

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL
Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 6:00 PM



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor William Edwards at 6:00 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.

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	
khalid Kamau	District 6 Councilmember	Present	
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember	Present	

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

3. Agenda Items

Motion (Amend): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Presentation regarding South Fulton Millage and Budget Process by the City Manager and CFO/Treasurer.

A motion was made to relax the meeting rules to allow each Councilmember an opportunity to respond to comments made during the Public Comment period.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Each Councilmember provided a brief statement after the reading of the Public Comment.

1. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** - Council's Approval of 3rd Reading and Adoption of 2020 Millage Rate Ordinance (Finance)

Minutes:

There were 39 citizens who submitted public comment.

In Favor of a Millage Rate Increase: (2)

Betty Spicer, District 4

Tanya Spicer, District 4

In Opposition to a Millage Rate Increase: (37)

Donelle Humphrey Franklin, District 2

Patrick Carter, District 4

Geri Blanchet, District 5

Chauncey Elston, District 2

Trudy Johnson Hines, District 2

Kristin Johnson, District 5

Alexander William Davis, District 4

Hazel Manatsa, District 6

Priscilla A. James, District 1

Danita Hosecloth, District 6

Debbie Dunnegan, District 4

Aaron Honegan, District 1

Patricia Rosser, District 5

Michael Bazemore, District 1

Sonya Hill, District 2

Karen Ashely, District 2

William Dawson, District 7

Jewel Johnson, District 1

Tessa Berry, District 1

Sandra Walker, District 3

Rosalyn Woolfolk, District 1

Judine B. Heard, District 3

Jose Bright, District 4
Richard Allen, District 3
Luther and Robin Dennis, District 1
Robert Williams, District 1
Aquilla Taylor, District 3
Ursula Walker, District 3
Patricia Ramone
J Willy 18
Bonnie Rice
Carolyn Strong
Linda Ducree
Jaqueline Perkins
Sheila Fuller
Sylvia Wilson
L. Burrell

Motion (Adopt): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Reeves
[Motion Failed]

Yea: 2 Reeves, Willis
Nay: 5 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Rowell
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adopt An Ordinance to Establish the 2020 Millage Rate at 13.399 mills for the City Property Tax for the City of South Fulton, Georgia.

The motion failed due to a lack of four affirmative votes. 2-5. Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Gilyard, khalid and Baker voted in opposition.

Motion (Adopt): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Councilmember Gumbs
[Motion Adopted]

Yea: 4 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 3 Baker, Gilyard, khalid
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adopt An Ordinance to Establish the 2020 Millage Rate at 12.899 mills for the City Property Tax for the City of South Fulton, Georgia.

The motion was approved 4-3. Councilmembers Gilyard, khalid and Baker voted in opposition.

4. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis

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 Special Called Meeting at 8:02 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.



S. Diane White, City Clerk
