



CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
November 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Ron Alderman
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst
The Honorable Lydia Glaize

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Marian Johnson
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

City Administrator:
City Clerk:
City Attorney:

Mr. Tom B. Barber
Mrs. Brenda B. James
Mr. Randy Turner

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Honorable Mario Avery.

II. ROLL CALL: All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Keona France, 7462 Spoleto Loop, Fairburn, Ga. 30213 thanked the City for all that they do. She said the park is beautiful and South Fulton Little League wants to continue to work with everyone on the Council and move forward.
2. Charles Houser, 330 Champions Drive, Fairburn, Ga. 30213 spoke on behalf of the Little League at Duncan Park and said they have seen the program grow. He thanked the City for supporting the South Fulton Little League.
3. Linda North, 502 Hastings Drive, Peachtree City, Ga. 30269 said South Fulton Little League is one of the leagues in her district. She said she has been involved in South Fulton Little League for thirty years. She said this year they introduced softball and they seem to be very organized. She presented the Mayor with a Little League Magazine in celebration of seventy five years for Little League.
4. Joe Lanoix II, 7462 Spoleto Loop, Fairburn, Ga. 30213 said he is the president of South Fulton Little League. He gave an update of how the program has grown in numbers. He said they have grown 30% with 4 teams

plus twenty girls who are being taught how to play softball. He said if we convert some of the baseball fields to softball fields they could play baseball and softball. He said they plan to use portable mounds for boys and this will help them double the numbers to service boys and girls. He said they greatly appreciate the improvements at the park especially when they interact with other leagues such as Peachtree City.

5. Thomas Cochran, 467 Fire Leaf Way, Fairburn Ga. 30213 said it does not matter if there are 2 or 10 officers, if we do not be proactive. He said the Police have to find ways to deal with the community residents to control the children and crime. He said the City needs to solve the problem at the root instead of reacting to the crime.
6. Tonjie Clark, 7050 Magnolia Lane, Fairburn, Ga. 30213 said they are looking at the amount of violence and crime happening in Fairburn and we should consider adding additional experts to implement the improvements at Duncan Park. She said it is essential that we expedite this process. She said the young people are restless and need something to do. She said the name that has been given to Creekside High School is negative and not all true. She said the resident's need to be aware of the wonderful things that have been done at Duncan Park. She said we need a Recreation Center that is up and running and viable for our youths.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Council Minutes of October 27, 2014

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 27, 2014. Council Member Portis Jones made corrections on page 2, second line, first paragraph, change the word here to her. She said to make changes on page 3, last paragraph, delete a and there will be and or; and change the sentence to Council Member Portis-Jones asked if there is liability and if so are there issues with insurance or injury liability. She said on page 6; at the bottom of the page, last sentence change the word affective to effective. She said in the same paragraph next to the last sentence delete the word and. She said change to responsible corporate partner and on page 9; in the middle of the page, delete the developer said; and change the sentence to say she was upset when the entire landscape was decimated. She said further down on the same page, change the word having to have. She said change to we had an opportunity to work with a corporate partner and add for the betterment of the community. She said instead of their, list Trammell Crow; and the words national website should not be capitalized. Council Member Hurst made one correction on page 3, under number 2, item 1; change the word gild to guild. Council Member Heath provided the

second. **The motion carried.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Amendments to Sections 80-427 to 80-431 of the City of Fairburn's Sign Ordinance to address LED Signage

Ms. Jahnee Prince gave an overview of the Amendments to Sections 80-427 to 80-431 of the City of Fairburn's Sign Ordinance to address LED Signage. She said staff is recommending approval with an additional revision, allowing signs located in the O & I Zoning District to be 20 ft. in height.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing and asked to hear from those who were in opposition of the amendment to the Sections 80-427 to 80-431 of the City of Fairburn Sign Ordinance to address LED Signage.

Spoke Against:

No one came forward.

Mayor Avery asked to hear from those who were in favor of the Amendments.

Spoke In Favor:

Ed Wyatt, 362 Leedmill Road, Fairburn, Ga. 30213 spoke in favor of the amendment. He thanked Council for fixing the Sign Ordinance. He said he sent out an email regarding some further ideas he wanted the City to incorporate but he was not able to get them in. He said the provisions for a single business to shift signage from a less busy street to a busier street were left out and mutable businesses were excluded. He said the electronic and digital window signs were left out, however; if this pass tonight, we could come back later with changes in the near future.

