

**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 3:30 PM**



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor William Edwards at 3:30 PM.

The meeting is being conducted under special emergency circumstances due to the COVID-19 (also known as the Coronavirus) pandemic. City Council members and staff are participating via conference call (Zoom). The meeting is being simulcast in real-time via the City's YouTube channel.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William "Bill" Edwards	Mayor	Present	
Catherine F. Rowell	District 1 Councilmember	Present	
Carmalitha Gumbs	District 2 Councilmember	Present	
Helen Z. Willis	District 3 Councilmember	Present	
Naeema Gilyard	District 4 Councilmember	Present	
Corey A. Reeves	District 5 Councilmember	Present	3:35 PM
khalid kamau	District 6 Councilmember	Present	
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember	Present	

Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was established.

3. Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 1 khalid

Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 Reeves

Minutes:

A motion was made to recess for an Executive Session at 3:33 PM for Personnel and Litigation.

The motion was approved 5-1-1. Councilmember khalid voted in opposition. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 4:18 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 4 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 2 Gilyard, khalid

Abstain: 1 Baker

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to confirm Mayor Edwards' appointment of Vincent Hyman to serve as the City Attorney with a condition that a 60-day transition plan (February 2, 2021) is developed and facilitated by a 3rd party attorney identified by the Interim City Manager, Tammie Saddler Jones.

The motion was approved 4-2-1. Councilmembers khalid and Gilyard voted in opposition. Councilmember Baker abstained.

Councilmember khalid requested that the record indicate that the Council did not have legal representation present.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Gilyard

Second: Councilmember khalid

[Motion Failed]

Yea: 3 Baker, Gilyard, khalid

Nay: 4 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A substitute motion was made to defer Mayor Edwards' 2nd attempt to appoint a new City Attorney until the current litigation can be heard in a court of law.

The motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes. 3-4. Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis and Reeves voted in opposition.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Councilmember Willis
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Gilyard, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Baker
Not Voting: 1 khalid

Minutes:

A motion was made to request the current City Attorney, Emilia Walker, provide a transition plan within 48 hours to Interim City Manager, Tammie Saddler Jones who will facilitate communication with an outside attorney regarding an appropriate transition and that Mrs. Walker and Fincher Denmark attorneys continue to provide legal representation through February 2, 2021.

The motion was approved 5-0-2. Councilmember khalid did not vote. Councilmember Baker abstained.

4. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Reeves
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 4:37 PM.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember Gilyard did not vote.



Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
