



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting- Zoom
June 28, 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 Hattie Portis-Jones	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.

The Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Alex Heath and The Honorable Pat Pallend joined the meeting around 7:30 pm.

Valerie Ross, with the City Attorney's Office was also present.

- III. The invocation was led by the Honorable James Whitmore.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Minutes:
Motion to Approve the June 14, 2021, City Council Minutes (Zoom) was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
Motion to Approve the June 14, 2021, City Council Executive Minutes (Zoom) was made by Councilwoman Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.
Vote: 4-0: 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 Councilwoman Davis. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Presentation:
Ms. Tarika Peeks, Director of Planning & Zoning explained to Mayor and Council that they have kicked off the LCI Downtown Project in November 2020 and has made a lot of progress. A lot of exciting work has taken place and she introduced tonight's speaker Ms. Michelle Alexander from The Collaborative Firm. Ms. Alexander provided a brief snapshot on the progress and explained that in 2009, the City received funding to conduct a master plan and the City has been able to execute quite a few of their projects. Now is the time to update the master plan. The Atlanta Regional Commission, (ARC) provides funding to do these master plans and focus on alternatives to the automobile for transportation and making communities livable. Funding will cover market studies, land use, public transportation, and urban design. She explained that they will develop more priorities on some additional projects and document on what has been done so far. This will make the city eligible for additional funding for construction such as what is being funded now with the downtown streetscape. They have met with different stakeholders on the

preliminary concepts. They focused on three different areas. The downtown area, south of Broad and the educational campus. In area one, the 3-story mixed use was discussed as well as the parking situation. The second area focus was on the educational campus. The uses that were discussed were workforce, development, technology and how arts could be incorporated. On focus area three, she discussed neighborhoods, single family development and the demand on residential areas. This winds down the preliminary draft and will show the community the concepts on August 13, 2021. Please save the date; The Collaborative Firm will walk through the recommendations and get feedback. After that, they will finish the master plan updates and bring it back to Council for consideration. After a brief discussion with Mayor and Council, Mayor Carr-Hurst thanked Ms. Michelle Alexander for the presentation.

VII. Public Comment: There was no public comments.

VIII. Discussions:

IX. Agenda Items

1. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Fulton County and all qualifying municipalities located outside the city limits of the City of Atlanta, for the use and distribution of the proceeds generated by the 2021 TSPLOST Referendum. Mr. Thompson stated that on November 8, 2016, Fulton County residents voted to approve a 0.75-cent sales tax for transportation purposes, TSPLOST. The sales tax started on April 1, 2017, and is scheduled to end on March 30, 2022, unless voters approve a five-year extension. In order to prepare for a second TSPLOST Referendum, which is scheduled to be on the November 2, 2021, ballot, Fulton County asked all jurisdictions to approve the proposed "IGA" before the July 2nd, 2021, meeting to discuss the project list and to execute the Agreement. The proposed IGA determines how the distribution and use of future TSPLOST proceeds received will be distributed. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that Ms. Jessica Davis sent out a link so Council could attend the June 30th meeting with Fulton County and all qualifying municipalities to discuss the project list. Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones asked if Fulton County could modify numbers once the census has been established. Mayor Carr-Hurst will bring it before Fulton County at the meeting. Motion to approve the IGA with Fulton County and all qualifying municipalities was made by Mayor Pro Tem Heath and seconded by Councilman Whitmore. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

2. Community Development

Mr. Lester Thompson

For Mayor and Council to approve a change order request for C.W. Matthews on 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. The intent was to coordinate the roadway improvements of Oakley Industrial Boulevard from SR74/Senoia Road to SR 92/Spence Road which is partially inside the City of South Fulton and partially inside the City of Fairburn. The City of South Fulton would be responsible for the first \$504,019.45 and the remaining project expenditures of \$216,008.33 would be the City of Fairburn's responsibility. Mr. Thompson stated that he has an update and as of last Friday the City of South Fulton has agreed to cover the \$216,008.33 remaining project expenditures on this reclamation project. He stated that the change order is zero for this change order. He also stated that he will now use these funds for future bids on the 2021 roadway surface for Fayetteville Road

and the project should be finished by Christmas. After a brief discussion from Mayor and Council a motion to approve the change order request was made by Councilwoman Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried

3. Finance Department

Mr. Rodrique Taylor

For Mayor and Council to Approve the Staff Recommended Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. Mr. Taylor explained that the City of Fairburn is estimated to receive about \$6.2 million from the American Rescue Plan. The funding will be paid to local governments in two payments with the first 50% arriving in June and the second 50% in May of 2022. Local Governments will have until December 31, 2024, to use all funding. Eligible expenditures include (a) respond to the public health emergency with 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 Plan Act. After discussion with Mayor and Council, motion to approve the staff recommended projects for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

XI. Council Comments:

Councilman Whitmore attended Juneteenth a week ago and wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank Sylvia Abernathy and her staff for doing an outstanding job.

Councilman Smallwood had no comment.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones asked for communication on opening the pool and splash pad for the summer. Mayor Carr-Hurst will get something to everyone this week.

Mayor Pro Tem Heath had no comment.

Councilwoman Davis had no comment.

Councilman Pallend stated that he attended the Juneteenth event.

Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council about the businesses that the façade was destroyed in Hudson Plaza. She stated that the workers will be back the next few weeks to complete the brick work. The owners of the building had some roof work done and the roofers did not get a permit. They used a crane and put the roofing materials on top of the building, and it affected the structure. The façade was pulling away from the building and collapsed. Code Enforcement was there working a case when that person reported the unsafe roof. Upon investigation, the city closed the businesses down on Wednesday and the roof fell early Friday morning. We were very fortunate there were no injuries.

The Mayor stated she and Councilman Whitmore went to the City of South Fulton on Saturday for a dedication and met with a 94-year-old veteran. The VFW had complained that they had been trying for two years to get this gentleman's mailbox moved so he could get his mail. They turned to the Postmaster and after an investigation, they moved the mailbox to his side of the road. During the dedication, the mailman came through and delivered his mail, and he was able to get his mail for the first time. It was a very heartwarming event.

- XII. Adjournment: At 8:23 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 Mayor Pro Tem Heath. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.


Deannia Ray, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor

