



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
October 26, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Ron Alderman  
The Honorable Alex Heath  
The Honorable Marian Johnson

The Honorable Lydia Glaize  
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst  
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

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:** was provided by Pastor Gary Taylor.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:** Proclamation to Shamika Jones for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Month

Mayor Avery read the Proclamation recognizing Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Month into the record.

**Whereas**, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is an uncommon pain condition that in most cases develops after an injury, surgery, stroke or heart attack in which high levels of nerve impulses are sent to an affected site; and

**Whereas**, CRPS was first documented during the American Civil War, doctors believe it is a result of damage to or malfunction of the central nervous system, which is composed of the brain and spinal cord, and the peripheral nervous system, which sends nerve signaling from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body; and

**Whereas**, the pain associated with CRPS is generally out of proportion to the severity of the initial injury and the associated symptoms can often be debilitating; and

**Whereas**, symptoms of CRPS include continuous burning or throbbing pain in limbs, changes in texture and color of skin, swelling of the affected area and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

**Whereas**, anyone can get CRPS, however, over seventy (70) percent of its victims are women between their thirty's and forty's with approximately 250,000 cases in the United States alone; and

**Whereas**, CRPS is a poorly understood pain disorder with no cure, the goal of treatment is to provide relief from the related symptoms; and

**Whereas**, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, a part of the National Institutes of Health, is the primary agency that conducts research on CRPS; and

**Whereas**, the members of the CRPS community will spread awareness of this condition in the month of November.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mario B. Avery, Mayor and the members of City Council for the City of Fairburn, do join Shamika Jones, a member of the CRPS community, in recognizing November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome month and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November as Color the World Orange day in the City of Fairburn, Georgia.

Ms. Shamika Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for the presenting the proclamation and explained Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Juree' Hall, 2035 Village Green Drive, acknowledged the police department for their services to combat crime in the area. She said there have been 8-9 break-ins reported since September. She asked Council to consider keeping the education piece in mind when providing resources to the community. She said the most recent crimes were thefts of air condition units. She said she held a community meeting for the homeowners on Saturday and Sgt. Bazydlo was great. She said at that meeting Council Member Hurst distributed re-election materials to homeowners. She said she did not know of Council Member Hurst nor did Council Member Hurst address her as the event organizer. Mrs. Hall said she thought it was extremely disrespectful and in poor taste.
2. Melinda Jackson-Cabell, introduced herself to Mayor and Council as the new HOA President for the Parks at Durham Lakes subdivision.

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

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adopt the Council with Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 and add item #10 to the agenda with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**VIII.** Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8.

1. Construction Agreement- IFB#15-005, Duncan Park Basketball & Tennis Courts' Parking Lots Resurfacing
2. Task Order #122 -Integrated Science- Evaluate Soils and Size Infiltration Trench at Fire Station #21
3. Proposal to Install Two Exhaust Duct Systems
4. Upgrade of Fuel Master System at Howell Avenue
5. GMA Direct Lease Program for 2015
6. Purchase of a Material Handler for Electric Department
7. Modification of Utility Deposit Policy
8. Task Order FCD 2015-13- Oversight of Construction at Aquatics Facility

Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** Council Minutes of October 12, 2015

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of October 12, 2015 with Council Member Glaize providing the second. Council Member Glaize requested to enter into the minutes an explanation for her absence from the past three meetings. She said the minutes reflect her as being absent. I would like to correct that to state that I was in Germany representing the City of Fairburn with the National League of Cities for the John J. McCloy Fellowship. **The motion carried.**

**X. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- G.P.
10. Transfer Novation and Guarantee Agreement with Sunbelt Structures Inc. and Enterprises Inc.

City Attorney Randy Turner explained the agenda item and said G.P. Enterprises is in the process of acquiring a significant amount of Sunbelt's assets and

contracts in the State of Georgia. There is a complex acquisition agreement taken place with the two companies to include Georgia Department of Transportation participation and approval. Mr. Turner said it is necessary for them to come back to each of the jurisdictions in which Sunbelt have projects contracted and arrange a contractual transfer of the obligation from Sunbelt to the acquiring company G.P. Enterprises. Mr. Turner said he was contacted by the attorney's representing G. P. Enterprises and Sunbelt. He said he has reviewed the Novation agreement which will become effective contemporaneously with the delivery of substitute performance bonds for this project. Sunbelt is obligated for the completion of the project and they are bonded to us. The approval of this contract will transfer those obligations to G.P. Enterprises, but will make the effective date of the transfer upon the delivery of substituted performance bonds on those projects which will give us those same guarantees on those projects from G.P. Enterprise as we have with Sunbelt.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Transfer Novation and Guarantee Agreement with Sunbelt Structures Inc. and G.P. Enterprises Inc. with Council Member Johnson providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

Council Member Alderman thanked Ms. Shamika Jones for her work with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome or CRPS. He announced the Trunk or Treat event will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, October 31, 2015. He invited everyone to come out. He said if you would like to participate, please contact the church.

Council Member Heath had no comment.

Council Member Hurst said normally she does not respond to public comments. She said she was invited out to Village Green on Saturday. She said she did not pass out any materials. She also stated she was invited back on Sunday with an invitation. For the record, Mrs. Hurst was invited; I went with invitation and I went back on Sunday with an invitation; and if I am invited back again, I will go back, with an invitation.

Council Member Glaize said she was glad to be back in the states. She said Germany was great. She said she had the pleasure to sit and tour nine municipalities. There are a lot of things the Germans are doing in advance of American cities such as the environment, energy and climate change. She said their government officials are respectful even when they do not agree. She gave kudos to the City of Fairburn for being selected as a finalist with the GICH program. She acknowledged the City Administrator Tom Barber, Tim Cox, Tarika Peeks and Stephanie Tigner for their work on the GICH committee. Council Member Glaize acknowledged the Mayor for the media footage as he welcomed the GICH site committee to the city. She said the committee toured the city. She also acknowledged and thanked the GICH team members to include Mr. Tony Smith, Chancellor Maya Taylor and Landmark Christian School for donating the bus for the tour. Council Member Glaize said on

November 12<sup>th</sup>, the final cities will be selected and she is hopeful we will be celebrating. She thanked the City Administrator for retaining Mr. Billy Parrish. She also recognized Minister Howell for the Women's Day Event where Council Member Elizabeth Hurst was the keynote speaker.

Council Member Johnson said she has been an involved resident for 56 years. She said being involved kept her busy. The past 13 years she has been empowered as a part of the Fairburn City Council and proud of it. Council Member Johnson acknowledged the staff for their work on keeping council on a progressive track. She also acknowledged both the Human Resource Director David Johnson for the overhaul of the city salaries and the Director of Utilities Tom Ridgway. Mr. Ridgway was able to obtain a new utility contract at one of the warehouses located on Bohannon Road. She said the City Administrator and Finance Director are both CPA's and it shows. She reiterated in 2010 there was a \$400,000 deficit and now there is \$2.5 million dollars in reserve. She said the careful management has increased the City's Bond Rating went from BBB+ to AA- and 5 million Sq. ft. of construction that will bring 1,400 jobs to the area and tax dollars which will keep the residential taxes manageable. She said she hopes the positive administration and development will continue.

Council Member Portis-Jones welcomed Council Member Glaize back and congratulated her on the GICH site visit. She also congratulated Melinda Jackson-Cabell for her recent HOA President nomination. Council Member Portis-Jones thanked Jessica McNeal for chairing the Wellness Committee meetings. She also thanked the employees who have responded to the survey. Council Member Portis-Jones asked Human Resources Director David Johnson to provide a brief overview on the program. Fire Chief Hood also provided an overview of the program as it relates to the employee gym. He said there has been a \$20,000 investment in new gym equipment for the employees. The gym is safe and clean to assist employees to be healthier. Jessica McNeal also reviewed the survey input from employees. She said there were 128 surveys sent and 75 responses received. Council Member Portis-Jones thanked Jessica McNeal for chairing the committee. She said many employees responded to the survey.

Mayor Avery thanked the new HOA President Melinda Jackson-Cabell of the Parks of Durham Lakes for coming to the meeting. He thanked staff and Council Member Glaize for the GICH program to include the business owners, developers, residents and board members that sit on the board. He said the site visit was a success and it would be a hard act for any other city to follow. He thanked staff for the video and announced Trunk or Treat will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm-7pm. He welcomed Council Member Glaize back and reminded everyone the Christmas Tree Lighting & Fireworks will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

## **XII. ADJOURN:**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:50.p.m.

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Brenda B. James City Clerk

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Mario Avery, Mayor