



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019
7:00 p.m. @ City Hall

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Arika Birdsong-Miller with the following members present:

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Linda J. Davis	The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend	The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood	The Honorable James Whitmore

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

- III. The invocation was led by Apostle Danita Jones of In His Great Name Ministries.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Presentation: There was no presentation.
- VI. Public Comments:
 1. Mr. Horace Cooper, 880 Buckingham Cove, detailed that he is most excited about the future fire station, the park and pool at Duncan Park, and all the hard work that Mayor and Council are doing to move the City of Fairburn forward. Mr. Cooper stated how much he brags about Fairburn whenever he is in other municipalities. Mr. Cooper also stated that he takes pride in his community and is pleased to call the City of Fairburn home.
- VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda. Motion to approve the Council Agenda was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items: Agenda Items #3 and #5 were moved to the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilman Smallwood.

Vote (6-0) Motion Carried.

The Consent Agenda Items were:

- 1. Fire Department** **Chief Cornelius Robinson**
For Mayor and Council to approve the sole source purchase of 2 Stryker LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillators included in the Fire Department's FY 19-20 budget.
- 2. Finance Department** **Ms. Angela Jackson**
For Mayor and Council to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$6,875 for the Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program.

IX. Adoption of City Council Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2019 was presented and approved. Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis. Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

X. Public Hearing: There was no public hearing.

XI. Agenda Items:

1. Office of the Mayor

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

Appointment and Swearing in of Mr. Dennis Stroud as City Administrator for the City of Fairburn. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Stroud to the City of Fairburn and congratulated him on his appointment as City Administrator. Councilman Whitmore thanked Mayor Carr-Hurst for all her hard work as acting City Administrator during the time that the position was vacant. Motion to appoint Dennis Stroud as the City Administrator was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

2. City Clerk

Mrs. Arika Birdsong-Miller

For Mayor and Council to approve cancellation of the Workshop and Council Meeting scheduled on December 23, 2019. Motion to approve cancellation was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

3. Human Resources

Mrs. Linda Johnson

For Mayor and Council Motion to adopt the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS); Restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan. GMEBS restated plan maintains a qualified pension benefit program that allows employees to accrue benefits tax-free until retirement benefits are distributed to them. Motion to adopt Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS); Restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

XII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Portis-Jones welcomed Dennis Stroud to the City of Fairburn and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilman Pallend believes the City of Fairburn is moving in the right direction.

Councilman Smallwood welcomed Dennis Stroud to the City of Fairburn and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis congratulated Dennis Stroud on his appointment as City Administrator. She stated that she is looking forward to 2020 and wished everyone a happy holiday.


Councilman Heath wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated that he grew up in Fairburn and is happy to see all the wonderful things that are happening throughout the City of Fairburn.

Councilman Whitmore pledge that next year he will move forward with the vision of a Community Center at Duncan Park and hopes to have it on the ballot in November for a special referendum. Councilman Whitmore stated that he impressed with the interactions he has experienced with Dennis Stroud. Councilman Whitmore thanked Mayor Carr-Hurst for her hard work while filling in as the City Administrator.

Mayor Carr-Hurst congratulated the new City Administrator, Dennis Stroud. Mayor Carr-Hurst informed everyone that the State of the City will be in February or March of 2020 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XIII. Executive Session: No executive session.

XIV. Adjournment: At 7:30 p.m., with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis.


Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor