



City of Fairburn  
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom  
February 8, 2021  
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 Alex Heath  
The Honorable Linda J. Davis  
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable Pat Pallend  
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood  
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 Pastor Charles Ramsey of St. John AME Church.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Minutes:  
Motion to Approve January 25, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom) was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath.  
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- V. Adoption of the Council Agenda:  
Mayor Carr-Hurst proposed that an Item #5 be added to the agenda to Discuss and Approve TSPLOST Option that the City of Fairburn will present to Fulton County.  
  
Motion to Add Item #5 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.  
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.  
  
Motion to Approve the Council Agenda was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath.  
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Public Comment:  
1. Mr. Aza Sabot, 108 Alps Court stated that he had no comment and mistakenly submitted the Public Comment Form.
- VII. Agenda Items  
**1. Office of the Mayor** **Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst**  
• Board Appointments (2) for Planning and Zoning Commission  
Appointment of Mr. Jason Jones and Mr. Leonte Benton to Planning and Zoning Commission for a four (4) year term that expires on February 10, 2025

- **Board Re-Appointments (2) for Art Advisory Council**  
Re-Appointment of Ms. Angela Jones and Ms. Jacqueline Dorsey to the Art Advisory Council for a term that expires February 10, 2025

Ms. Tarika Peeks, Planning and Zoning Director stated that these Appointments will be great additions to the Boards and all Appointees are very excited about the positions.

Motion to Approve Appointments was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

## **2. Parks and Recreation**

**Mr. John Culbreth**

For Mayor and Council to Discuss and Approve the Usage Agreement with G. Patrick Green for the parking lot located at 129 W. Broad Street for the City of Fairburn's Youth Center in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Culbreth explained that the lot will be used for parking cars and light trucks. The Usage Agreement is for a one-year term expiring on March 31, 2022. Motion to Approve the Usage Agreement with G. Pat Green for the parking lot located at 129 W. Broad Street for the City of Fairburn's Youth Center in the amount of \$6,000 was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

## **3. Utilities Department**

**Mr. John Martin**

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Agreement with Amcon Construction Company to Relocate the two (2) Charging Stations from the Park & Ride on Hwy 74 to the Train Depot (Casablanca) Locations in the amount of \$15,540. Mr. Martin explained that the relocation of the charging stations will allow the public to charge their electric vehicle in Downtown Fairburn. There are plans to install rapid charging station at the Fairburn Park & Ride Facility on Hwy 74 in their place. This will allow visitors to the area to charge their electric vehicles in a relatively short time (up to 80% in 30-40 minutes), while they patronize the business in the area. Councilwoman Davis asked how many parking spots are at Casablanca. Mr. Martin stated that there are thirty-four (34) parking spaces at Casablanca. Councilwoman Portis-Jones stated that relocating the charging stations will occupy four (4) parking spaces and asked why both charging stations are being moved to Casablanca. Councilwoman Portis-Jones questioned why one charging station can't be moved across the street to the other Train Depot (Armando's). Mr. Martin stated that Casablanca is setup to support the charging stations with the underground electricity. Mayor Pro-Tem Heath asked is there an expense to customers for utilizing the charging stations. Mr. Martin stated that there is a cost for using the charging stations. Councilman Whitmore stated that the reason the two stations are in one location is because if someone is utilizing one side of the charger and someone else using the other side, both vehicles will be charged at a slower rate. Motion to Table the Agreement with Amcon Construction Company to Relocate the two (2) Charging Stations from the Park & Ride on Hwy 74 to the Train Depot (Casablanca) Locations in the amount of \$15,540 until the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

#### **4. Utilities Department**

**Mr. John Martin**

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Commercial Sanitation Contract Extension with Advance Disposal. Mr. Martin explained that Advance Disposal has provided good service to the City of Fairburn with no major issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Heath asked if there would be a rate increase. Mr. Darnell Milton, General Manager for Advanced Disposal stated that there would be no increase in rates. Motion to Approve the Commercial Sanitation Contract Extension with Advanced Disposal was made by Councilman Pallend and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

#### **\*5. Office of the Mayor**

**Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst**

For Mayor and Council to Discuss and Approve TSPLOST Option that the City of Fairburn will present to Fulton County. Mayor Carr-Hurst explained that there were more cities that voted for Option 3a (0.75% TSPLOST with no Transit) that included: East Point, College Park, Chattahoochee Hills, and Palmetto. The cities that voted for Option 3c (1% TSPLOST with Transit) are Union City and South Fulton. Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked what the requirement is to be accepted by Fulton County. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that it must be 60% majority. Councilwoman Portis-Jones questioned Marta's position. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that Marta is on the sidelines until the majority decision is decided. Motion to Select TSPLOST Option 3c as the decision for the City of Fairburn was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

*\*Agenda Item added from the floor.*

- VIII. Executive Session: At 8:12pm a Motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

At 8:45pm a Motion to Reconvene the Open Regular Meeting was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath.

#### **IX. Council Comments:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Heath stated that he is honored to be in the position to serve the citizens and that he received wonderful news that his daughter is 8 weeks pregnant with his second grandchild.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Heath on the news of his second grandchild. Councilwoman Portis-Jones also congratulated City Clerk Arika Birdsong-Miller for receiving the Municipal Clerk Certification and hope that her salary previously discussed during the Budget Hearing will be adjusted.

Councilwoman Davis congratulated City Clerk Arika Birdsong-Miller on her achievement.

Councilman Pallend had no comment.

Councilman Whitmore congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Heath and Mrs. Birdsong-Miller. Councilman Whitmore stated that he attended the Homegoing Ceremony for Mrs. North who was a member on the Housing Authority for the City of Fairburn. Former Mayor Mario Avery and Mayor Pro-Tem Heath were in attendance and Mayor Pro-Tem Heath read the Proclamation.

Councilman Smallwood had no comment.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that the residential utility bills will be delayed this month because the billing system migration took longer than expected to be completed. The due date for utility bills will be adjusted to the February 23, 2021. Mayor Carr-Hurst also announced that the Gateway will have lights installed on both the Union City side as well as the City of Fairburn side.

- X. Adjournment: At 8:54 pm, with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to Adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Heath and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

  
Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk

  
Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor