred to the City Attorney Randy Turner to clarify the request to correct the second to the last sentence if the name was not stated.

City Attorney Randy Turner said the minutes should reflect what is stated.

Mayor Avery stated the Clerk will listen to the audio.

Council Member Portis-Jones said to replace the word received with “*receiving*”. The corrections were noted. **The motion carried.**

**X. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. REZONING: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street



Tarika Peek provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Rezoning: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street. She said there were some concerns presented to staff regarding the Rezoning: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street. She said took a second look as a result, staff is recommending conditions to be placed on the rezoning to the property.

Ms. Peek stated the staff report was revised to include the following conditions:

1. Owner's agreement to prohibit the following uses on the property
  - a. Automobile service station
  - b. Railroad car classification yards and train yards;
  - c. railroad stations for freight; and
  - d. truck terminal/truck stop
2. The owner's agreement to provide the following design standards:
  - a. All outside storage must be in rear of the principle structure and completely screened from public view from adjacent properties and public right-of-way.
  - b. Any façade changes to the building, other than general maintenance, must go through the conceptual plan review process.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing on the Rezoning: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street and called for anyone in favor of the rezoning to come forward. He then called for those that are opposed of the rezoning.

Speakers For: There were no speakers.

He then called for those that are in opposition of the rezoning.

Speakers Against: There were no speakers.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing on the Rezoning: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street.

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the Rezoning: 16RZ-001-220 Bay Street with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Whitmore thanked Tarika Peek for answering his questions in reference to the item. He said "I appreciate staff going back to take a second look at this and bringing the language before the Council". He said you may know that I have some major concerns with trucks coming into the City and we are going to have some issues dealing with some of this. He asked staff to go and take a look at our Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Whitmore said I know that we can tweak it as

we go along. This particular case we look at the map of our industrial map. It was alarming to me to see the wide area that is being considered at the M1: M2 area and come back with some changes.

Tarika Peek said we can take a look the Comprehensive Plan and lining it up with our Zoning Ordinance and any revisions as a result of the review.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if we had any history when the change occurred; why we are receiving the request. She also said the variety of zoning in the area is alarming. She also wanted to know if the Council would have to constantly address this area.

Tarika Peek said Mr. Jernigan was seeking other tenants for the property. She said staff looked through the files to find information on the property to find when the change took place. She said we found that in 1991 the property was zoned M-1 and in 1994 the property was M-1. We could not find a lot of history as far as the cycle of rezoning over time.

Council Member Portis-Jones said I am concerned about the residents in the area and the variety of zoning; how does this compare with the Comprehensive Plan.

Tarika Peek said in her professional opinion there was a blanket rezoning of the properties citywide.

Council Member Heath said the area has always been a situation. He said C & S Bank was across the street and now it is a church. He said at the time, there was no problem with it. Council Member Heath said there is one family that lives in the area. After much discussion, **the motion carried.**

## **XI. AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **21. Fairburn Millennial Committee**

Council Member Heath made a motion to adopt the Fairburn Millennial Committee for a fee in the amount of \$5,000 with Council Member Glaize providing the second. Council Member Portis-Jones asked if a detailed plan and proposal will be provided to the Council.

Janelle Jones said "yes".

Council Member Glaize requested that the plan be submitted to her or Council Member Heath. **The motion carried.**

6. Ratification of Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the Ratification of Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair.

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the Ratification of Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Heath asked if the work has been done.

City Administrator Tom Barber said “yes”. He said Crawford was under contract for the Duncan Park sewer line project and that is how we selected them.

Council Member Glaize requested that an email be sent to the Council regarding emergency repair so we will be familiar. **The motion carried.**

7. Fee Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne provided Mayor & Council with an overview of the 2016 Fee Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad. There was no second to the motion. **The motion died** for lack of a second.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad with the following amendments to include the party package \$45, \$60 and \$75 per session for nonresident with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

8. Operating Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne provided Mayor & Council with an overview of the 2016 Operating Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the Operating Schedule for Pool and Splash Pad Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if we could extend open swim times beginning at 4pm to 8pm instead of 4pm to 7pm Monday through Friday. She said she would like to have more open swim hours when people get off of work. Council



Member Glaize said the average person getting off from work coming from the city would arrive closer to 6pm. She said if we close at 7pm they would only have an hour to bring their kids.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said it is 7pm because we are breaking into our sessions. The first and the second sessions are equal as far as each session that people will pay for. She said the season will go through September 4<sup>th</sup> and as Daylight Savings time change it will get darker closer to 8:30pm. Ms. Payne said we do not want staff out after hours when it is not daylight outside.

