



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (absent)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was present.

2. Discussion Items

- a. Georgia Prepares for the 2020 Census - Douglas Stephenson & Thurman Tillman, Partnership Specialists. **(Willis)**

Minutes:

Mr. Stephenson, Atlanta Region and Thurman Tillman, Savannah Region presented how Georgia can prepare for the 2020 Census by detailing the following:

- **How a head count is determined (every 10 years).**
- **Why a census is taken.**
- **What the census means for our communities.**
- **How census data is used.**
- **How the new initiatives will use technology to collect data.**

The Census Bureau will need help in reaching their goal in making sure every citizens is accounted for during the 2020 census. They will need to recruit local Census Takers and other positions will be available for the residents of the City of South Fulton.

Mr. Stephenson asked the Council to appoint a liaison person to work with the Census Bureau in creating a Complete Count Committee for the development of outreach plans that would ensure a successful 2020 Census within South Fulton, GA. He requested a letter of commitment from the City of South Fulton which entails approximately \$50,000 for participation in the Complete Count Committee Program.

There followed a discussion and question session from Councilmembers where Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Tillman answered their questions and explained in greater detail the complete process of training, employment and how the Bureau plans to achieve a high percentage rate of response.

- b. Sanitation Service Model Presentation - Melanie Winfield, Assistant City Manager**

Minutes:

Ms. Winfield gave a presentation on the sanitation services model. She outlined the City standards for vendors who will directly interact with residents for trash collection services and gave an overall description of the program which include a 5% infrastructure maintenance fee to each vendor to pay the City relative to their gross receipts.

A chart was provided to show vendor names, services they provide and the area each vendor would serve. Ms. Winfield outlined how the City is communicating with residents to keep them informed of the model, now and in the future, which includes the City's website, newsletters, separate mailers and scheduled information sessions.

Ms. Winfield advised that a 7-day/24 hours a day Public Works phone line is now available to residents (470-552-4311) to answer any questions. The phone line is answered by Jacobs Engineering. Following the presentation, there was a discussion and question period.

Councilmember khalid questioned the type of printed information going to residents and if a district map could be created with established sanitation service providers. He asked about the number of homes not being serviced (approx. 12,000). He stressed that the printed information should be coordinated. For residents taking trash to Merk Road, he suggested having some type of registration system. Councilmember khalid recommended staff distribute to Council a monthly report on resident calls to the 470-552-4311 number.

Councilmember Gumbs would like to receive any information from vendors who provide discounts or exemptions for senior and disabled residents.

Councilmember Willis requested written information be given to Council in regards

to any communications, prior to the mailings being sent to residents. She questioned the cost of keeping Merk Road operating and if the cost would be passed on to the City.

Councilmember Rowell requested written information regarding the sanitation costs. She will use that information for speaking to HOA groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker recommended the deadline for selecting a vendor by residents change from January 1 to February 1. He requested further clarity and updates on the upfront fees vendors are passing on to residents.

Councilmember Jackson requested that the small haulers continue to be included in all communications and meetings as it relates to sanitation.

Mayor Edwards shared his comments and suggestions and thanked the staff for all their hard work. He weighted in on the 12,000 residents without service being an opportunity for vendors; that staff recommendations should be honored; and how the stakeholders weighing in on this issue has value.

3. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary.

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

A motion was made to recess for executive session to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel. The motion passed, 6-0-1.

The executive session began at 6:16pm and ended at 7:01pm.

4. Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 4 Edwards, Gumbs, Jackson, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

A motion was made to close the executive session and adjourn the work session.

The motion passed, 4-1-0.

The work session adjourned at 7:01pm.



Mark Massey, City Clerk
