



**CITY OF FAIRBURN  
CITY HALL  
56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
July 13, 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:** Council Members Alderman, Heath, Hurst, Glaize and Portis-Jones were present. Council Member Johnson was absent.
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Reverend Gary K. Taylor.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  1. Vera Raglin, 593 Sir Charles Drive, Fairburn, GA. 30213 spoke on code violations within the Sir Charles community. She stated she would like to form a committee to rally support to make the neighborhood as it was 11 years ago. She also wanted to know the process after the Code Enforcement Department receives complaints.
  2. Debbie Moore, 2511 Harbor Walk, Fairburn, GA. 30213 spoke on the dramatic increase in the water bills at Harbor Lake Apartments. She said the property owner is making a profit from the increased water bills and asked the Council to assist.
  3. Whitney Curtis, 314 Harbor Links Court, Fairburn, GA. 30213 said her water bill has increased. She said she would ask the apartment manager questions, but they were often left unanswered.

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

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda and remove item #3 add items #1, #5, #6, #7, #8, #10, #11 and #12 to the Consent Agenda with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Consent Items #1, #5, #6, #7, #8, #10, #11 and #12

1. Resolution Setting the Qualifying Dates for the 2015 General Election
5. Assignment of Tom Ridgway to Represent the City in all Matters Retaining to Georgia Public Web
6. Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Governing the Use of Public Sewers
7. Resolution to Adopt a Fee Schedule for Grease Management
8. Contract with Atlanta Soundworks for Audio Equipment and Acoustical Upgrade
10. Equipment Purchase for the Police Department
11. Purchase of One (1) 2016 Ford Escape SUV
12. Purchase of One (1) 2016 Vermeer BC 1500 Woods/Brush Chipper

Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** Council Minutes of June 8, 2015 and Special Called Meeting of June 23, 2015

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of June 8, 2015 with Council Member Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2015 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## **IX. AGENDA ITEMS:**

2. Resolution of Support for the South Fulton Economic Development Partnership

City Administrator Tom Barber provided an overview of the Resolution of Support for the South Fulton Economic Development Partnership. He requested

Council to approve or deny the resolution.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to support the Resolution for the South Fulton Economic Development Partnership with Council Member Glaize providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked the age of the partnerships with Gwinnett and North Fulton counties.

Mr. Michael Hightower said both agreements are at least 5 years old.

Council Member Portis-Jones requested a copy of both agreements.

Mr. Michael Hightower explained how the resolutions will not prohibit the city from disclosing information as it relates to the purchase of real estate and branding strategies.

Council Member Portis-Jones said she is surprised this is happening now in the area and that it is long overdue. She said collaborating and branding with other cities within the South Fulton Corridor is a great idea.

Mr. Michael Hightower explained how organizations such as the International Council of Shopping Centers seek out these types of agreements.

Council Member Heath asked is this for North and South Fulton counties.

Mayor Avery wanted to know who will attend the meeting.

Mr. Hightower said in the past it was the Mayor.  
Mayor Avery wanted to know how the board will reach a consensus on a designee.

Mr. Hightower said the city will have an opportunity to designate a person to attend the meetings, but the individual cannot be a city employee.  
After much discussion, **the motion carried.**

#### 4. Selection of a Downtown Business Owner for GICH Team

Council Member Heath made a motion to appoint Rusty Todd as the Downtown Business Owner for the GICH Team with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

#### 9. Fireworks Display with Pyro Productions, Inc.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the contract for Fireworks

display with Pyro Productions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 and approval to use the field at Landmark with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

#### **X. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Council Member Alderman said he enjoyed the tour of the City of Kennesaw. He said the trip was beneficial for the Council, Planning & Zoning and the Development Authority. He also thanked Tom Barber for setting up the tour.

Council Member Heath thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He also spoke on the road trip Council took this past Saturday. He said the current trend in the country is that more people prefer to rent instead of buying. He said Council has discussed bringing upscale apartments to the Fairburn community. He spoke on the GMA Conference in Savannah and how it helps other cities handle situations.

Council Member Hurst spoke on the classes offered by GMA. She said it was an honor to take the Human Resources II class with Human Resources Director David Johnson. She said the facilitator referred to Mr. Johnson often throughout the class before committing himself to topics discussed. She announced that Council Member Lydia Glaize has been confirmed by the American Council on Germany for the McCloy Fellowship and Urban Affairs for 2015. Councilwoman Glaize will be in Germany for 3 weeks with all expenses paid. She further explained the fellowship is in collaboration with the Counsel and the National League of Cities. The organization was established in 1975 to give Americans and Germans in the fields of Agriculture, Environmental Policy and Journalism an opportunity to collaborate. She said she is honored to work with Mrs. Glaize on this.

Council Member Glaize thanked her colleagues for their support. She said everything she has learned has taken place in this room, at the GMA classes and in other meetings. She acknowledged Council Member Portis-Jones who told her about the fellowship. She said that Councilwoman Hurst is one of the primary people that sit on the National League of Cities board. She also thanked the Mayor and Council on the vote to move forward on beautifying the City. She announced on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 the GICH Informational Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers beginning at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. She said residents have been requesting a covered swimming pool at Duncan Park. She said we would like to see residents swimming next summer at Duncan Park. She acknowledged City Administrator Tom Barber on the tour of Kennesaw. She also thanked Mr. Hightower and Mr. Turner for coming out tonight.

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Council Member Glaize on her fellowship. She said she is excited about hosting the counterparts from Germany to showcase what we do here in this city. She thanked Dr. Parks for coordinating the City of Fairburn Job Fair and thanked the corporate partners. She also publicly thanked all the city employees. She said the feedback she receives about employee

response times is great. She announced on Saturday, August 1, 2015 Saint John AME Church is hosting a Back to School Event. She invited everyone to attend. Saint John AME Church will collaborate with several churches in the Fairburn area for the six week Evangelism Series. We have invited pastors and their choirs from several churches in Fairburn to visit our church for six weeks. First Baptist Church will be in attendance on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Other churches are First Christian Church, Harvest Rain Church, In His Great Name Ministries and Mount Zion Baptist Church. You may visit Saint John Baptist Church website for more information. She spoke on the road trip to Kennesaw, the city pool and bringing high end apartments to the City. She said the GMA classes are great and how elected officials bring those ideas back to find ways that they will benefit the City.

Mayor Avery spoke on the road trip to Kennesaw to see the high end apartments. He thanked Mr. Whitmore for the questions. He acknowledged Mr. Dave Walker and said he personally knew him. He spoke on the GICH application. He said he would like to see the city selected for the program. Mayor Avery acknowledged Bo'Jangles and Starbucks on Hwy 74. Both restaurants had their grand opening last week. He stated that an audio has been posted of President Barack Obama telling the residents of Fairburn "hey". President Barack Obama attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors held in San Francisco, California in June. He said he has had the opportunity to meet President Obama on three occasions. He urged everyone to see the video clip. He invited everyone to Duncan Park on Saturday, August 1, 2015 beginning at 9:30pm for the Laser Show. He also acknowledged Dr. D'Avante' Parks for putting the Laser Show together. He reminded citizens of the Planning & Zoning Special Called Meeting that will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 6:30pm.

#### **XI. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

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Brenda B. James City Clerk

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Mario Avery, Mayor