



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Telephonic Meeting
May 11, 2020
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 Ulysses J. Smallwood
The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath

The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable James Whitmore

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

City Attorney Randy Turner was also present.

- III. The invocation was led by Councilman Alex Heath.
- IV. Presentations: Mr. Doug Moses of Mauldin and Jenkins presented the Fiscal Year 2019 audit report. Mr. Moses indicated that the City of Fairburn was able to meet the dealing even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Moses stated the General Fund Reserve is \$11.7 million, and \$11 million is unassigned. He discussed fund balance as a percentage of total expenditures being in excess of 80%. Before closing, Mr. Moses informed Mayor and Council that the City of Fairburn is in a strong net position in excess of \$40 million.
- IV. Adoption of City Council Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve April 27, 2020, Regular Telephonic Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- V. Adoption of the Council Agenda:
Motion to approve the Council Agenda was made by Councilman Heath and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Agenda Items:
 1. **Park and Receptions** **Mr. John Culbreth**
For Mayor and Council to approve the Mental Fitness agreement for the use of Fairburn's Youth Center located at 149 SW Broad Street, Fairburn, GA 30213. This item was tabled until the June 8, 2020, City Council Meeting in order to modify the verbiage in the lease agreement to be parallel with the City of Fairburn's Emergency Ordinance public facilities closure.

2. City Clerk

Mrs. Arika Birdsong-Miller

For Mayor and Council to approve the amended 2020 meeting schedule. Mrs. Birdsong-Miller proposed modifying the meeting schedule to restore the Council Meeting on June 22, 2020, that was initially cancelled due to the GMA Savannah training. Also, Mrs. Birdsong-Miller proposed reinstating July 13, 2020, Council Meeting that was scheduled as Council Holiday. Motion to amend the meeting schedule to reinstate the Council Meeting on June 22, 2020, but keep the scheduled Council Holiday on July 13, 2020, made by Councilman Whitmore and the second was provided by Councilwoman Davis.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

3. Property Management

Mr. Harvey Stokes

For Mayor and Council to approve the 10-year lease agreement between the City of Fairburn and Trion Studio/MFI for Building #3 located at Fairburn's Educational Campus at 336 W Broad Street, Fairburn, GA 30213. Mr. Stokes asked Mayor and Council that the 25, 307 square feet building as is right now is just a shell and proposed a \$60,000 buildout assistance from the City. Mr. Stokes also explained that he has not been leased since 2014. Mr. Chris Donaldson, CEO of Trion Studios, LLC, explained his vision for the building that will include the opportunity to teach Fairburn's and surrounding municipalities youth about the film industry. Trion Studio/MFI proposed a plan to educate the City of Fairburn's young adults in the areas of professional film production, audio recording and radio/television broadcasting. Mr. Donaldson stated Trion Studio/MFI will invest \$1.5 million into the facility in the first 18 months to assist Fairburn in educating the youth and bringing economic growth with paying jobs and advancing careers to the citizens of Fairburn.

Motion to approve the 10-year lease agreement between the City of Fairburn and Trion Studio/MFI for Building #3 located at Fairburn Educational Campus at 336 W Broad Street, Fairburn, GA 30213 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilman Heath.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

VIII. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Portis-Jones gave kudos to Angela Jackson and the Finance Department on a successful audit. Councilwoman Portis-Jones welcomed Mr. Donaldson to the City of Fairburn.

Councilman Pallend stated that he is happy about the Trion Studio partnership.

Councilman Whitmore expressed his excitement for the vision of the Trion Studio outreach program that will benefit the youth in Fairburn. Councilman Whitmore also expressed concern about the lack of quality products sold at the Food Depot.

Councilman Heath thanked Mayor Carr-Hurst, Councilwoman Davis, and Mr. Harvey Stokes for their leadership to help bring the Trion Studio to Fairburn.

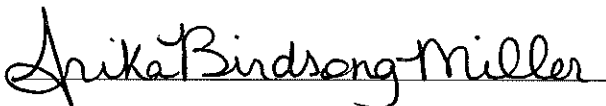
Councilwoman Davis commended Angela Jackson for the audit and thanked the staff for their hard work during the pandemic. Councilwoman Davis also thanked Mayor Carr-Hurst for her support with bringing Mr. Donaldson to Fairburn.


Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood stated that the meeting was very productive and is looking forward to the partnership with Trion Studio.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that she has met with Food Depot's management previously to address the lack of quality food and that the issue improved for a while, but slowly began to slack again. Mayor Carr-Hurst will meet again with management before drastic measures are taken to bring Food Depot up to standards.

Mayor Carr-Hurst informed Council that we are awaiting the deed from the old Fulton County Courthouse to be transferred to the City of Fairburn.

- IX. Adjournment: At 9:23 p.m., with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smallwood and the second was provided by Councilman Whitmore.
Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.


Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor