



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
January 25, 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  
Brenda B. James  
William Randy Turner

City Administrator  
City Clerk  
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Honorable Mayor Mario Avery.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members were present which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** Pastor Danita Jones of In His Great Name Ministry.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION: Proclamation to Mr. Horace Copridge**

Council Member Lydia Glaize provided a brief overview of the Proclamation recognizing Mr. Horace Copridge.

Council Member Glaize said Mr. Copridge managed the Fairburn Library for many years. She said Mr. Copridge and his staff took care of our children and assisted them with utilizing the library properly. Council Member Glaize said Mr. Copridge made sure our children read in the summer and provided opportunities for our children to compete county wide.

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*Whereas*, Horace Copridge for 31 years has touched the lives of many as a librarian with Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge began his service career in the Library Mobile Services for ten years before joining the staff at the Roswell Library Branch where he tenured for two years; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge served the Fairburn, GA community for nineteen years at the Fairburn Library Branch; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge, during his tenure with Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, has always been committed to the citizens both young and old of Fulton County and the City of Fairburn, by providing programs to meet the needs of the community; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge brought together community members to enrich and shape the community and address local issues; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge was a trained, tech-savvy professional, providing technology training and access to downloadable content; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge's devotion to the South Fulton community does not end with his career as a librarian, however continues as he has been highly active with the Pinetree-Meadows Homeowners Association and ONAR (Old National Area Residents) where he serves as Vice-President of each organization; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge considering his many years of working for the betterment of our community, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body appropriately recognize the invaluable contribution of this distinguished professional; and

*Whereas*, Horace Copridge is a person of magnanimous strength with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness and kindness by the example he has made of his life, he makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he is appropriately recognized during this special and memorable time in his life

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mario B. Avery, Mayor and the six members of the City Council of the City of Fairburn join in commending **Horace Copridge** on his 31 years of outstanding service with Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System and thank him for his many contributions to the City of Fairburn and their citizens.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Shelda Lowery, 210 Lake Louise Lane, said she is in support of the nomination of Captain Randy Mundy as Police Chief. She said she met Captain Mundy in 2008 when she and the neighbors had some neighborhood concerns. She said at that time



Chief McCarthy assigned Captain Mundy to handle their concerns. She said since the first meeting she knew that something was different about Captain Mundy. Ms. Lowery said over the years they have become great friends. She said Captain Mundy has served for 25 years in law enforcement and he is very capable of leading the Police Department in to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Ms. Lowery stated that the Chief should be committed to protecting the institutional rights of the City of Fairburn's residents, business owners and visitors. She requested Mayor and the City Council to appoint Captain Randy Mundy as the next Chief of Police of the City of Fairburn.

2. Jim Dickey, 7210 Hickory Hill Lane, thanked Chief McCarthy for 8 years of service to the City of Fairburn. He also acknowledged Mayor Avery's nomination for the next Police Chief. Mr. Dickey said there is no one more qualified to be Police Chief as Captain Mundy and concurred with the comments made by Ms. Lowery.
3. Paul Dupre', 7950 Spence Road, spoke on police relationships. He said he has worked with Fairburn's Police Department for 12 years. He commended Chief McCarthy for his service to the City and on his retirement. Mr. Dupre' said he has also had an opportunity to work with Captain Mundy on some projects. He said he thinks that Captain Mundy would be a great asset to the City.
4. Greg Fann, 1884 Connally Drive, East Point, requested the City Council to consider allowing the employees to join the Working Families organization. He thanked the City of Fairburn for giving the employees raises. He said the employees of Fairburn work hard for the city and the citizens and need to be represented. Mr. Fann requested the Council consider an ordinance that would give a voice in the workplace by allowing them to be represented.
5. F. Parker Fletcher, 220 Dodd Street, addressed his concerns with speed bumps in the Lightning Community. He said motorists in the area are making a short cut through Dodd Street going speeds over the speed limit. He said the police do come down and set up, but motorists are not slowing down. He requested that something be done before someone is hurt.
6. Billy Davenport, 151 Dodd Street, gave his time to Pastor Danita Jones who spoke on behalf of Mr. Billy Davenport. Pastor Jones requested speed bumps in the Lightning Community. She said we need the speed bumps for the children and the residents. She said no one is adhering to the 25mph speed limit in the area. Pastor Jones said drivers are going speeds up 55mph. She also addressed her concerns with the park. She said the park needs to be updated. The paint is coming off of the equipment. She said "we should not wait until something happens before we react".

7. Pastor Danita Jones, 81 Dodd Street, addressed her concerns with her previous requests regarding speed bumps on Dodd Street. She said it is not only a danger to the children and the residents; it is a danger to people coming into the City. She wanted to know how much it would cost to repair the park.
8. Bishop Aaron Lackey, 161 Senoia Road, requested the City Council to consider honoring former Council Member Frankie Arnold. He said Ms. Arnold has been a trailblazer for the City of Fairburn. Bishop Lackey said he would like to see some recognition for former Council Member Frankie Arnold this year.
9. Sandra Raines, 200 Dodd Street, addressed her concerns with speed bumps in the Lightning Community. She said the park is in deplorable condition. She said there is lead based paint on the equipment. She said if the children are poisoned by the paint the City may be liable.
10. Tom Williams, 7882 Senoia Road, addressed his concerns with the City of Fairburn. He said the town has nothing to offer visitors. He said curbs and gutters do not exist on the Main Street. He said there is not a national bank or any family restaurants in the City. He said the employees go out of town to eat. He said since 2011 \$4.8 million has been spent on Duncan Park and \$3.1 million has been spent on downtown.
11. Mary A. Johnson, 430 Waterboy Road, congratulated the newly elected City Council Members and Councilwoman Elizabeth Hurst. She said now that the new Council is seated the work needs to be completed expeditiously. She said she would like to know when the swimming pool will be completed. Mrs. Johnson also requested that the recreation center be reopened. She said the kids in Fairburn need to have some place to go when school is out in the summer and during school breaks. She also addressed her concerns with the condition of the sidewalks in the area of Rivertown Road.

## **VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda and to add item #20 Appointment of the City Attorney with Council Member Hurst providing the second. After some discussion, **the motion carried** with Council Members Glaize, Hurst, Portis- Jones, Whitmore and Pallend voted "Yes" and Council Member Heath voted "No".

Council Member Hurst submitted to City Clerk Brenda James City Council Minutes from 2003-2015 and requested them to be certified to be true and correct minutes of the City of Fairburn. She requested that each member of the City Council receives a copy. Council Member Hurst said the City Council approved the appointment of the City Attorney for



the City of Fairburn from 2003 to 2015.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** City Council Minutes of January 11, 2016 and Special Called Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of January 11, 2016 with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Council Member Whitmore stated there was a correction to the minutes on page (1) to the name "Hurd". The correct spelling is "Heard"; Mr. Whitmore asked that in the public comment section to add more of Ms. William's comments. He also pointed out corrections on page (6) to the names Quiana, Durell, Bunny and Heard. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016 with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Whitmore requested to add more conversation to the minutes.

City Clerk Brenda James said we will go back and listen to what she had to say. We will summarize, it will not be word for word, but we will summarize.

Council Member Whitmore said the summaries should be more impactful what happen then versus what we have now.

City Clerk Brenda James said the minutes should only be the motions that are made but we will do it. **The motion carried.**

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Text Amendments: 15TA-013 Chapter 80, Article VI Appeals and 80-287 Planning and Zoning Commission Powers and Duties

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing on the Ordinance: Text Amendments: 15TA-013 Chapters 80, Article VI Appeals and 80-287 Planning and Zoning Commission Powers and Duties.

There were no speakers for or against.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing on the Text Amendment: 15TA-013 Chapter 80, Article VI Appeals and 80-287 Planning and Zoning Commission Powers and Duties.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to hold the Ordinance for Text Amendment 15TA-013 Chapter 80, Article VI Appeals and 80-287 Planning and Zoning Commission Powers and Duties with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**X. AGENDA ITEMS:**

2. Text Amendment: 15TA-014 Chapter 65 Article V- Stream Buffer Protection

Council Member Glaize made a motion to hold the Ordinance for Text Amendment 15TA-014 Chapter 65 Article V- Stream Buffer Protection with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

3. Text Amendment: 15TA-015 Chapter 68, Flood, Article I. In General

Council Member Glaize made a motion to hold the Ordinance for Text Amendment 15TA-015 Chapter 68, Flood, Article I. with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

4. Text Amendment: 15TA-016 chapter 74, Article II. - Tree Protection, Landscaping and Maintenance

Council Member Glaize made a motion to hold the Ordinance for Text Amendment 15TA-016 Chapter 74, Article II. - Tree Protection, Landscaping and Maintenance with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

5. Staff Appointments for the 2016 Year.

Council Member Heath made a motion to appoint Brenda James as City Clerk with Council Member Pallend providing the second. Council Members Heath and Pallend voted "Yes" and Council Members Portis-Jones, Glaize, Whitmore and Hurst voted "No". **The motion failed.**

Mayor Avery stated for the record, "The ordinance allows three days to veto this item".

Council Member Heath made a motion to appoint Monica Ewing as Municipal Judge with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

6. Appointment of the Chief of Police

Human Resources Director David Johnson provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Mayor's nomination for Police Chief Captain Mundy.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the appointment of Captain Randy Mundy as Chief of Police with Council Member Pallend providing the second. After much discussion, Mayor Avery stated for the record “you will not find a more qualified person than Captain Mundy”. **The motion failed.**

7. Professional Services Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins for FY2015 Audit (City of Fairburn, City of Fairburn MEAG, City of Fairburn Single Audit)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins for the FY2015 Audit, (City of Fairburn, City of Fairburn MEAG, City of Fairburn Single Audit) in the amount of \$39,000.00 with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

8. Award of Contract to Civic Plus for Website Design

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to award the Contract to Civic Plus for Website Design in the amount of \$ 25,606.41 with an annual fee of \$5,446.00 with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

9. Plat Approval- Atlanta Carwash- Final Plat

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Atlanta Carwash Final Plat with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

10. Task Order TCF 2016.01 with the Collaborative Firm

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Task Order TCF 2016.01 in the amount of \$73,945.00 with the Collaborative Firm with Council Member Whitmore providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a request to amend the motion to include in the scope of work an Economic Development plan for the City of Fairburn. **The motion carried** with Council Member Heath voting “no”.

11. Amend Task Order 2014.01 with T-Squared Solutions

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the amendment to Task Order 2014.01 with T-Squared Solutions in an amount up to \$30,000.00 with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Glaize requested to amend the motion to remove Task #3 and the language “demolish blighted properties”. **The motion carried.**



12. Purchase of Equipment for 2015 Charger

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Purchase of Equipment for two 2015 Dodge Chargers in the amount of \$19, 582.00 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

13. Authorization to Transfer Funds from the City's Municipal Competitive Trust Fund Account

Council Member Heath made a motion to Authorize the Transfer Funds from the City's Municipal Competitive Trust Fund Account in the amount of \$404,000.00 to the Electric Department's operating account with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

14. Approve an Agreement with Harris Computer to Separate Stormwater Fee in the Billing System

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve an Agreement with Harris Computer to Separate the Stormwater Fee in the Billing System in the amount \$6,090.00 with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

15. Declare Vehicle Surplus and Sell on Gov Deals

Council Member Heath made a motion to Declare Vehicle #27 as Surplus and Sell on Gov Deals with Council Member Pallend providing the second. **The motion carried.**

16. Election for Participant Directed Voluntary Deposits into the Municipal Competitive Trust

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Election for Participant Directed Voluntary Deposits into the Municipal Competitive with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones requested for the record an explanation of the Municipal Competitive Trust.

Utilities Director Tom Ridgway said in the late 1990's when it appeared that electricity would be deregulated the Municipal Competitive Trust provided a way for companies to compete. He said they decided not to deregulate and that money is being refunded back to the City's because it will not be used. **The motion carried.**



17. Election for Off-System Energy Sales Margins for Power Supply Year 2016

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Election for Off-System Energy Sales Margins for Power Supply Year 2016 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

18. Award of Contract to Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc., for Installation of Water, Sewer and Stormwater for Duncan Park Pool

Council Member Glaize made a motion to Award of Contract to Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc., for Installation of Water, Sewer and Stormwater for Duncan Park Pool in the amount of \$108,425.00 with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

19. Discussion of the content on Welcome Signs

Council Member Hurst said the Berry's will provide the verbiage to the City Council in a few weeks. She said Mr. Berry is excited about the City's decision to honor him.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know if welcome signs could be separated from the City's so we are not waiting until we received the verbiage. Council Member Glaize said if we have the signage we should move forward with our new logos.

Council Member Glaize said cyclists are utilizing Highway 92 and making the City a destination. She would like the Engineering department to consider signage for cyclists and drivers. Council Member Glaize said this is a way to encourage motorists and cyclists to drive safely while in the city.

20. Appointment of the City Attorney

Mayor Avery nominated Turner & Ross to continue to serve as the City Attorney.

Council Member Pallend made a motion to approve the nomination with Council Member Heath providing the second. Council Member Hurst requested clarification. She asked if the nomination was opposed by the Council. **The motion failed** with Council Members Heath and Pallend voting "yes".

**XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

Council Member Portis-Jones had no comments.

Council Member Pallend had no comments.

Council Member Glaize had no comments.

Council Member Hurst had no comments.

Council Member Heath had no comments.

Council Member Whitmore had no comments.

Mayor Avery said this city government just took a major step backwards. He said the people we released are some of the best qualified personnel in this city. Mayor Avery said he had no idea his nominees were not going to be reappointed, but that is at the City Council's discretion.

## **XII. ADJOURN:**

Council Member Heath made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for (1) Legal Matter with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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City Clerk, Brenda James

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Mayor, Mario Avery