Council Member Glaize said I will suggest that we move it to 8pm. She said we have (4) months that we could utilize the extra hour for the families that work outside of the city. She said Saturday mornings we do not have the opportunity to make reservations for private functions for younger children. Council Member Glaize said 10am-12pm is an optimum time to have pool parties. My suggestion is to add Saturday morning beginning at 10am to 12pm for private functions.

Mayor Avery said you are suggesting that Saturday to have a private function. He said my concern is, if a person has paid resident or nonresident, "I have paid for a specified time that is different from the morning session". If I pay the same price, I expect to get the same number of hours. He said Ms. Payne looked at the budget regarding cost versus the people actually coming at that time.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said with that session starting a 4pm and with someone coming in at 6pm they may not pay for the session because the session has already started and maybe full. She went on to say the session may already be full. Pass participants will get in first and the second line will be for any "walk up". She said there is no guarantee if you come at 6pm or 7pm as we are ending the session that it will be available. The session starts at 4pm.

Council Member Glaize said "I do not agree with the line of thinking", but at the same time 12:30pm to 4:30pm if you moved it down thirty minutes you will still have the same time frame from period 1 to period 2. You would still have the number of hours in each session.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked if this would accommodate the transition period.

Council Member Glaize said "they are backing up to it".

City Administrator Tom Barber said 12:30pm to 4pm and 4:30 to 8pm; and gain a Saturday morning session and loose a Friday night session.

Council Member Whitmore said we may have one of the biggest communities that has a nice size pool; the community where I live. He said when I was the president of the H.O.A. we definitely had to extend the usage hours during the summer. He said when we had parents coming home around 6pm and 7pm that gave them the opportunity to bring their kids to the pool and enjoy the summer hours with their family at the pool. I recommend that everything that Mrs. Glaize stated we should look at doing. He said you may have some people that may consider a party on a Sunday. So, I would also like for the Mayor and Council to consider booking a party on Sunday from 10am to 12pm, since you have the open swim from 1pm to 6pm. At least if you have a party booked on a Saturday that will give another party an opportunity to have a birthday celebration on a Sunday as well.

Council Member Heath said "I noticed at the bottom where it says "6pm-8pm Monday-Sunday will be reserved for private functions". Is that for renting after hours? That would be private until 8pm, you will not be able to do it; right.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said "right".

Council Member Glaize said "you would gain Saturday and Sunday".

City Administrator Tom Barber said the other issue you have is if whether you will burn out the managers.

Mayor Avery said I drilled Ms. Payne about the man power as it relates to the personnel and what is the standard practice dealing with these hours. He said regardless of what looks good in terms of politically, "I am going to say it the way it is, I was concerned about folks calling Council complaining about the facility as it relates to the hours and man power". He said it is not that I do not agree with what you are suggesting, but it is the logistics of it; and if it can be manned.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know the present staffing for the pool. She asked if what we have hired for and what are we anticipating hiring for?

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said currently we have an onsite Aquatic Supervisor, Assistant Facilities Supervisor and two lifeguards on board and will be interviewing for a Crew Leader on Wednesday. She said we reached out to high schools and churches in the area to increase recruitment. The issue is a lot of them are at pool locations already. We have offered an incentive to help assist with training. She said our Aquatics Supervisor is a lifeguard trainer, so she is able to come in and train lifeguards even if they are not trained.

Council Member Hurst asked if we are getting the applicants, but we are not getting qualified applicants for the positions. She wanted to know if that was the issue.



Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne stated we are getting them in, but we have some that are not lifeguard certified, they may have experience at the pool, but not lifeguard certified. I do not want anyone working at the pool that is not lifeguard certified.

Council Member Whitmore said “Mayor, I hear your concerns”. He thanked Chapin Payne for her work. He said “we are building a base line”; we have not had a pool in (15) years, so we have no base line and no way to judge anything. Sometimes when you are starting fresh we may have to put things in place now and tweak it later; that is normal operating procedure. He said we should be looking at our Cadillac version now. He said you are hiring the staff and we will tweak it as we go along. He asked if there has been any communication with the colleges and people that are on swim teams that may reside in Georgia that are looking for summer employment.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said “I reached out to Thomas University in which a large amount of swimmers attend Thomas University and North Carolina A&T”. Thomas University have sent us (2) applicants and West Lake High School sent it out we have received (1) back from that batch and North Carolina A & T; we have not received any information back, but they are in conference season. She said I have reached out to Creekside High School and the parent liaison and the counseling will be sending the information out.

Council Member Portis-Jones said the University of Georgia may have a pool of applicants. She wanted clarification on the operating hours post September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said “the season will end on September 4<sup>th</sup>”; everything will be closed within the aquatics facility.

Council Member Portis-Jones said “I would think the splash pad would be open because it will be very warm during that time”.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said staffing is one of the big ones. There will be a lot of seniors that have graduated and going to college and there are college students returning to college.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if there was a scaled down version for consideration with fewer lifeguards.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne stated when we have the full aquatics facility opened we would have to man every area to make sure if someone was at the splash pad and made a mistake playing and fell in the pool but we did not have



anyone at the pool location.

Council Member Glaize said Landmark Christian has a swim team and the kids are from the area.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said “I have given it to the Security Director and he has given it to the Athletic Director”.

After some discussion, Mayor Avery stated for the record, what state agency will oversee the pool.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said an inspector with Fulton County.

Council Member Glaize reiterated the concern for extending the time for open swim.

Mayor Avery wanted to know if the shifts for the lifeguards were split. He asked if there is a problem retaining lifeguards in the evening.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne stated “the type of lifeguards that we are going to get which is college and high school is going to be hard to staff that late in the evening. It will be hard to staff due to prior engagement and or the maturity level. She said as we pull later in the evening, the availability will begin to decrease.

Council Member Glaize said it does not sound like we are trying to work in the very core of why we have a pool.

Mayor Avery said “If we run into a problem with the man power, I will close the pool because of my concerns with safety at the pool”.

Council Member Pallend said let us accept the recommendation and get the pool open.

After much discussion, Council Member Glaize made a substitute motion to have the pool hours extended Monday-Thursday to 7:30pm and Private Reserve Functions 10am to 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday if there is manpower with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

9. Purchase of License from Active Network

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the Purchase of License from Active Network in the amount of \$21,060 with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones said I think this is an excellent idea. She said we will know who is visiting our pool. She wanted to know if the internet issues have been resolved at Duncan Park.

City Administrator Tom Barber said they will be placing fiber at the park. **The motion carried.**

19. Service Agreement with Leon N. Smith

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the service agreement with Leon N. Smith in the amount of \$1,600 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

20. Annual Insurance Renewal

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the Annual Insurance Renewal.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Annual Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$282,580 for the 2016-2017 policy year with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if the pool was included.

City Administrator Tom Barber said “no”. He said we won’t add the pool until it opens; it will not be significant. We will have an increase in liability and property; it He said we will add \$2M on the property side and the liability for the pool.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know why it was not included.

City Attorney Randy Turner said it does not exist.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if there would be a rider.

City Administrator Tom Barber said during the year it changes; we do make changes. He said you all never see the changes.

City Administrator Tom Barber explained the insurance proposal. **The motion carried.**

22. Changes to Various Sections of the City’s Personnel Ordinances

City Attorney Randy Turner provided an overview of the Changes to Various Sections of the City's Personnel Ordinances. He said I prepared the amendments after the discussion on March 14, 2016. He said I have prepared the amendments within a week of the discussion. I made the changes based solely off my recollection of what the discussion was which were primarily the suggestions and concerns of Council Member Hurst that were raised during the discussion. I have sent the document to Council Member Hurst. City Attorney Randy Turner reviewed Section 2-52.8: **Job Descriptions**. He said there is a requirement for job description with the only exception is an emergency circumstance exception; provided the job description is prepared within 30 days.

Council Member Hurst said she reviewed the document submitted by City Attorney Randy Turner. She said "I agree with 80%, but there were some changes that I still feel need to be made. She wanted to know if her colleagues would like to proceed or wait until Human Resources Director returns. Council Member Hurst said she is amenable with waiting to the May 9, 2016 meeting.

City Attorney Randy Turner said when I prepared these amendments I only forwarded them to you to get your reaction. He said there may be some value in letting you all review those more thoroughly and come back to discuss. He said I am happy to do what the body would like to do.

