



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
April 11, 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: at 7:14pm by Honorable Mayor Mario Avery.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members were present which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Council Member Alex Heath.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:** Georgia Cities Week Recognition
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Homer Knight, 148 Durham Parkway, President of Durham Lakes HOA/POA, said some of the residents of Durham Lakes asked if he would personally thank the Mayor and Council for the work done in the subdivision. Mr. Knight said there was work done previously, but it was not a good job. He said the City took the proper action to rectify the matter. Mr. Knight said the Mayor made calls and personally knocked on doors. Mr. Knight also addressed his concerns with the large trash trucks that do not have tarps. He said trash is flying out and staff is seen picking up trash more; we need to issue tickets. He requested the Council to keep an eye out on the matter. He also addressed his concerns with the shortage of police cars and the dump site near the subdivision.

2. Walt Brown, 171 Azalea Drive, spoke on two instances where there were power outages due to a storm. He said he called Public Utilities but reached Fulton County emergency system. He said the operator told him to contact the City of Fairburn. He said on this day the lights came back on around 1:00am. Mr. Brown said the second instance could have been a bigger problem. He said there was a vehicle parked in his driveway at 2:00am. He said he called 911 and the operator asked him what color was the car. He said because the driveway area is very dark, he could not determine what color the car was. The operator then asked how many people were in the car; he replied "I can't tell you, it is dark". He then asked if an officer could be dispatched to his residence and she said "no, I have to have all of the information before an officer is dispatched". Mr. Brown said his neighbor is a federal agent and as she arrived home she stopped and had a conversation with the people in the car. Mr. Brown said the car then left, but Fairburn police never came. Mr. Brown said the first time he called the Fairburn Police Department the phone rang (15) times before it was answered. He said if it was a fire; a fire can progress in that amount of time and could mean life or death.
3. Andre Ferguson, 768 Sir Charles Drive, said he moved into the area two years ago after purchasing a home. He said "we checked a lot of areas, but we liked Fairburn". He said shortly afterwards we started to receive outrageous light and water bills. The bills would fluctuate from January-\$200; February-\$300; March-\$700. Mr. Ferguson said we had the plumbing done over in the entire house. We had two independent contractors to come out; they were unable to find a leak. He said we changed the toilets to the low flow toilets. He said we'd asked the City to come out and take a look to see what is going on. Mr. Ferguson wanted to know how the utilities are being regulated. He said the representative told him that we are not regulated. Mr. Ferguson said this does not sound possible, everything is regulated. He asked to speak with someone else and the customer service representative told him to hold on "I am going to let you hear it from the horse's mouth". He said I am a business owner and my wife is a professional there is way to talk to anyone. Mr. Ferguson addressed his concerns with the professionalism of the customer service agent. He said if we have to sell, we will. He said "if I wanted to pay Buckhead prices, I would have moved to Buckhead".
4. Thomas Cochran, 467 Fire Leaf Way, said he is here on behalf of the Fairburn Fellowship of Churches, (F.F.O.C.). He said "our mission is to bring the church back to the community". Mr. Cochran said there are (28) churches and there are (16) that we work with. Mr. Cochran said we have worked with the City of Fairburn and Dr. Parks in the past. He announced that National Prayer Day will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016. He requested to use the courtyard. Mr. Cochran said prayer will take

place at the United States Capitol, State Capitol and in other cities. He said the event is scheduled from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the courtyard. Mr. Cochran said a scheduled program will be held at the Temple of Prayer and will begin at 7:00pm. He also announced the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer March will be held on Saturday and will begin at City Hall.

Mayor Avery said we will have an answer for you tomorrow.

5. Dr. D'Avante Parks, 56 Malone Street, announced the events in recognition of Georgia Cities Week. He announced the following events: City of Fairburn Yard Sale will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016; April 18<sup>th</sup> we are asking everyone to visit the downtown businesses; April 19<sup>th</sup> we are having Family Night. He invited everyone to come out. He said storyteller and writer J. Cecil Anderson will be in attendance. The event will begin at 6:00pm to 7:30pm. On April 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Parks invited everyone to eat or visit a local business on Highway 74; April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am there will be a tour of City of Fairburn and invited the City Council to attend. The tour will begin at the Georgia Military College (light breakfast and refreshments will be served; lunch will be provided). He announced on April 22<sup>nd</sup> Drakarr & An Experience Band will perform at 7:00pm; On Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Health Fair will begin at 10:00am and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Fun Run will begin at noon. He said the J.R.O.T.C. will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Worldwide Run. In closing, Dr. Parks asked staff to register your fitness and exercise activity for the Active Georgia program.
6. Marie Barrett, 565 Windsor Way, thanked the City for the job fair that was held during Spring Break. She said her granddaughter was able to get a job.

Mayor Avery read the proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRBURN RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 17-23, 2016 AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association, the City of Fairburn and other member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario B. Avery and the six members of the City Council for the City of Fairburn, do declare APRIL 17-23, 2016 as Georgia Cities Week. We encourage all Citizens, City Government Officials and Employees to do everything possible to ensure that this week is recognized and celebrated accordingly, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Mayor Avery also acknowledged Georgia State Representative Virgil Flood.

State Representative Virgil Flood said this is his last year in office and wanted to come by and visit.

## VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda of April 11, 2016 and add Item #5- Update on Body Worn Cameras and #6- Discussion on Renaming the Courtyard with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**VIII. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** City Council Minutes of March 28, 2016.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of March 28, 2016 with Council Member Whitmore providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones stated there were corrections on pages (9) and (17). She said to delete “*we had*” and to clarify Council Member Glaize’s statement in the second paragraph on page (9). There was a correction on page second to the last paragraph (*Meredith Germain of Turner and Ross and her family*) and change Eric Watson to Aaron Watson. The corrections were noted and **the motion carried.**

**IX. AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Approval of a Contract Award to Blount Construction Company for the Widening & Reconstruction of Bohannon Road Project

Civil Engineer Lester Thompson provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Contract Award to Blount Construction Company for the Widening & Reconstruction of Bohannon Road Project.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Contract Award to Blount Construction Company for the Widening & Reconstruction of Bohannon Road Project in the amount of \$1,538,645.40 with Council Member Pallend providing the second.

Council Member Glaize asked if the money is coming from the GO Bond. She also wanted to know the GO Bond account balance.

City Administrator Tom Barber said after this has been expended, it will be about \$1.5M. for the fire station.

Council Member Glaize said so if we bid this tonight, there will be no money left in the GO Bond account for the fire station.

City Attorney Randy Turner said it will be about \$1.5M dollars left and that is what is being allocated for the fire station.

Council Member Glaize said based on the information that we were given before we made the last transfer of \$1.2M into the General Fund it appeared that we did not have enough money left in the GO Bond to take \$1.5M to do this and have \$1.5M for the fire station. She said that is why I asked for an accounting to see what is left and

what was expended. Council Member Glaize said based on the numbers we were given we have spent beyond \$10M.

City Administrator Tom Barber said we would have spent about \$14M. We transferred \$3M in there on top of the \$10M, transferred \$900K two years ago, last year \$900K and a \$1.2M this time.

Council Member Glaize said the \$1.2M that was transferred over will give us enough to complete both projects.

City Administrator Tom Barber said “yes”.

Council Member Glaize said she would like to have the accounting before voting on the item.

Council Member Heath wanted to know the completion date.

Civil Engineer Lester Thompson said the proposed contract allows for 120 days, but they think they can complete it in 60 days.

Council Member Hurst said before we proceed, we may need to delay the item until the Council receives the detail accounting.

Civil Engineer Lester Thompson said it is our hope that we could get the approval for the notice of award tonight and issue it tomorrow; and by the end of the week we would issue the notice to proceed to allow the construction. He said this will allow the construction to be completed by the end of the summer.

Council Member Glaize said in the weekly report your notice to proceed date is different.

Community Development Director & City Engineer Brendetta Walker explained the date was a scheduled date. She said Lester Thompson was attempting to accelerate things.

Mayor Avery wanted to know if the completion would be affected.

Civil Engineer Lester Thompson said it would push the completion date back by two weeks.

Council Member Hurst made a substitute motion to delay the Approval of a Contract Award to Blount Construction Company for the Widening & Reconstruction of

Bohannon Road Project until the next City Council Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2016 with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried** with Council Members Heath and Pallend voting “no”.

2. 2016 Toilet Rebate Program

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the 2016 Toilet Rebate Program.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the 2016 Toilet Rebate Program with Council Member Pallend providing the second.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know how many people used the program last year.

Mayor Avery asked Tom Ridgway to provide the information to Council.

Tom Ridgway said he would be able to provide the information tomorrow. **The motion carried.**

3. Facilities Use Agreement with Fulton Leadership Academy

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the Facilities Use Agreement with Fulton Leadership Academy.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Facilities Use Agreement with Fulton Leadership Academy with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

4. One-Year Lease Agreement with Brenau University

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the One-Year Lease Agreement with Brenau University.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the One-Year Lease Agreement with Brenau University with Council Member Pallend providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if Brenau is paying for the space.

City Administrator Tom Barber said they are paying for the entire building.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if they are going to renew all of the space or expand to other buildings.

City Administrator Tom Barber said they are not going to expand; they are going to contract; the question is how much.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know if he had anticipated Georgia Military College would downsize due to the Fayetteville Campus.

City Administrator Tom Barber said the new staff has not communicated.

Mayor Avery said they requested a temporary extension on the contract and I refused to do it. I did not want the City to be on the hook for not been able to remove the non-compete clause.

Council Member Heath said in GMC's lease there was an escalation clause built in where they would pay more each time they renew. Is this the same?

City Administrator Tom Barber said "no". He said we are subsidizing about \$500K. If we were to lease the building out we can cut the subsidy by half.

Council Member Heath asked about the status of Atlanta Area Tech.

City Administrator Tom Barber said we have designed the floor plan for the build out for the bottom of the administration building and the bottom half of the basement at the new building. He said we submitted it to them in January. Mr. Barber said they have been here to visit twice and said they would be taking a vote on whether to come or not. Mr. Barber said they have wired the building for cable and moved in furniture; they have analyzed the move, but have not made a decision.

Council Member Heath wanted to know if the City has completed the build out of the area.

City Administrator Tom Barber said "no". He said if we could get them to commit to the space in the administration building instead of the building out that one room, we would build out half of the basement to get some economy of scale and another room to rent.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if we are actively pursuing other schools. She mentioned I.T.C. (Interdenominational Theological Center) has come out to walk the campus. She said we need to actively pursue; we have had a building that has been vacant for a full year. She said we have to get some personnel to market the building. After some discussion **the motion carried.**



## 5. Update on Police Body Worn Cameras

Interim Chief Mundy introduced Lieutenant Bazydlo to provide an Update on Police Board Worn Cameras.

Council Member Hurst said the first recommendation for the police body camera is the Taser; the second is the Viewu and third is the Digital Ally. She said according to your chart, it appears that we are only going to purchase (20) cameras. She said after speaking with other police departments that are using body cameras not only are the officers on the street wearing the cameras, their detectives are wearing the cameras. She said I want to know how many of our officer's pass the (20) are you designating to wear the camera. Council Member Hurst asked if the (20) cameras are only for patrol officers.

Lieutenant Bazydlo said "yes", the thought was just everyone that was on duty and on the road. He said this did not include detectives or administrative personnel.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know why detectives were not included. She said when they are working a case or talking to an undercover person they should not have the camera on. But, if they are filling a role other than that of detective we could equip each of our officers with a camera, so they are responsible for their camera.

Lieutenant Bazydlo said they will have to come to the station regardless because of the docking system because it has the secure connection to the web. The detectives are interviewing or working on the case they will take an audio recorder with them and have a signed miranda statement; they have ways to document. He said it is highly unlikely for a detective to use force as they have probably contacted the individual and arranged the meeting. He said on day shift typically we have (7) officers, that will leave (3) cameras; (10) for days and (10) for nights; we will still have (3) body cameras left. He said we thought (20) would be enough to outfit the patrol officers as it stands now; we will have some left for detectives to get one.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said we are not opposed to buying more. He said we are trying to spend less money. He said I will equip the entire department because this will be an asset to the agency.

Lieutenant Bazydlo provided an overview of the presentation. He said the Taser has a (7) day deletion period. He said if we go through our evidence platform and delete a video, the video does not go away. It stays in the system for (7) full days before it disappears. The equipment is a permission based system and only select personnel within the police department will have the ability to delete videos. We

can redact, blur out, place a black sensor line and mute the audio. He explained the cost comparison between the Taser and Viewu equipment.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said Taser has their own tasers/stun guns that accompany their cameras. He said the stun guns are about \$900 each. He said when we are fully staffed there are 39 officers. He said the reason this is an issue is that we currently own stun guns and Taser does not build in to their product and no longer make the batteries. So, when the battery dies we would have to purchase a new taser. Interim Police Chief Mundy said by paying the extra \$20 month we will get a new camera every few years and a stun gun.

Council Member Hurst asked if the detectives are equipped with stun guns and why would the detectives not wear a camera if they are equipped with stun guns.

Sgt. Bazydlo said “yes”. All detectives are equipped with a full range of equipment. The detectives are dressed in casual clothing with a badge, gun and a pair of hand cuffs.

Council Member Hurst wanted to discuss the Standard Operating Procedures. She said I wanted more extensive Standard Operating Procedures for the use of Body Worn Cameras. She directed the discussion to item #3 (*Sample S.O.P*) in the presentation provided by the police department. Council Member Hurst read the procedure “if an officer fails to activate the body camera or fails to record the entire contact or interrupt the recording, the officer shall document why a recording was not made, interrupted or terminated. The more extensive policy for body cameras states that “an officer should never deactivate his camera. If the police officer deactivates the camera for any reason, the officer is subject to disciplinary actions”. She provided an example of her concern “an officer says I stopped someone, but I failed to activate the camera and something comes up about the stop. The individual states the officer did this or that but all we have to go by is the statement.

Sgt. Bazydlo said “I do agree, we should add information about intentional and accidental failure.

Council Member Heath wanted to know how many complaints have been received from the public and within the department in the past year.

Sgt. Bazydlo said on average there is (1) a month or 10-15 annually; it is about 50/50.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said based on the civil unrest we have seen over the

last few years it will be well worth the money.

Council Member Portis-Jones thanked Sgt. Bazydlo and Interim Police Chief Mundy for the analysis and the Standard Operating Procedure. She said “I am a bit disappointed with the comprehensiveness”, but encouraged Sgt. Bazydlo to check other cities and resources for assistance for a more detailed S.O.P. She wanted clarification on the *Stand-By Mode*.

Sgt. Bazydlo said when the officer put their cameras on; it is off; He said you can't do anything until the switch is turned to the “on” position. It is my understanding this is the *Stand-By Mode* where it's on and ready to record at the touch of a button; but not actually recording. He said the camera may be buffering but until you hit the button the camera is not recording. Sgt. Bazydlo said there are several of the units that have the prerecorded feature that once you hit the button the camera has been recording for (30) seconds or whatever it is set to.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if the camera is on the entire time the officer is wearing it.

Sgt. Bazydlo said “yes”. He said that is why we addressed the battery life. The battery life can be critical.

Interim Police Chief Mundy added if we link it with the taser or stun gun and it is already in the stand-by mode and once the officer grabs the taser, it will automatically start recording.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted clarification of the *Field of View* and the difference of the 28° feature between the first recommendation and the third choice. She wanted to know what a 28° difference would look like.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said “more view is better”. The wider the angle the more of the story you can tell. He said 28° is not a huge difference.

Sgt. Bazydlo said Taser does not win in all categories. In this particular category ProVision won with 170° angle, but we did not recommend due to its storage. He said the three units that we did recommend; Taser has a 142° angle and in the middle is Digital Ally with 130° angle and the Viewu with a 95° angle.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know where the funding would come from for the project.

City Administrator Tom Barber said we can add the funding during the Mid-Year

Budget. Interim Police Chief Mundy said we have been waiting on the approval before we begin to test. He said at the next council meeting we can show the Council what we have.

Council Member Whitmore said I am glad the City of Fairburn along with Council Member Hurst is taking the lead with the movement across the country about Police Body Worn Cameras. He said the Police Body Worn Cameras will become a part of the police officer's uniform and not an option. He wanted to know the length of time the company would allow us to use the equipment during the trial period.

Sgt. Bazydlo said it varies from company to company, but Taser has a (30) day trial period. He spoke on point of view equipment which clips on to the officers glasses. He said that he prefers the equipment that clips to the officers shirt.

Council Member Whitmore said a few times in the presentation there was some mention about the cameras coming off if the police officer was in pursuit. He said we want to ensure the information is available to protect the police officers as wells as the citizens. He thanked the Lt. Bazdyllo and Interim Police Chief Mundy for their assistance.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said the technology is advancing and now they are making external vest. Instead of wearing the vest on the inside of your shirt, they vest can be worn on the outside. He said they have built a mechanism to house the body camera.

Council Member Whitmore said this is a great training tool for new officers that are coming in to the department and for the seasoned veterans as well. He said we have used our detectives as well as others for extra duty to perform in the public since we are at this juncture; we should make sure (20) is enough. He said with this company is it the more you buy; the price is less.

Council Member Hurst wanted to know if everyone was clear on the next steps. She wanted to know if Taser would be contacted to obtain the demos; then to come back before the Council within (30) days.

Mayor Avery asked about the Pilot Program.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said (34) will outfit everyone.

Mayor Avery asked if there is any circumstance where an officer would turn off the camera. He also addressed the mechanism for detectives.

Interim Police Chief Mundy said you are referring to Confidential and Reliable Information. He said as it relates to individuals that may be dressed inappropriately while being recorded. He said the Mayor suggested wearing a button that reads “*you are being recorded*”. Interim Police Chief Mundy said there are ways to blur out this information as well.

Sgt. Bazydlo reminded everyone about SB94. He said this will protect us in a way that the Mayor has described. This bill will allow us to refuse Open Records Request in case our cameras videoed an underage child or a person that was not dressed appropriately.

Council Member Portis-Jones requested to have the Standard Operating Procedures first.

#### 6. Discussion on Renaming the Courtyard

Mayor Avery discussed renaming the Courtyard next to Oz Pizza after former City Council Member Frankie Arnold.

Council Member Glaize said the first female Mayor is still living in this city which is Betty Hannah. I want to bring to the floor to mention I would like to give honor where honor is due to both.

Mayor Avery said Betty Hannah is the longest serving Mayor of this City.

Council Member Pallend said if we are going to do something so she is recognized; we should move forward. He said “she is not the woman I knew several years back”. He said let’s consider the courtyard for Frankie Arnold and the administration building at the educational campus for Betty Hannah.

Mayor Avery said I have asked Ms. Arnold for permission. He said as it relates to the courtyard, I am suggesting the arch and metaling. He requested the Council to send him their suggestions.

City Administrator Tom Barber asked how the courtyard will be named.

Mayor Avery said the name will be “The Frankie Arnold Courtyard”; send suggestions to Akilah and we will decide on the direction to go.

Council Member Glaize said we should send suggestions for both.

## X. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Whitmore said the S.T.E.A.M. Program is coming to the City of Fairburn this summer. He said he is in constant communication with Mr. Childs and thanked the staff and everyone involved to include Tom Barber and Dr. D'Avante Parks for the flyer. He said we are still getting calls from the parents. He thanked Mayor and Council for helping him to bring the first S.T.E.A.M. Program to the City of Fairburn. Council Member Whitmore said it is great we are moving forward with the police body cameras. He said we are on pace doing something that is great for the City and protecting our police officers.

Council Member Heath had no comments.

Council Member Hurst stated for the record "I would like to thank the City Engineer Brendetta Walker and Mr. Tom Ridgway for coming out and meeting with her two weeks ago in Saint John's Crossing". She said they were shocked to see the rivers of water that were in the yards. I appreciate them coming out to look and getting right to work cleaning out the culverts and destroying the dams. Council Member Hurst said the water is running smoothly now. She thanked staff for looking at those issues. She thanked the Mayor and her colleagues for voting for the body cameras. She said she presented this to the Council last year and brought it back this year and it passed. I wanted to say thank you. She wished everyone a great week.

Council Member Glaize thanked those who had an opportunity to lift Meredith Germain's husband up in prayer. She said the update that was given today said there has been progress. She wanted to let Mrs. Germain know that we send our love. Council Member Glaize said we are praying for others, those that are on this committee and at City Hall that has experienced crisis. She said I continue to hear citizens complain about their utility bills; this is a grave concern to me. Council Member Glaize said before she ran for office, I considered the same thing; it did not make sense for us to spend the type of money on utilities. We are going to have to give some type of credence to what our citizens are complaining about; we should look into utility audits. Council Member Glaize said we should look into some 911 response options that are not in the City. She said we have a strong percentage of retirees that live in the City and I would hate it if something happened to them overnight because they are unable to get Fulton County-911 to respond or our people to respond in a timely manner. She said there is someone at the fire station all night EMS and the EMT's are the number one go-to for what is happening at the fire station. She wanted to know if the fire department could assist with the problem.

Fire Chief Stephen Hood said he will provide information on the 911 system and how it is operated; it is the same dispatch system. He said he will follow up with the customer

service complaints. Fire Chief Hood said the fire department is always the first option and he said we are open 24 hours and most people ring the doorbell. Chief Hood said that we do not give out the number for a reason; people tend to call that number and we are not always there.

Council Member Glaize thanked Fire Chief Hood for moving forward. She said there has been a 2% increase in the number of elderly residents in the City. She said that she spoke with the primary grant writers for the Beltway that netted the City of Atlanta \$18M. She said through the City Council and our continued relationship they are willing to work with us to get the grant money we need to move forward on the projects that are not on the table. She spoke on the regional park plan introduced by City Administrator Tom Barber, a new City Hall complex and the City's infrastructure needs. Council Member Glaize closed by stating that once the figures for the GO Bond is received; she would like to have a fire station up and completed this year.

Council Member Pat Pallend had no comments.

Council Member Portis-Jones addressed her concerns with the amount of complaints the City is receiving regarding the utility bills. She said these were the same complaints when I was campaigning and the problem continues. Council Member Portis-Jones said the issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible. She requested a proposal to address the issues with the utility bills. She said "I am happy we are moving forward with the body cameras". She said all we need is one lawsuit that can be financially disabling to this City; we would like to avoid that with a small investment. Council Member Portis-Jones thanked Interim Chief Mundy and Sgt. Bazydlo for the detailed analysis on the body cameras. She said the more information we have; the better we can make informed decisions. I am looking forward to receiving the Standard Operating Procedures; this will be extremely helpful. She wished former City Council Member Frankie Arnold a happy belated 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Council Member Portis-Jones said Mrs. Arnold was one of the first individuals she met when she moved to Fairburn. She said she was an ambassador and appreciates her serving on this Council; I look forward to honoring her and the first female Mayor of this City.

Mayor Avery recognized Mr. Derrick Jackson. Mr. Jackson is running for Georgia State Representative. I wanted to recognize him as he was a former candidate for the Mayor of Tyrone. He thanked State Representative Virgil Flood for his tenure, service and wished him Godspeed.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Heath made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for discussion on a Pending Litigation and Personnel Matter with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

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

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

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 10:11pm.

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Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner

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Mayor, Mario Avery