

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 4:00 PM



COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Minutes:

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor William Edwards at 4:00 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.

Mayor Edwards left the meeting at 4:25 PM.

II. Roll Call

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	
khalid kamau	District 6 Councilmember	Present	
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember	Present	4:04 PM

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

III. Presentations

1. American Rescue Plan Funding – Terrell Jacobs, Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)

Minutes:

Terrell Jacobs with the Georgia Municipal Association presented an American Rescue Plan Funding Update.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Mayor Pro Tem requested that staff identify the amount of ARPA funds allocated to the Fulton County school system.

2. Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) Update – Antonio Valenzuela, Director, Department of Public Works

Minutes:

Antonio Valenzuela, Director, Department of Public Works presented an Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) Update.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

The City Manager committed to provide an updated timeline for the Parks Master Plan.

3. City of South Fulton's 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update – Jared Lombard, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

Minutes:

Jared Lombard, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) presented City of South Fulton's 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmember khalid requested that Mr. Lombard provide the demographic data of the citizens who completed the Comprehensive Plan survey.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that staff ensure that future meetings do not conflict with other City meetings.

IV. Monthly Reports

4. Finance Monthly Report - Rachel Bembry, Interim Finance Director

Minutes:

Report presented by Interim Finance Director, Rachel Bembry.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmember khalid requested that Ms. Bembry provide peer city comparisons regarding spending between personnel and operations.

5. City Attorney Monthly Report - Vincent Hyman, City Attorney

Minutes:

Attorney Hyman indicated his report involves items which would be more appropriate for Executive Session.

6. City Manager Monthly Report - Tammi Saddler Jones, City Manager

Minutes:

City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones presented her recommendations for the American Rescue Plan Act funding for the City.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmember Rowell requested that the Development Authorities provide at minimum quarterly updates to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis would like a full accounting of the initial \$200,000 allocated to the South Fulton Development Authority. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Willis would like full financial transparency and minutes available for public review for both Development Authorities. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that IGAs for the Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority be presented at the next Council Meeting for review.

V. Executive Session (if needed)

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate

Minutes:

No Executive Session was conducted.

VI. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 6:28 PM.

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



Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