After some discussion Council Member Hurst made a motion to hold the Changes to Various Sections of the City's Personnel Ordinances to the Monday, May 9, 2016 City Council Meeting with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Council Member Glaize and Dr. D'Avante Parks for the excellent work that was done for Georgia Cities Week. She said it was truly impressive as to the number of children who responded and wrote about "If I Were Mayor for a Day". Council Member Portis-Jones stated Council Member Glaize read one of the essays at South Fulton Municipal Association Dinner. She said it was hilarious and made a good point. It was good to have so many children participate and understand what it is that we do. She said the tour was great and the feedback in terms of the level of activity going on in Fairburn. She thanked them for their hard work. She announced that St. John A.M.E. celebrated their 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and St. Mark United Methodist Church celebrated 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She congratulated the Creekside High School and Langston Hughes J.R.O.T.C. for participating in the Fit Run. She said the organization has been around for 100 years. She congratulated all



of the organizations for thriving and impacting the community.

Council Member Pallend had no comments.

Council Member Glaize said it is an honor to serve for the City. She said we are thankful that we had (30) kids that wrote essays and we selected the first, second and third place winners. She thanked Akilah Moody and Dr. D'Avante Parks for being the judges. She said "I appreciate the Mayor's Office for allowing the storyteller to come to the City on Family Night". I thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Family Night to take off. Council Member Glaize said we are grateful for Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne and her team for being on board. They have done a lot of work; we do not want them to think in any way they are not appreciated. She said it is monumental opportunity for the pool to open, particularly for those of us who lived here for a number of years. She reminded everyone about the speedbumps that will be placed behind the Manor for our senior citizens. Council Member Glaize said she is seeking council assistance to participate on the Heath Street Project. She said we can receive firsthand information about the project and the impact on the City; this is a win for Fulton County Schools. She said it is an honor to serve in this great City.

Council Member Hurst said she is really pleased to know that we are finally ready to honor Eric Berry. She invited Mayor & Council and residents to Rivertown Road at 10:00am to hang the sign. She said "I am very excited that Ms. Payne is on board with the Recreation Department". She said it seems we did well by hiring a very professional young lady to come into our City. Council Member Hurst said her neighbor will be swimming in the next Olympics and will be a senior at the University of New Mexico. She said I would like to see her at Duncan Park when we open. She said "I look forward to seeing my colleagues at the ceremony tomorrow honoring Eric Berry".

Council Member Heath thanked everyone for coming tonight. He announced the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2016 beginning at 12pm to 1pm at the Courtyard to pray for the Nation and the City. He said on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> you may bring your tires and old paint cans to 102 Howell Avenue and the City will dispose of them. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Whitmore acknowledged State Senator Donzella James. He said it is always a pleasure to him. He said it was good to hear from Mr. Fountain. He thanked him for coming and sharing the information. He apologized to Council Member Hurst for not being able to attend the ceremony for Eric Berry. He addressed his concerns with trucks coming in to the City. He acknowledged the Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne. Council Member Whitmore acknowledged

Council Member Glaize for the Georgia Cities Weeks events. He also recognized the Mayor for his participation and winning first place in one of the activities. He announced that there are (24) students signed up for the summer S.T.E.A.M program. He said he is grateful and thanked Mayor, Council and staff for all of the support. He said he wanted to communicate with City Administrator Tom Barber in reference to the scholarship program. Council Member Whitmore said "I want to ensure that the scholarship will be done correctly and is not negatively impacted. He said there are two individuals that have pledged two weeks; I think that is a great start. He said hopefully I can reach out to some of our business owners and they will take part as well investing in the children of Fairburn. Council Member Whitmore said he looks forward to coming back with a positive report.

Mayor Avery thanked Council Member Glaize for Georgia Cities Week. He said Council Member Glaize has been involved with the program for the last three years. He thanked Dr. D'Avante Park and Akilah Moody for taking the events to a different level. He acknowledged Mr. Childs for his demonstration that paid instant dividends for the program. Mayor Avery thanked Council Member Glaize for hosting the South Fulton Municipal Dinner and those that were involved. Mayor Avery acknowledged the J.R.O.T.C Fit Run. He said I was a part of this event last year and it good to see this taking place all over the world. He also acknowledged the Parks & Recreation Director Chapin Payne. He said he sent Ms. Payne through a drill ceremony due to his concerns with the pool. He said I will not be surprised if we will not be overrun for two months. He reminded everyone about National Day of Prayer will be held on May 5, 2016 at the Courtyard. He announced the TSPLOST meetings that will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. He said he attended the African American Mayor's Association Conference at the White House. He said one of the topics was 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. He said he also heard a phenomenal commencement speech of encouragement by First Lady Michelle Obama at Jackson State University. He said his god son graduated. He closed by thanking staff.

### **XIII. ADJOURN:**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

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Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

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Mayor, Mario Avery