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve Amendments to Sections 80-427 to 80-431 of the City of Fairburn's Sign Ordinance to address LED Signage with additional revisions, allowing signs located in the O & I Zoning District to be 20 ft. in height. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second.

Council Member Glaize recommended we come back and revise this and add signage to the window at later date in the near future. **After discussion, the motion carried.**

2. Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD

Ms. Jahnee Prince gave an overview of the Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD. She said the applicant Jay Knight would like to build single family detached homes and the zoning needs to be changed. She said staff is making the following recommendations.

1. Single family detached homes only.
2. Front yard setbacks to match existing front setback.
3. Side yard setbacks to be determined by the Fire Marshall.
4. Rear yard setbacks of 10 feet.
5. Building materials must match existing homes-brick or masonry siding only.
6. Five feet wide sidewalks must be constructed on all street frontages.
7. Street trees must be planted 40 feet on center to be approved by the City Planner.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing and asked to hear from those who would like to speak in opposition of the Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD.

Spoke Against:

No one came forward.

Mayor Avery asked to hear from those who would like to speak in favor of the Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD.

Spoke In Favor:

Mr. Jay Knight spoke in favor of the Ordinance to rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD. He said he would like to have the side yard setbacks determined by the Building Code. He said the industry standard for a street tree is 2-inches.

After Hearing no further comments, Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked for a description regarding item 2, front yard setback and said because these are single family homes, does it look as well for a single family detached as it does for townhomes. Mr. Knight said there is a 20ft. front building line and by adding 10ft off the right-of-way would set the homes 30ft. off the street.

Council Member Hurst asked what our Code says the distance is between

structures. Mr. Stokes said it is 10ft. with unrated walls and if it is brought closer it should be fire rated for one hour from the inside and outside. Council Member Hurst asked why the structures are being put up 8ft. Mr. Knight said the 8ft. is to physically fit a larger home on the lot. He said they are currently attached and they are making them 8ft. further apart than they are. He said they will have the fire rated walls and comply with the code. Council Member Hurst asked if that is something we will approve 8ft. or 10ft. Mr. Stokes said yes, if the fire wall is done. Mr. Knight said the Code is a one exterior and one hour interior; and if there is a window on the side of the house there will be a special fire rated window. Council Member Hurst said her concern is if one house starts burning then the next house starts burning. So she wants to make sure the firewalls are there.

Council Member Johnson asked about the sidewalks and will it be in the 10ft right-of-way. Mr. Knight said yes, the sidewalks are typically 10ft right-of-way and the sidewalks are deeded to the City.

Council Member Heath asked about the square ft. of the houses that will be built. Mr. Knight said 1200 square ft. is the minimum and the houses they have designed are from 1400 to 1900 square ft. Council Member Heath asked about the lot size. Mr. Knight said the typical lot size is 34ft. wide and 80ft. deep that were designed for townhomes.

Mayor Avery asked if there were any concerns in the Planning and Zoning Meeting as it relates to when this came before the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Prince said the main concern was the street trees, where they would be planted, whether they would be on the right-of-way; and would they interfere with the utilities. She said they did not want to have problems with utilities. Mayor Avery asked what is the percentage of houses that average 1600 square ft. or greater. Mr. Knight said the percentage of 1600 square ft. homes he anticipate building is 90% or bigger.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked about the variation in square ft. and how does it affect the lot size. Mr. Knight said the homes are designed to fit every lot to meet this criteria.

Ms. Prince said she recommend spacing because this will allow very large trees adequate room for growth. She said the City Administrator indicated that we may want to consider 34 ft. spacing, so each house gets a tree.

Council Member Alderman asked is there a requirement for a certain number of trees per lot. Ms. Prince said PD Zoning is one where we work with the developers to come up with the terms of the zoning. She said since the lots are small, a lot of the wooded spaces will be going away with the new houses being built. She said she thought the community would appreciate some street trees. Council Member Alderman asked if there would be one tree per lot. She said if

we go with 34 ft. spacing this would guarantee one tree for each house.

Council Member Glaize amended her motion to approve the Ordinance to Rezone 23 Parcels from RC-T and RM-8 to PD with the following conditions and modification of number 3, side yard setbacks to be determined by the Building Code; and item number 6, modify to minimum of five feet sidewalks to be constructed on all street frontage; and item number 7, modify street trees to have a minimum of 2-inches and be planted on 34 ft. center to be approved by the City Planner.

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Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried.**

3. Transmittal Resolution for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Ms. Jahnee Prince gave an overview of the Transmittal Resolution for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. She said this is a final draft of the twenty year plan for the growth and redevelopment of the city. She said the citizens of Fairburn have worked long and hard on this; and they are pleased to present it before Mayor and Council. She said the plan will be sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the State Department of Community Affairs to make sure that everything has been addressed. She said once the plan is confirmed it will come back to the Mayor and Council to be adopted as the City's Official Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing and asked to hear from those who were in opposition of the Transmittal Resolution for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Spoke Against:

No one came forward.

Mayor Avery asked to hear from those who were in support of the Transmittal Resolution for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Spoke In Favor:

No one came forward

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Alderman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit the final draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission. Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENA ITEMS:

4. Change Order #2 for Improvements surrounding Manor on Broad Street

Mr. Ross gave an overview of Change Order #2 for improvements surrounding Prestwick Manor on Broad Project. He said this Change Order is a housekeeping issue and it will allow them to add sidewalks and provide access to the building that was not in the original project. He said the second item is the adjustment of the waterline located in the cul-de-sac of Nowell Road. He said this is a standard requirement, which requires an 18-inch vertical separation of water and sewer.

Council Member Heath made a motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve Change Order #2 with Prestwick Company for \$14,809.75. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried.**

5. Task Order 2014-5184.01 with United Consulting for Design and Construction Monitoring Services at Line Creek Bridge

Mr. Jeff Winston gave an overview of the Task Order 2014-5184.01 with United Consulting for Design and Construction Monitoring Services at Line Creek Bridge. He said this Task Order is needed to ensure that the utilities within the construction are not damaged from the vibration caused by the construction for the Line Creek Bridge Project. He said United Consulting will provide the Design Services as well as vibration monitoring, which consist of Design Services of the structural support of the utilities that is in conflict. He said the United Consulting would install the vibration monitors to ensure that the adjacent utilities are not disturbed.

Council Member Hurst made a motion for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve Task Order 2014-5184.01 with United Consulting for Design and Construction Monitoring Services at Line Creek Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$10,400.00. Council Member Heath provided the second.

Mayor Avery asked if any modifications were made in the language of this contract. Mr. Winston said no, it is the contract for the Bohannon Water Main Project. **After discussion, the motion carried.**

6. Task Order FDC 2014.06 - Survey Site of Future Fire Station

Mr. Jeff Winston gave an overview of the Task Order FDC 2014.06 - Survey Site of Future Fire Station. He said an environmental assessment was conducted in Phase 1 and there were no environmental concerns. He said in order to move forward on the project a Topographical Boundary Survey is needed to begin the design phase for the construction of the new Fire Station as well as the Water Tank Site Project.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve Task Order FDC 2014.06 - Survey Site with Falcon Design Consultants to perform boundary and Topographic Surveys for the future Fire Station in the amount of \$6,400.00. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second.

Council Member Glaize asked for clarification regarding the Water Tank Site. She said she thought we were only going to do the water tank with Coweta County. Mr. Barber said the water tank is required for the Water Authority Project and if we were to do the Coweta County Project it would also be required by that project. Council Member Portis-Jones asked if we are following the South Fulton Water Authority and would we be building a water tank. Mr. Barber said no, we purchased enough land to do it and we are going to authorize Falcon Design to do the topo of the entire site which is a survey that shows all the elevation changes. So once we put it out to bid, the architect will know what the land is doing because this site slopes down in the water. Mr. Winston said the Topographic Boundary Survey is needed to develop a conceptual planned layout to make sure the plan or physical structure will fit on that site; and the boundary is needed to identify the actual property lines of the given site. **After much discussion, the motion carried.**

7. Task Order FDC 2014.07 - Survey & Construction Plan for Duncan Park Walking Trail

Mr. Jeff Winston gave an overview of the Task Order FDC 2014.07 - Survey & Construction Plan for Duncan Park Walking Trail. He said the City wants to apply for a Walking Trail Grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and one of the conditions is to develop a Conceptual Plan which will require a topographic survey. He said the plan will consist of the proposed Walking Trail and staff recommends approval for the west side of the park.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve Task Order FDC 2014.07 - Survey & Construction Plan for Duncan Park Walking Trail with Falcon Design

Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00 with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Hurst said she thought the Mayor and Council had decided on putting the Walking Trail at the front of the park near Rivertown Road. She asked if the location has changed. Mr. Barber said no, the original proposal was to do the Conceptual Plan for \$8,500.00 and the survey for \$5,200.00 which was held from the previous meeting. So all we are recommending now is the survey on the west side of the park and we will come back with a revised Conceptual Plan for the front of the park.

Council Member Portis-Jones said given how Mr. Winston defined the term topography, is this survey just a layout to see what the land is. Mr. Winston said this survey will establish the physical location and the grading associated with the Walking Trail. Council Member Portis-Jones said she thought there was going to be a description of the land and whether it may or may not be a Walking Trail because we did not approve the grant and we may decide to put something else there. Mr. Barber said we still need to do the survey because of the erosion issues to know what is going on.

Council Member Glaize said she thought we did not want to go into the budget and have the grant written. She asked if there was a grant for the Walking Trail. Mr. Barber said there will be no grant. He said we are only fixing the erosion problem.

Council Member Heath said we are not voting on \$13,700.00 and asked if we are only voting on the \$5,200.00. Mr. Barber said yes, that is the recommendation by staff.

Council Member Alderman asked if we would get a survey once we get the Conceptual Plan for the Walking Trail. Mr. Winston said yes. **After much discussion, the motion carried.**

8. Task Order FDC 2014.08 – Conceptual Plan for East Side of Duncan Park

Finance Director David Smith gave an overview of the Task Order FDC 2014.08 Conceptual Plan for the east side of Duncan Park. He said they have been trying to improve Duncan Park and they have received many accolades for their efforts. He said they would like to investigate the practicality of improving the east side of Duncan Park above the football field and possibly building a soccer field, parking lot and an access road to Virlyn B. Smith. He said this will allow them to come up with a concept with the east side of the park.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve a Task Order FDC 2014.08-Conceptual Plan for the east side of Duncan Park with Falcon Design Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00. Council Member Alderman provided the

second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Portis-Jones asked about the access to Virlyn B. Smith and how far is it from the Fire Station. Mr. Barber said it is next door to the Fire Station and we need to see what we can do about the wooded area.

9. Memorandum of Understanding with Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority for provision of In-Take Space for their Energy Assistance Program

City Administrator Tom Barber gave an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding with Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority for provision of in-take-space for their Energy Assistance Program. He said this is an MOU between the City of Fairburn and Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority; and they are asking for free space to hold an Intake Program for Home Energy Assistance on Mondays and Wednesdays for 6 months. He said we have space at GMC downstairs in the administration building, however; there may be security issues and disturbances. He said this is the organization that gave us the land behind Prestwick that allowed us to do the sewer connection.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority for provision of in-take space for their Energy Assistance Program, and for the MOU to terminate, January 2015. Council Member Hurst provided the second.

Council Member Hurst said this is the first time she was aware of the MOU until she received an email from them. She said this is a very good program and they provide assistance to the seniors first and last year they served over 800 people. She said what they do is provide a letter of approval to give to their utility company to pay their bills. She said she, the representative from Fulton County and Mr. Stokes went out to view the site; and it would not disrupt anyone on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am until 5:00pm. She said she would like to see us help our City, Union City, Palmetto and Atlanta because everyone is not as fortunate as we are to pay their bills. She said no one can live in an apartment or house without heat.

Mayor Avery asked if this would be 6 months or when they run out of money. Council Member Hurst said yes, whichever comes first. Mayor Avery asked about the hours of operation. Mr. Barber said the hours of operation would be from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Mayor Avery asked about the logistics. Mr. Barber said this will fall on the Street Department to be responsible for the logistics.

Council Member Johnson said if the space is not being used and we have everything covered, she does not have a problem with it.

Council Member Glaize asked if we can lock the elevator. Mr. Barber said no. Mayor Avery said we need to make sure their client knows the people are on the

elevator and it is their responsibility.

Mayor Avery asked Mr. Stokes about the financial impact of overtime this will pose by having one of his employees to stay back after 5pm to clean the facility. Mr. Stokes said he would work out the details. Mr. Barber said we could consider approving the MOU by the end of December. Council Member Hurst asked the City Attorney if we could approve the MOU through the end of January 31st and come take a look at it again. She said they may run out of money by January. She said they also asked for a person of contact which we cannot do. So we will have to address that issue.

Council Member Glaize said we need to include a clause for safety and facility issues and bring it back to the table before the term ends. Attorney Turner said he recommend adding a clause to terminate at any time.

Council Member Heath amended his motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority for provision of in-take space for their Energy Assistance Program, and to terminate at will with an expiration date of January 31, 2015. Council Member Hurst provided the second. **After much discussion, the motion carried.**

Mayor Avery read the following Proclamation for Coach James Berry into the record:

PROCLAMATION
for
Coach James E. Berry

Whereas, Mr. James Berry was born December 2, 1959 in Natchez, Mississippi is a longtime resident of the City of Fairburn;

Whereas, James excelled in baseball, track and field, basketball and his favorite football at Natchez High School;

Whereas, James attended the University of Tennessee and excelled in football where he is a four year letterman and former team captain;

Whereas, James Berry is affectionally known in the entire South Fulton Area as Coach Berry;

Whereas, Coach Berry began his youth coaching career at Gresham Park in Atlanta, Georgia in 1989; and later moved his coaching skills to Duncan Park in Fairburn, Georgia where his 6 year old son Eric began playing football;

Whereas, Coach Berry has served as Assistant Coach, Head Coach, Vice President and President of the Fairburn Athletic Association;

Whereas, Coach Berry is a fundamental coach, he is best known for developing coachable, disciplined young men and women;

Whereas, Coach Berry is responsible for the development of many of the members of the Creekside High School 2013 State Championship Football Team;

Whereas, James Berry also coached his sons Eric, now with the NFL Kansas Chiefs and twins Evan and Elliott who are football players at the University of Tennessee;

Whereas, Coach Berry is a part-time employee in Recreation with the City of Fairburn, Georgia and continues his life calling, to serve the youth of Fairburn and the South Fulton Area;

Now, therefore, I Mario B. Avery, Mayor of the City of Fairburn and the City Council, do applaud Coach James Berry for all his accomplishments, volunteer years and commitment to the youth of the City of Fairburn and the South Fulton Area and do hereby proclaim November 22, 2014 Coach James Berry day in the City of Fairburn. This 10th day of November 2014.

City Clerk Brenda James read the following Proclamation for the City of Fairburn Veterans into the record:

PROCLAMATION
for
City of Fairburn Veterans

Whereas, In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veteran's Day Proclamation calling on our nations to "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation; and

Whereas, Our nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world. The words of that first proclamation still ring true; "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our hertiage and freedom; and

Whereas, We remember with somber and greatful hearts those men and women who have served the United States of America with distinction and valor as, sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principals on which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, The City of Fairburn is home of many veterans of our military families. We are proud to recognize our Mayor, Department Heads, Employees and Citizens and extend our appreciation to those who wore and continue to wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces and serve on the front lines preserving

Freedom and Liberty; and

Now therefore, The City Council Members, City Administrator and Employees do recognize November 11, 2014 as Veteran's Day in the City of Fairburn and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions of our Fairburn Veterans. In witness thereof under the Official Seal of the City of Fairburn We Salute Each of You this 10th Day of November.

Council Member	Ron Alderman
Council Member	Lydia Glaize
Council Member	Alex Heath
Council Member	Elizabeth Hurst
Council Member	Marian Johnson
Council Member	Hattie Portis-Jones
City Administrator	Tom Barber

Employees of the City of Fairburn

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Portis-Jones thanked the veterans of the United States of America. She said there are many members of her family who served. She said thank you to those who hear her words and hear her voice. She said the City of College Park celebrated the life of Charles Phillips Sr. Esq. who was a long time Council Member and a veteran who retired from the Air force. She said to hear the stories, what a man he was. She said she hopes she can live up to what he did in the City of College. She said she looks forward to doing so much for this City and said the life of Councilman Phillips tells us that we have much to do and accomplish. She thanked the Collaborative Firm and Jahnee Prince for the work they did on the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fairburn. She said she wanted to particularly thank the citizens of Fairburn for participating and giving their input; and sharing their ideas. She also thanked the Collaborative Firm and the City Attorney for the work they did on the Sign Ordinance because there were a lot of issues with the Sign Ordinance. She said she think we have a good foundational document for which we can work, protecting the integrity of our community.

Council Member Johnson said Veterans Day is very important. She said she was once a member of a girls' softball team and said she was very glad to hear that we have a girls' softball team.

Council Member Glaize said she thanked God for being here tonight. She thanked the PTA Assistant Vice President from Creekside High School for sharing and making a plea for the programming in the city. She said we hear you and we hear the citizens. She said we are working diligently to make sure programming can

continue and have adequate recreation for our youths. She said recreation and public safety go hand in hand by using constructive opportunities to be involved and reduce the opportunity for drugs, violence and dropouts. She thanked South Fulton Little League for coming and staying in Fairburn. She thanked Linda North of Peachtree City for coming and sharing her point of view regarding the growth of our organization. She said she appreciates their effort for expanding and opening up doors for softball for girls as well as boys. She said the Collaborative Firm is good and we have moved forward with the Sign Ordinance. She said she appreciates the hard work our city employees put in everyday to make businesses want to stay in this city. She said today was the homegoing celebration of Charles Phillips who was a twenty year veteran, twenty year civil serviceman, thirty five years as an Attorney and twenty five years as a Council Member for the City of College Park. She said the reason Georgia International Convention Center stands is because of his efforts to lead in that particular commitment. She said we will continue to lift up our veterans for those who have fought, those who have served and those who are now serving, our hats goes off to you. She thanked her husband, son and grandparents who served in the military. She also thanked the Mayor and Council who work diligently to help keep governance on the move. She commended Mr. Barber for the splash pad and for what he has done for bringing more programs to Duncan Park.

Council Member Hurst thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, especially South Fulton Little Leagues Linda North from Peachtree City. She said it warms our heart to know we are doing something right and that the participation has increased and will continue to increase at Duncan Park. She said she attended the funeral of Charles Phillips and to see and hear people talk about this great man was beyond words. She said for him to sit on the City Council of College for twenty five years is not an easy task but he endured. She said he was a fighter and was very well liked. She said the President of the United States sent a Proclamation and there were a lot of dignitaries there including our Elected Officials and Senators. She said the veterans in our audience and the Mayor who is a veteran do not go unnoticed because freedom is not free, it requires long service. She said her heart goes out to the veterans and she thanked them for coming to the meeting; and reminded everyone to remember them on Veterans Day.

Council Member Heath said he played little league at Duncan Park and he has many fun memories of playing there. He said his hat goes off to the veterans who sacrifice for our freedom. He said there is no greater gift that a man to lay down his life for our freedom. He thanked the PTA Vice President of Creekside High School for coming to the meeting. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded them to remember Veterans Day. He wished everyone a blessed day.

Council Member Alderman congratulated the veterans, he said his dad was in World War II and his job was to take out as many Japanese snipers as he could.

He said his father had 15 sharp shooter medals, so he was good at what he did. He said our troops are trained and he has the highest respect for the military. He said his wife has two nephews who serve in the Navy and they are both deployed on a battleship. He said they are gone from 3, 6 and 9 months at a time; and a lot of these people have small children. He said some of them cannot tell their families where they are and this is a great sacrifice. He said that is one area we can really pray about because a lot of the young people who sign up in the military do not know where they are going and they cannot tell their family where they are. He said his hat goes off to all our veterans and he appreciates them so much. He said he coached out at Duncan Park for fifteen years. He said his daughter played softball on the Honey Bees Team at the age of 5. He also said his son was a baseball player at Duncan Park. He said his granddaughter who is a senior at Northgate High School in Newnan, plays on the Vipers Fast Pitch Softball Team. He said she will go to college next year on a softball scholarship and she is a good player. He said he hopes we can get soccer in Duncan Park. He asked everyone to keep the Mayor and Council in their prayers and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Avery announced Olive Garden Restaurant will allow the veterans to eat free. He thanked all the military personnel. He said he was honored to give the Veterans Day Speech at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on yesterday. He said he was given a pin as a war veteran of the military. He said military men and women endure a lot of problems that most people on the street could not comprehend; and as a person who went to Saudi Arabia and slept outside for twelve months is no joke. He said he is very proud that his military service is a vital part of what he is today and he honored every veteran who has ever worn the uniform. He thanked the Police Department and said we have one of the best departments in the South Fulton Region and he is proud of what the Chief of Police has done with our department. He said the residents are constantly telling him that. He thanked the Chief of Police and the City Administrator. He said other officers are trying to come to Fairburn which say a lot as it relates to our metro area. He said we are looking forward to what is coming for the future. He thanked Toney Smith president of the Parks of Durham Lakes for his idea of honoring Mr. James Berry. He said he wanted to thank Mr. Berry for his impact on men and women in pro-sports and what he has done in our city. He said we can see from Mr. Berry's sons that he has made a mark in our City that cannot be erased. He thanked Linda North from Peachtree City and said this City is very blessed with the greater air show that came out of Peachtree City and flew five planes over the Fairburn Festival. He said we are very proud of the relationships our staff has developed with other municipalities. He honored the Council Member who passed in College Park and thanked him for his service of twenty five years. He announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show is November 29, 2014, located at our new courtyard on Broad Street. He thanked Jahnee Prince, the Collaborative Group and the staff for all their hard work; and the Planning and Zoning Members for the input they provided with the Sign Ordinance.

IX. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor