



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
March 24, 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 with the exception of Council Member Glaize who was on face time which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Taylor.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEADGENCE:** Recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** Mayor Avery presented two Proclamations “The Month of March as Myeloma Awareness Month and Colorectal Awareness Month”.

Mayor Avery read the following proclamations into the record:

Proclamation

The Month of March as Myeloma Awareness Month

Whereas, Multiple myeloma (or myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called “multiple” because the cancer can occur at multiple sites.

Whereas, Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

Whereas, Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and

Whereas, Because myeloma is a rare disease; there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

Whereas, Continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for myeloma patients; and

Whereas, Although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for myeloma; and

Thus, Mayor Mario Avery of Fairburn, Georgia is committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs; and

Now, Therefore, We, Fairburn City Council do hereby proclaim the month of March as **Myeloma Awareness Month** in Fairburn, Georgia, and encourage all residents to join me in participating in voluntary activities to support Myeloma Education and the Funding of Research Programs to find a cure.

In Testimony, whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused, The Great Seal of Fairburn, Georgia, to be affixed.

Proclamation Colorectal Awareness

Whereas, Despite being one of the most preventable, treatable and beatable forms of cancer when detected early. Of cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States and the third most common cancer in men and in women; and

Whereas, Among African Americans, Incidence rate are more than 20 percent higher and mortality rates are nearly 40 percent higher than Caucasians. African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer; and

Whereas, The majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through early detection and screening. The survival rate of individuals who have colorectal cancer is 90 percent when detected in the early stages versus only 10 percent survival rate after it has metastasized. About nine out of every 10 people whose colorectal cancers are found early and treated appropriately are still alive five years later; and;

Whereas, This year alone, 142,000 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed and nearly 50,000 deaths are expected. The good news is that routine screening helps detect colon cancer early, when treatment is most effective, or can even prevent cancer altogether; and

Whereas, By raising awareness of colorectal cancer, we can considerably increase the success rate of colorectal cancer; now

Therefore, I, Mario Avery, Mayor of the City of Fairburn, Georgia do hereby proclaim March 2014 to be **Colorectal Awareness Month** in Fairburn, Georgia.

Council Member Hurst said this cancer hits very close to home. She said Mr. Echols and his wife, Kesha Echols are her neighbors. They are the Poster Children for the Cancer Centers of America. She said Mr. and Mrs. Echols are like family to her and when Mr. Echols was going through his battle with cancer, so was her family and the community. She said they have done a great job in fighting it and her hat goes off to them.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Keona France, 7462 Spoleto Loop Fairburn, GA. 30213 representative of the South Fulton Little League, thanked Mayor and Council, City Administrator Tom Barber, the Fire and Police Departments; and many Department Managers for joining them on their opening day, Saturday March 22, 2014. She said they appreciated the partnership they have with the City of Fairburn, but they were very appalled by the field conditions on the opening day. She said the fields were horrendous and this is a direct reflection on the City. She said it was sad for visiting teams to see the condition of the fields. She said one of the visiting teams was Peachtree City and they had not been to Duncan Park for 4 years because of the conditions of the fields and the bathrooms. She said she is concerned about the large ant hills and the high grass. She said she called the city to see when these issues could be addressed and the grass was cut the night before the opening day but the infield was not cut. She said the City of Fairburn needs to have a plan to get the fields in working condition. She also said the parents expressed concerns about an incident that occurred regarding a 2-year old during the opening day. She asked who is the point of contact at the city and if they could receive a follow-up.
2. James Whitmore, 25 Somerset Hills, Fairburn, GA. 30213 representative of Durham Lakes, spoke about the issue of a sewage smell. He asked if he could receive any feedback to help delay any fears the residents have in the Fairways. He announced they are going into Phase 2 with another builder who will start building soon in the Enclaves. He said the price range will start at \$180,000.00 plus and there will be 5 model homes. He said there is another builder who is working for the investor who owns the lots. He said there are questions regarding the unfinished streets and when they will be completed. He said he would be

grateful for any help from the city.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda placing items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 on Consent Agenda; and hold items 2 and 9 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve Consent Items:

1. Approval of the Fees for the Youth Programming effective date March 1, 2014.
3. Approved the appointment of Celeste N. Jones to the Fairburn Ethics Board.
4. Approved the Agreement with AT&T Utility for Utility Relocation in the amount of \$10,386.00.
5. Approval of the Materials & Geotechnical Testing Services for Downtown Plaza in the amount of \$8,064.00.
6. Approval of the Task Order 106-Stormwater Compliance Support Services in the amount not to exceed \$11,300.00.
7. Approval of the FEC Landscape Material Purchase-Shrubs & Understory Plants at a cost of \$7,856.76.
8. Approved the Community Development Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$18,527.00 with Hardy Chevrolet for the Community Development Department.
10. Approval of the Task Order TSS2014.01- Water & Sewer Resource Planning & Support in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
11. Approved the purchase of the Equipment with Installation from Trans Comm for seven new police vehicles in the amount of \$71,050.00.
12. Purchase of F-250 Vehicle for the Fire Department from Allan Vigil Ford on State Contract in the amount of \$29,457.00.

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

IX. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Council Minutes of February 24, 2014

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2014 with Council Member Glaize making one correction on page 10, under item 10, third

paragraph; change the word proving to providing. Council Member Heath made corrections on page 7, under item number 6; change the word heath to health; and on page 9, under item 8; change the word heath to health. Council Member Portis-Jones made corrections on page 12, under item 16; change Council Member Jones to Council Member Portis-Jones; and on page 13, under item 21; change the word sale to sell. Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Alderman said the Proclamations hits close home for him because both of his parents died of cancer. He said he appreciates the proclamations and the cancer study.

Council Member Heath had no comments.

Council Member Hurst announced there will be a Political Forum on Monday March 31, 2014 sponsored by (VEC) Voter Empowerment Collaboration at Saint John A.M.E. Church, located at 305 West Campbellton Street, at 7:00 pm. She said the moderators will be Council Member Portis-Jones and herself. She invited the Council Members and the public to come out and attend the event. She said the candidates will be the Chairman for the Fulton County Commission and the 3 candidates that will be running for Commissioner for the new 6th District. She said two of those candidates are Commissioner William “Bill” Edwards who is the present Commissioner and Commissioner Emma Darnell. She said the third candidate is Abraham Watson and the Fulton County Chairman candidates will be Mr. John Eaves, Mr. Robb Pitts and Mr. Earl Cooper.

Council Member Johnson had no comments.

Council Member Portis-Jones said last Thursday she had the opportunity to participate in the Comprehensive Plan. She said the meeting was quite an awesome experience to really visualize and give some thought to what Fairburn might be like in the next 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. She encouraged the residents and those who do business in the City to participate in these meetings. She also encouraged everyone to go online to the City of Fairburn’s Website and complete the survey. She said decisions are being made about the city and we want it to be a great place where we live, work and play. She said this could only be done if we receive broad participation.

Mayor Avery congratulated the South Fulton Little League on the opening season despite the setbacks discussed earlier. He announced there will be a meeting at City Hall on Thursday, May 27, 2014 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm regarding how the Affordable Healthcare Act affects individuals and their families. He said the vendor presenting is the same person who presented in the City of East Point one week ago. He said he is concerned that people are not aware of the penalty associated with not registering with the Affordable Healthcare. He said Commissioner Garner will also

sponsor this event in the City of Atlanta one week from Saturday. He thanked every resident who participated in the Comprehensive Plan Meeting and Open Word Church that actually hosted the meeting held on last Thursday. He said this information helps us to decide and craft our city and what we want it to look like 10 or 20 years from now. He said it is very important for the citizens and business owners to play an active role in the decision making. He commended the Collaborative Firm, City Planner Toussaint Kirk and the City Engineer Troy Besseche for a job well done. He said he attended a Municipal Association Meeting on last Thursday and this is where the City Council and the Mayors of South Fulton Cities come together. He said the City of Fairburn will be hosting the South Fulton Municipal Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2014, and they look forward to dialogue as it relates to the way our Cities in South Fulton will be looking within the next several years. He said a lot of change is going because the Legislation to create a South Fulton City failed last week. He said there are a lot of modifications taking place and everyone should be aware of that.

XI. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Council Member Heath made a motion to go adjourn the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss a Pending Litigation Matter with Council Member Alderman providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor