



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom
June 22, 2020
7:00pm @ City Hall

- 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Ulysses J. Smallwood.
- IV. Discussions:
 1. Reopening of City's facilities: Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that the current Executive Orders from Governor Kemp is set to expire on July 12, 2020 and asked Council for input on aligning opening the City of Fairburn's facilities with the conclusion of the Executive Orders. Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood questioned the plan for servicing the restrooms in the parks. Parks and Recreation Director John Culbreth stated that the restrooms will be cleaned after each use utilizing budgeted pool staff members. Mr. Culbreth informed Council that the pool will not open this season, so the pool staff members are available to accommodate the required cleaning and sanitizing of the restrooms. A consensus amongst Council was established to align City's facilities reopening with the end date of Governor Kemp's Executive Orders currently set to expire on July 12, 2020.
 2. Fairburn's Parks reopening dates: Mayor Carr-Hurst asked for input from Council on when to reopen Fairburn's Parks to the public following closure of all parks due to COVID-19. Councilwoman Portis-Jones inquired if the restrooms will be sanitized after each use. Parks and Recreation Director John Culbreth informed Councilwoman Portis-Jones that the restrooms will be cleaned after each use. A consensus amongst Council was established to align the City of Fairburn's parks reopening date with the recommendations set forth by Governor Kemp's guidelines when he addresses the State of Georgia in a press conference later in the week.
 3. Utility disconnections: Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that currently the City of Fairburn is on a moratorium for disconnecting utilities. Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that Georgia Power as well as Greystone Power will end the disconnection moratorium on July 15, 2020 and asked Council their thoughts on aligning Fairburn's utilities disconnections with that date. Councilwoman Portis-Jones inquired about a payment

plan for residents who fell behind financially due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Carr-Hurst suggested a 90-day payment plan to assist residents with outstanding account balances. A consensus amongst Council was established to end the moratorium for utility disconnections on July 15, 2020 along with implementing a 90-day payment plan for delinquent accounts.

4. Hazard pay cut-off: Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that hazard pay for the Fire, Police and Street Department is going into the sixth pay cycle as of Friday, June 26, 2020 and has a bi-weekly budget impact of about \$18,000. Mayor Carr-Hurst asked Council for their input on whether hazard pay should continue. Councilman Heath asked if the money for hazard pay would be reimbursed to the City. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that through the CARES Act money used to compensate employee with hazard pay will be reimbursed on June 30, 2020. Finance Director Angela Jackson stated that the CARES Act reimbursement is based on population and estimates the City Fairburn will receive \$2.6 million dollars. A consensus amongst Council was established to continue hazard pay for frontline employees.

IV. Adoption of City Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve May 11, 2020, Special Called Telephonic Meeting Minutes was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

Motion to approve June 8, 2020, Zoom Council Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

V. Adoption of the Council Agenda:

Motion to approve the Council Agenda was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Agenda Items:

1. **Utility Department**

Mr. John Martin

For Mayor and Council to approve Task Order #139 with Integrated Science & Engineering for Design, Bidding, and Construction Phase Assistance for the Fayetteville Road Water Main Improvements Project. Mr. Martin explained that in 2016 ISE completed a field survey, subsurface field utility exploration, and a preliminary design for the City of Fairburn. Due to the age of the Fayetteville Road water main and repeat water main leaks, it was determined that it needed to be replaced. Mr. Martin recommends replacing section 5,000 LF to an 8' water main that will help enhance water service reliability to the customers by approving Task Order #139 with Integrated Science & Engineering, Inc. (ISE) for an amount of \$65,620. Motion to approve Task Order #139 with Integrated Science & Engineering for design, bidding assistance, and construction phase assistance for Fayetteville Road Water Main Improvements Project was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

2. Property Management

Mr. Harvey Stokes

For Mayor and Council to approve the purchase of two (2) John Deere Zero Turn Z930M Mowers. Mr. Stokes explained that presently the Street Department owns 9 mowers for ground maintenance and due to wear and tear replacement mowers are needed. Mr. Stokes also stated that replacements was budgeted in the FY20 budget. Motion to approve the purchase of two John Deere Zero Turn Z930M Mowers in the amount of \$18,894.26 was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

3. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Fulton Community Development District for the Bohannon Road Sidewalk Project. Mr. Thompson explained that this request is for funding assistance from the South Fulton CID to deliver the proposed Bohannon Road Sidewalk Project. Mr. Thompson explained that the proposed IGA is the South Fulton CID's formal response to the request. In order to be reimbursed \$200,000 in proposed construction funding the IGA with South Fulton CID must be processed. Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked for a projected completion date of the project. Mr. Thompson informed Council that the project should be completed in 90 days. Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Fulton Community Development District for the Bohannon Road Sidewalk Project was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

4. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve the Bohannon Road Sidewalk Project Contract Award. Mr. Thompson explained that The Corbett Group, LLC, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid price of \$234,488.50 in which the South Fulton CID will be responsible for the first \$200,000. Mr. Thompson stated that the remaining project expenditures will come out of the T-SPLOST Infrastructure-Ped & Street account. Motion to approve the Bohannon Road Sidewalk Project Contract Award to The Corbett Group, LLC was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

5. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve Task Order #4 with Atlas Technical Consultants for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services. Mr. Thompson explained the agreement with Moreland Altobelli (Atlas) was approved with the understanding that tasks orders associated with Construction Management Services would be issued on an as needed basis. Mr. Thompson stated that the budget impact of this task order will be \$11,900. Motion to approve Task Order #4 with Atlas Technical Consultants for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

6. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Fulton Community Development District for Howell Avenue Extension Project. Mr. Thompson explained that the City of Fairburn requested funding assistance from the South Fulton CID to deliver the proposed Howell Avenue Extension Project in order to be reimbursed \$2,450,000 in construction funding the IGA with the South Fulton CID must be processed. Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Fulton Community Development District for Howell Avenue Extension Project was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

7. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve the Howell Avenue Sidewalk Project Contract Award. Mr. Thompson explained that after completion of the bid evaluation, it was determined that Strack Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder with a price of \$3,170,410.54. Mr. Thompson stated that the remaining project expenditures will come out the T-SPLOST Infrastructure Roadway in the amount of \$720,410.54. Councilman Heath inquired about a start date for the project and Mr. Thompson informed him the project will begin in about 3 weeks and will take about 1 year to complete. Motion to approve the Howell Avenue Sidewalk Project Contract Award to Strack Inc. was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

8. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve the Task Order #5 with Atlas Technical Consultants for Construction Engineering and Inspection Service. Mr. Thompson explained the agreement with Moreland Altobelli (Atlas) was approved with the understanding that tasks orders associated with Construction Management Services would be issued on an as needed basis. Mr. Thompson stated that the budget impact of this task order will be \$134,750. Motion to approve Task Order #5 with Atlas Technical Consultants for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

9. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to the Permanent Easement Sale for the I-85 at State Route 74 Interchange Project. Mr. Thompson explained that the project limits includes property owned by the City of Fairburn at I-85 at SR74 Interchange Project. Mr. Thompson stated that in order to construct the project as designed, 417.5 square feet of this property is needed for the construction and maintenance of slopes and utilities. Based on the assessment of qualified appraisers, the Fair Market Value of the property to be purchased is \$1,200. Motion to approve the sale of 417.5 square feet of permanent easement for I-85 at SR74 Interchange Project.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

10. City Attorney

Attorney Randy Turner

For Mayor and Council to approve the Resolution in Support of the Legislation Pending the Georgia General Assembly (House Bill 426) which would define Hate Crimes and Provide for Enhanced Criminal Penalties for Individuals who Commit Hate Crimes within the State

of Georgia. Attorney Turner explained that approving the Resolution in support of House Bill 426 strongly urges and supports the Georgia Senate to approve enhanced criminal penalties for individuals that carry out acts of violence and criminal misconduct against persons and/or their property because of that person's race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, mental or physical disability. Motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Legislation Pending the Georgia General Assembly (House Bill 426) which would define Hate Crimes and Provide Enhanced Criminal Penalties for Individuals who Commit within the State of Georgia was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

VIII. Council Comments:

Councilman Whitmore had no comment.

Councilwoman Davis had no comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood had no comment.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones had no comment.

Councilman Pallend expressed his appreciation to the South Fulton (CID) Community Improvement District's role in helping move projects forward in the City of Fairburn.

Councilman Heath had no comment.

Mayor Carr-Hurst had no comment.

- IX. Executive Session: At 8:18pm a Motion to enter Executive Session for Litigation was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

At 8:53pm a Motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Pallend and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

- X. Adjournment: At 8:54pm, with no further business of the City of Fairburn, a Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.



Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk



Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor