

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

Investigative Hearing Concerning the Removal of Mayor William “Bill” Edwards and
Councilmember Helen Willis
5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30336

Monday, December 30, 2019, 9:00 AM



Attendees: Honorable Williams “Bill” Edwards, Mayor
Honorable Mark Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem
Honorable Catherine Rowell, Councilmember
Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, Councilmember
Honorable Helen Willis, Councilmember
Honorable Naeema Gilyard, Councilmember
Honorable Rosie Jackson, Councilmember
Honorable khalid kamau, Councilmember

Staff: Corey Adams, Deputy City Clerk
Odie Donald, City Manager
Emilia Walker, City Attorney
Frank Milazi, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
John Mrosek, Special Counsel, City of South Fulton
Antavius Weems, Counsel for Councilmember Willis
Janise Miller, Counsel for Mayor Edwards

MEETING SUMMARY

The Investigative Hearing was called to order by Mayor William “Bill” Edwards at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to accept the rules for the Hearing as outlined in the December 23, 2019 memorandum from Attorney Mrosek. The motion was approved 4-3 Voting Yes: Gilyard, khalid, Baker, Jackson
Voting No: Willis, Rowell, Gumbs

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to call the previous question as presented by Councilmember khalid. The motion was approved 4-3
Voting Yes: Gilyard, khalid, Baker, Jackson Voting No: Willis, Rowell, Gumbs

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to dismiss the following motions as submitted by opposing counsel:

Motion to Exclude, Recuse and Disqualify regarding Councilmembers khalid kamau, Mark Baker, and Rosie Jackson; and Motion for Reconsideration of Motion for Continuance.

The motion was approved 4-3 Voting Yes: Gilyard, khalid, Baker, Jackson
Voting No: Willis, Rowell, Gumbs

At 10:45 AM, a brief break was allowed. The Hearing continued at 10:55 AM.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to follow the rules of procedure for the Hearing which allows hearsay evidence. The motion was withdrawn by Councilmember khalid.

At 12:40 PM, a brief break was allowed. The Hearing continued at 12:52 PM.

At 2:00 PM, a brief break was allowed. The Hearing continued at 2:07 PM.

At 4:02 PM, a brief break was allowed. The Hearing continued at 4:07 PM.

The following witnesses were called by Attorney Mrosek:

- 1) Harvey Busbee, Halpern's Steak and Seafood (10:44 AM)
- 2) Chris Pike, Economic Development Director, City of South Fulton (11:21 AM)
- 3) Hali Kahssu, Process Server (12:53 PM)
- 4) Emilia Walker, City Attorney (1:11 PM)
- 5) khalid kamau, Councilmember (4:27 PM)
- 6) Alvin Nash, CEO and Executive Director, Fulton County Development Authority (5:46 PM)

Councilmember Gilyard left the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Attorney Mrosek rested his case at 6:20 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to adjourn the Investigative Hearing at 6:30 PM. The motion was approved 4-3.
Voting Yes: Edwards, Gumbs, Rowell, Willis Voting No: Baker, kamau, Jackson.
Councilmember Gilyard was absent.

Note: A full transcript of the Hearing will be maintained in the Clerk's Office.

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