



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom
June 14, 2021
7:00 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Deannia Ray with the following members present:

The Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst	
The Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Alex Heath	The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable Pat Pallend	The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood
The Honorable Linda J. Davis	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 Bishop Aaron B. Lackey of Temple of Prayer Family Worship Cathedral UCOGIC.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Minutes:
Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones asked for a correction of the minutes to change the date of her husband's service to May 24, 2021. Motion to Approve the May 24, 2021, City Council Minutes (Zoom) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Heath with adding the date correction and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 5-1: Motion Carried.
- V. Adoption of the Council Agenda:
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. Presentation:
Councilmember James Whitmore read the Proclamation to recognize Juneteenth in the City of Fairburn. He stated that Juneteenth Independence Day commemorates the traditional observance of the end of slavery in the United States and is observed annually on June 19th. Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst along with Mayor Pro Tem Alex Heath and Councilmembers Linda J. Davis, Pat Pallend, Hattie Portis-Jones, Ulysses Smallwood, and James Whitmore would like to recognize June 19th as Juneteenth in the City of Fairburn.
- VII. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- VIII. Discussions:
Mayor Carr-Hurst discussed the intergovernmental agreement for use and distribution of proceeds generated by the 2021 TSPLOST referendum between Fulton County and all fourteen cities contained therein. Mayor Carr-Hurst explained that all fourteen Mayors will be meeting in Fulton County on June 30th to discuss TSPLOST and projects for inclusion. They are looking at putting the referendum on the November 2nd ballot. .75% TSPLOST tax is to begin on April 1, 2022,

and concludes on March 31, 2027. If this tax is approved, the City of Fairburn expects to receive \$15,822,000. We have listed items that we will discuss later. In item 3A, it states that \$545,945,720 will be derived from TSPLOST and is based on population. The City of Fairburn has a population of 16,678. This number comes from GMA and is not the official census count. This is the number Fulton County will use for the distributions. We will need to adopt a Resolution to Fulton County Commissioners by August 2nd to be on the ballot for the November 2nd election. Attorney Randy Turner has reviewed this IGA and has found no issues. We are expecting all fourteen cities to sign off on it. Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones requested the population be adjusted and percentages likewise. Mayor Carr-Hurst explained that several cities approached Commissioner Pitts and he confirmed that the census has not come back with any new numbers and explained that she would be glad to ask again when they meet June 30th and believes that anyone can tune in on the meeting. Councilwoman Portis-Jones stated she would appreciate the link and she is trying to sell the passage to the residents, and it would only be reasonable and fair. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that we will come back and vote on this IGA on June 28th for approval by the Council.

IX. Agenda Items

1. Street Department

Ms. Gail Higgs

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Samsara Fleet Maintenance GPS Software and Camera System for City Vehicles. Ms. Higgs explained that the software is designed to enable management to monitor driver's speeds, routes, fuel consumption and heavy traffic navigation. Through the purchase of the Fleet Management GPS software, the objective is to provide real time visibility, accident prevention, and ability to increase productivity of City vehicles and to reduce operating costs. The software will also provide maintenance alerts, up to date maintenance reports, and live video of in cab activity. After carefully reviewing the needs of the city, staff concluded the software from Samsara is best suited for the city vehicles. Ms. Higgs recommends that Mayor and Council approve the purchase and implementation of the Samsara GPS Fleet Management Software System for City vehicles. She also stated that the proposed expenditures will come from various departments and is a three-year contract and the total cost will be \$98,967.00. Mayor Pro Tem Heath asked if the equipment will be hardwired or plugged into the vehicles. Samsara Representative Aldon Ortego stated that the equipment will be plugged into the diagnostic component, but it will have a tampering alert. Councilmember Whitmore asked about the updates and Representative Ortego stated there will be weekly updates and these updates are free. Councilwoman Davis asked if there would be any other charges incurred for licenses etc. and Representative Andrew Phelps stated that there will be no other costs. She also inquired about their competitors, and they responded, Verizon, Tennova and Geotab, however they do not offer the same exact platform as Samsara. Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked if we should be concerned with privacy issues with the in-cab recording. The Mayor responded by saying, it's just like employees on the computer, we trust our employees but still have issues like speeding, texting while driving and employees not being where they are supposed to be. Councilman Whitmore stated that we already have police body cams and procedures for that. Motion to Approve the purchase and implementation of the Samsara GPS Fleet Management Software System for City Vehicles was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

2. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Proposed TSPLOST – 2 list. Mr. Lester Thompson explained that on November 8, 2016, Fulton County residents voted to approve a .75-cent sales tax for transportation purposes. The funding was to be generated from within Fulton County, outside of the City of Atlanta. The sales tax started on April 1, 2017, and is scheduled to end on March 30, 2022, unless voters approve a five-year extension. To do so, a TSPLOST Referendum would need to be on the November 2021 ballot. To prepare for the Referendum, Fulton County is asking all jurisdictions to adopt and approve a project list by June 15, 2021. The project list will be included in the IGA between all the jurisdictions as Exhibit A. The City of Fairburn's project list was provided to Mayor and Council for review and comment on June 1st, 2021. Motion to approve the TSPLOST 2 project list was made Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilman Pallend.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

3. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to Approve Task Order #7 with Atlas Technical Consultants to Conduct a Pavement Evaluation. Mr. Thompson explained that the City of Fairburn's City-Wide roadway maintenance and resurfacing efforts have been driven by the results and recommendations of pavement evaluation that was conducted in 2012. Since a lot of the recommended work has been completed since the evaluation, the City of Fairburn is pursuing another round of TSPLOST, having another evaluation done will aid in guiding our future roadway maintenance and resurfacing. The budget impact of this task order will be \$14,250.00 and will come out the Public Works Administration Professional Account. Motion to approve the Task Order #7 with Atlas Technical Consultants to Conduct a Pavement Evaluation was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

4. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Task Order #16 with Pond & Company for Professional Engineering & Landscape Architectural Services. Mr. Thompson stated that the City of Fairburn entered into a Master Services Agreement with Pond & Company on July 22, 2019, for On-Call Professional Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services. The agreement with Pond & Company was approved with the understanding that task orders associated with Professional Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services would be issued on an as need basis. As such, the task order #16 for said services has been submitted for review and approval. The budget impact of this task order will not exceed \$25,000.00 and will come out of the Public Works Administration Professional Account. Motion to Approve Task Order #16 with Pond & Company for Professional Engineering & Landscape Architectural Services was made by Councilman Smallwood and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

5. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of South Fulton for the Oakley Industrial Boulevard Full-Depth Reclamation Project. Mr. Thompson stated that the City of Fairburn requested the City of South Fulton contribute construction funding towards the Oakley Industrial Boulevard Full-Depth Reclamation Project, (21-001). The intent was to coordinate the roadway improvements of Oakley Industrial Boulevard from SR74/Senoia Road to SR 92/Spence Road under the above-mentioned project which is partially inside the City of South Fulton and partially inside the City of Fairburn. The proposed IGA is how the funding agreement between the City of Fairburn and the City of

South Fulton will be formalized. To be reimbursed approximately \$504,019.45 in construction funding for the proposed roadway improvements on Oakley Industrial Boulevard, the IGA with the City of South Fulton must be approved. Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of South Fulton for the Oakley Industrial Boulevard Full-Depth Reclamation Project was made by Councilman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

6. Finance Department

Mr. Rodrique Taylor

To Provide Mayor and Council with a list of projects that qualify as expenditures for the American Rescue Act which became law on March 11, 2021. Mr. Taylor explained that all 19,000 municipal governments are entitled to a direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the U.S. Treasury Department. The City of Fairburn is estimated to receive about \$6.2 million from the American Rescue Act. The funding will be paid to local governments in two payments with the first 50% arriving in June 2021 and the second 50% in May 2022. Local governments have until December 31, 2024, to use all funding. Eligible expenditures include:

- (a) respond to the public health emergency with the respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
- (b) respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- (c) for provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenues
- (d) investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. City staff will be recommending eligible projects for the American Rescue Act Plan Funding.

Councilwoman Davis stated that she would like to see more money go to the community like misplaced workers, unemployment, small businesses, essential workers and bonus' to come back to employees. Mayor Carr-Hurst suggested we have further discussion and stated that we have until 2024 to spend the money. Councilwoman Portis-Jones suggested we do something with our utilities department like upgrading electrical meters. Councilman Smallwood stated that the projects target failing infrastructure like pipes busting. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated we do need ransomware; look at the Colonial gas pipeline. We do not want this to happen to us. No Action Taken.

7. Finance Department

Mr. Rodrique Taylor

To provide Mayor and Council a six-month update for fiscal year 2020-2021 budget as well as the financial performance for the previous FY 2019-20 budget. Mr. Taylor explained the actual vs. budget numbers for all funds. As of September 30, 2020, we did very good considering we were going through a pandemic. There were no departments or funds that had excesses of expenditures over appropriations. Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked she be provided information on budgeted positions that have not been filled. No Action Taken.

X. Executive Session:

Real Estate

Motion was made by Councilwoman Davis to go into Executive Session and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Heath to exit Executive Session and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

XI. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Heath stated that he attended the funeral services of Debbie Mullis. The City is doing great on the budget. No deficit problems.

Councilwoman Davis had no comment.

Councilman Pallend had no comment.

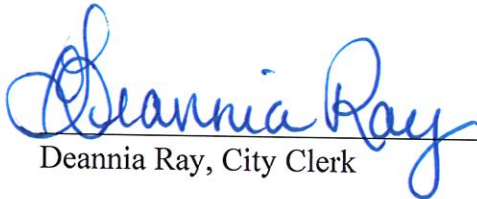
Councilman Whitmore had no comment.

Councilman Smallwood had no comment.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones stated that the past two months have been difficult and sadly ended up with the loss of her husband. She thanked everyone for the plant and thanked the Fire and Police department for their guidance and presence. Her family was most appreciative.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that each day is a challenge. With time, it gets easier. Let us keep each other in prayer.

- XII. Adjournment: At 9:35 pm, with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.


Deannia Ray, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

