



City of Fairburn  
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom  
October 26, 2020  
7:00 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm 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 Pat Pallend  
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable James Whitmore

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

Councilman Alex Heath arrived at the meeting at 7:27 pm due to technical difficulties.

City Attorney Randy Turner was also present.

- III. The invocation was led by Councilman James Whitmore.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Minutes:  
Motion to Approve October 12, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom) was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.  
Vote: 5-0: 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 Portis-Jones.  
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Presentation:
  1. Mr. Dexter Bailey, Jr., Director of Bands at Creekside High School, was presented with a Proclamation from the City of Fairburn by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood. Mr. Bailey was recognized for his dedication in securing a safe haven for the band students of Creekside High School during this season of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Carr-Hurst and City Councilmembers thanked Mr. Bailey for his tenacious effort in maintaining the Creekside High School Band in the midst of the Global Pandemic.
- VII. Agenda Items:

**1. Engineering**

**Mr. Lester Thompson**

For Mayor and Council to Approve Change Order #3 with Precision 2000 to Install a Planter Based on the Downtown LCI Streetscape Project in the amount of \$3,995.15. Mr. Thompson explained that in order to prevent water from seeping into the building, he is proposing installing an impervious bottom in the planter and weep holes to

address overflow. The installation of a waterproof barrier as well as waterproof joints to prevent future percolation into the building is also proposed. Mr. Thompson stated that this should eliminate the leaching but will also shallow up the planter thus making the landscaping originally proposed less viable. Councilwoman Davis thanked Mr. Thompson for his excellent effort in providing the “gold standard” Motion to Approve Change Order #3 with Precision 200 to Install a Planter Based on the Downtown LCI Streetscape Project in the amount of \$3,995.15 was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

## **2. Utilities**

**Mr. John Martin**

For Mayor and Council to Approve Change Order #140 for Water Supply Sampling in the amount of \$12,500. Mr. Martin explained that the agreement with ISE was approved with the understanding that tasks orders associated with civil engineering, water, wastewater and water resourced engineering would be issued on an as needed basis. Mr. Martin stated that all results will be provided in an Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report and included in the City’s 2020-2021 Phase I NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Eliminating Systems) MS4 Annual Report. Motion to Approve Change Order #140 for Water Supply Sampling in the amount of \$12,500 was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilwoman Portis-Jones.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

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## **3. Utilities**

**Mr. John Martin**

For Mayor and Council to Approve Change Order #141 for Phase I MS4 Report and Annual Inspection to address EPD comments in the amount of \$19,870. Mr. Martin explained that this task order is to conduct Phase I MS\$ inspections of storm drain structures in the Depp Creek Watershed, inspect 20% of industrial facilities, document conditions and produce the required reports for the City’s 2020-2021 Phase I National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Annual Report. Motion to Approve Change Order #141 for Phase I MS4 report and Annual Inspection to address EPD comments in the amount of \$19,870 was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Approved.

## **4. Police Department**

**Chief Stoney Mathis**

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Purchase and Outfitting for three (3) Ford Explorers in the amount of \$122,625. Chief Mathis explained that the Police Department is requesting approval for \$99,900 to purchase three (3) Ford Explorers, plus an additional \$22,725 for aftermarket equipment outfitting. Chief Mathis stated that the purchase of the vehicles is at state contract pricing via Brannen Motors in the amount of \$99,900. The aftermarket equipment outfitting will be through 144<sup>th</sup> Marketing Group in the amount of \$22,725. Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked if these vehicles are replacement vehicles. Chief Mathis stated that the Police Department currently has three (3) 12-year old Crown Victoria’s that has 200,000 miles that these vehicles will replace. Councilman Heath asked what the difference in price for a Dodge Charger is verses a Ford Explorer. Chief Mathis stated that the difference is about \$9,000. Motion to Approve the Purchase and Outfitting for three (3) Ford Explorers in the amount of \$122,625 was made by Councilman Heath and the second was made by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

## 5. Police Department

**Chief Stoney Mathis**

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Speed Limit Increase on Gullatt Road. Chief Mathis explained that on August 1, 2019, the Police Department requested to have the speed limit reduced from 45 mph to 25 mph on Gullatt Road because the road was narrow and in need of repairs. Chief Mathis stated that to date, the road has been completely resurfaced and is in great shape. Therefore, the Police Department is requesting that the speed limit be increased to 35 mph to remain consistent with both the City of South Fulton and Coweta County speeds on the same road. Motion to Approve the Speed Limit Increase on Gullatt Road was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

## VIII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Davis had no comment.

Councilman Pallend had no comment.

Councilman Whitmore had no comment.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones welcomed back Mr. Harvey Stokes, Property Manager.  
Councilwoman Portis-Jones stated that she kept him in her prayers during his time of absence.

Councilman Heath had no comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood had no comment.

Mayor Carr-Hurst had no comment.

At 7:44 pm a Motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation from Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

Motion to enter Open Session at 8:20 pm was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Adjournment: At 8:23 pm, with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.



Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk



Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor