



City of Fairburn  
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom  
August 24, 2020  
7:00pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Arika Birdsong-Miller with the following members present:

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Ulysses J. Smallwood  
The Honorable Linda J. Davis  
The Honorable Alex Heath

The Honorable Pat Pallend  
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones  
The Honorable James Whitmore

*The attendance of Council constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.*

City Attorney Randy Turner was also present.

- III. The invocation was led by Councilman Alex Heath.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Minutes:  
Motion to approve August 10, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom) with corrections was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.  
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- V. Adoption of the Council Agenda:  
Motion to approve the Council Agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.  
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Discussion:

1. Duncan Park- Mr. John Culbreth, Parks and Rec Director

Mr. Culbreth recommended to Mayor and Council that Duncan Park remain closed due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Fulton County. Mr. Culbreth explained that the City of Fairburn should align with the other municipalities in South Fulton to ensure that the other municipalities residents do not gather at Duncan Park. Mayor and Council had a consensus that Duncan Park will remain closed.

2. Dog Park Update- Mr. John Culbreth, Parks and Rec Director

Mr. Culbreth presented the survey and comments of residents in the City of Fairburn on their thoughts about a proposed dog park. Mr. Culbreth recommended that the dog park be placed on hold for the next year or two to establish where the park will be placed. Mr. Harvey Stokes, Property Manager Director, stated his support for the dog park plan being on hold. Councilman Heath stated the Ms. Mullis, resident who would like to contribute to the construction of the dog park, has a medical condition and waiting a year or two may not be good for her. Councilman Heath stated that he would like to see a dog park within a year. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that she will set up a

meeting with John Culbreth, Tarika Peeks, Harvey Stokes and Lester Thompson in the next few weeks to establish a plan of action regarding the dog park.

VII. Agenda Items:

**1. Police Department**

**Chief Stoney Mathis**

For Mayor and Council to approve the updated Ordinance Regulating Court Services. Chief Stoney Mathis asked Mayor and Council to table the item for 90 days to allow additional discussions with Judge Monica Ewing, Attorney Randy Turner and staff before being presented to Mayor and Council. Motion to table the Ordinance Regulating Court Services for 90 days was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Tabled for 90 days

**2. Planning and Zoning**

**Ms. Tarika Peeks**

For Mayor and Council to approve the Execution of the Subgrant Agreement with Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Fairburn Downtown Master Plan in the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Peeks explained that the budget for the LCI Fairburn Downtown Master Plan is \$125,000 and the grant is 80% reimbursable by ARC; therefore, the City's financial obligation is \$25,000. Councilwoman Davis congratulated Ms. Peeks for obtaining the grant for the City of Fairburn and inquired about the completion date on the contract. Ms. Peeks informed Councilwoman Davis that she will have a new contract that will reflect December 2021 as the completion date. Motion to approve the Execution of the Subgrant Agreement with Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Fairburn Downtown Master Plan in the amount of \$25,000 was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Approved.

**3. Community Development**

**Mr. Lester Thompson**

For Mayor and Council to approve the Malone Street Curb and Gutter Installation and Project Contract Award in the amount of \$41,800. Mr. Thompson explained to Mayor and Council the Invitation to Bid was sent out on August 5, 2020 and five (5) bids were received. After completion of the bid evaluation, it was determined that Construction 57 Incorporated was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid price of \$41,800. Motion to approve the Malone Street Curb and Gutter Installation and Project Contract Award in the amount of \$41,800 to Construction 57 Incorporated was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Approved.

**4. Community Development**

**Mr. Lester Thompson**

For Mayor and Council to approve the Change Order for the Howell Avenue Extension Project in the amount of \$5,850. Mr. Thompson explained that drainage concerns were discovered in the fields related to Parcels 5 & 6 of the Howell Avenue Extension Project. To address these concerns, the Contractor proposed remediation efforts that include the installation of catch basins, an area drain and associated activities. Motion to approve the Change Order for the Howell Avenue Extension Project in the amount of \$5,850 was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Approved.

## VIII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Davis had no comment.

Councilman Pallend had no comment.

Councilman Heath had no comment.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones had no comment.

Councilman Whitmore informed Council that during the Public Hearing for Safeguard he mentioned that he had email correspondence with Safeguard. Councilman Whitmore stated that he got a legal opinion on the emails and he did nothing wrong and had no obligation to disclose any information to Council. However, as a courtesy he did share the email communication. Councilman Whitmore apologized for the way the information was received by some but stated that his integrity is intact.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood had no comment.

Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that the City of Fairburn received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$200,000 to renovate the Fairburn Annex Building for COVID-19 testing, education and advocacy. The CDBG is also to acquire property for parking across the street from the Annex Building. Mayor Carr-Hurst also informed Council that the City of Fairburn was awarded another CDBG in the amount of \$50,000 to acquire Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for First Responders and to provide Food Distribution through Senior Centers.

- IX. Adjournment: At 8:02pm, with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

  
Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk

  
Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor