



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
December 30, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Ron Alderman
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst
The Honorable Jean Barkley Russell

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Marian Johnson
The Honorable Scott Vaughan

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 Members Heath and Hurst, which constituted a quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Horace Cooper, 880 Buckingham Cove, Fairburn GA. 30213, spoke about companies coming into communities purchasing homes and turning them into rental property. He said there are two companies called Market Place Homes and Imitation Homes that are guaranteeing homeowners if they sell them their homes, they will pay the mortgage for 6 years as long as they promise to purchase a home from them. He said Market Place Homes purchased 10 new homes in the community and those homes will be rental homes. He said Atlanta is number 5 in the nation for renters. He said Clayton County and South Fulton County are number 1 in the State of Georgia for turning communities into renter's communities. He said the Parks at Durham Lakes have 10% rental leverage and they have hired an attorney to defend them against these companies. He said this will affect the community and asked the City for support with this issue. Mayor Avery said this is a concern the Council needs to address. He said the City of Atlanta is kicking individuals out of the projects and they are coming to South Fulton County.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the Agenda placing items 1, 2 and 3 on Consent Agenda with Council Member Alderman providing the second. **The motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve Consent items 1, 2, and 3 with Council Member Vaughan providing the second. **The motion Carried.**

1. Approval of the Agreement between the City of Fairburn and South Fulton Little League for use of fields and facilities at Duncan Park during the 2014 Spring Season.
2. Approval of the Personal Service Contract for Economic Development, Marketing, Public Relations and Special Events with Pat Pallend for up to \$15,600.00 for one-year.
3. Approval of the Fire House Reporting System Upgrade for a five-year Software License Agreement to include two additional software modules, titled Inspectors and Analytics.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Council Minutes of December 9, 2013

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Council Minutes of December 9, 2013 with Council Member Vaughan providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Vaughan wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Johnson said she hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said 2013 has been a good year and she looks forward to next year being another good year. She said she will miss her partners.

Council Member Russell said she was delighted Prestwick got approved for the Senior Housing Project. She said she appreciates Mr. Cooper bringing the concerns of the companies that are coming into South Fulton County to purchase homes for rental property. She said they have a good community and she will do whatever she can to assist him. She said she has enjoyed the 4 years and looking forward to the future projects. She said she plans to volunteer her service to the city and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Alderman wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Avery thanked Council Members Vaughan and Russell for their input on the Council. He announced the Prestwick Senior Housing Project and said this will be a great asset to the downtown area. He invited everyone to attend the inauguration on January 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm, located at the Landmark Christian Academy. He said they will be appointing two new Council Members and he will be presenting the State of the City Address. He said he looks forward to this being a great day. He thanked every department head for doing an outstanding job for the last 4 years. He commended Mr. Barber for doing an outstanding job. He thanked every employee and all the Presidents of the Homeowner's Associations. He also commended every board member for their input. He said this City is a place where people want to live and work. He said it is not because this was done by one person it is because we did it together. He said if we duplicate what has been done the last 4 years, we will be a city that will be talked about for decades to come.

Council Member Russell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm with Council Member Johnson providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to reconvene back into the Regular Session with Council Member Russell providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Council Member Russell made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:30 pm with Council Member Vaughan providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor