



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (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 (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell.
Following the roll call, a quorum was present.

1. Budget Workshop (Interim City Manager)

Opening remarks were made by Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones regarding her difficulty developing the Budget and the related factors. Following her remarks, she introduced the Chief Financial Officer Frank Milazi to make the Budget presentation (PowerPoint presentation – Attachment #1), whereupon he announced the following dates/times for public hearings regarding the adoption of a millage rate:

- Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 10:00am**

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- **Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00pm**
- **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00pm**

The Interim City Manager then discussed a recent notification from Fulton County regarding their intention to increase property taxes to the Special Services District (City of South Fulton) to offset anticipated costs paid to County employees for uncompensated leave, who will separate from employment due to cityhood. The County's proposal further warrants the need to cut an additional \$1 million from the City's proposed budget which is a return to the 2016 funding levels.

Following a question and answer period from the City Council, the next segment of the presentation transitioned to a review of departmental recommendations, as presented by the Interim City Manager, including personnel and operational expenditures. A supplemental document was provided with changes to the Budget (Supplement – Attachment #2) and a supplemental budget transmittal letter along with Pay & Classification adjustments (Supplement – Attachment #3).

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson requesting the City Attorney to begin the process of filing a petition to the Courts regarding the additional funding that Fulton County wants (immediate temporary injunction/relief). (NO SECOND)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember khalid that as a Council, they request the City Attorney to file an injunction to stop this process (Fulton County's request for additional funding).

A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember khalid that the City put the money in escrow. The friendly amendment was accepted.

A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to direct Counsel to explore all options to ensure that the City is not incurring costs for expenses that should have been borne by the County, revisit the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement to make sure that we reconcile all expenses as noted in the IGA, and so that we are not incurring any additional costs that will adversely impact the City. The friendly amendment was accepted.

The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Mayor Edwards requested staff to find out about the CPI exemption that has stopped and the status of that money.

Councilmember Baker requested staff to research what Fulton County is required to adhere with respect to receiving those federal funds (matching dollars), which they are now requesting the City to be charged.

Councilmember khalid requested Communications staff to investigate the cost to purchase a mailing list and send out a letter to residents. Mayor Edwards requested to allow City Council to review it first. Councilmember Willis requested a recommendation from the Communications Director on how best to communicate with the residents. The Interim City Manager indicated that they will compile all available strategies to include mailing.

At the request of Mayor Edwards, the City Council took a break to allow the videographer to change the battery in the equipment.

Moments later, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to break for a 15-minute Executive Session regarding litigation. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to approve Res2017-047, *a Resolution approving the agreement for transfer of Municipal Court jurisdiction and for Municipal Court services between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of South Fulton, Georgia*. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to authorize the City Attorney to file a declaratory judgement action against the City of Union City regarding an improper annexation. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to establish for budgeting purposes a millage rate at 7.149 mils for FY2018, to ensure no millage rate increase due to Fulton County's

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proposed increase in the millage rate, and maintain an overall 11.579 millage rate (no property tax increase). Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, and Jackson voted yea. Councilmembers khalid and Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 5-2-0.

Councilmember Jackson requested the Interim City Manager to set up meetings for her to meet with each Department Head.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to delay bringing Recreation & Parks over to the City until the City has a name and a seal (January 1, 2018). All members voted yea, except Councilmembers Willis who voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-1-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to cut all salaries across the board by 25%.

A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Baker to cut the salaries across the board by 20%. The friendly amendment was accepted.

A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Jackson to hold off on this proposal and revisit the issue later. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Councilmember khalid indicated that his interest is to cut salaries across the board and to redo the pay & class.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.



Mark Massey, City Clerk

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-047

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER
OF MUNICIPAL COURT JURISDICTION AND FOR MUNICIPAL
COURT SERVICES BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Fulton County, Georgia (the "County") is a constitutionally created political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton (the "City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, City residents are County residents, and the County and the City desire to maintain a mutually beneficial, efficient and cooperative relationship that will promote the interests of the citizens of both jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-32-1, *et seq.* to establish and maintain a municipal court having jurisdiction over the violation of City ordinances and over such other matters as are by general law made subject to the jurisdiction of municipal court;

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Sections 5.10 and 5.13, the City is authorized to create a municipal court for the purpose of serving the City by punishing violations of the City Charter, City ordinances, and other such violations as provided by law;

WHEREAS, Section 7.16(d) of the City Charter provides that, absent to an agreement to the contrary, the Municipal Court has limited jurisdiction during the twenty-four month transition period;

WHEREAS, the City requests that the County transfer all necessary court jurisdiction to the Municipal Court of South Fulton on September 1, 2017, prior to the expiration of the twenty-four month transition period;

WHEREAS, the County agrees to convey all necessary court jurisdiction to the Municipal Court of South Fulton on September 1, 2017;

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the County's Magistrate Judges to provide municipal court services for the City's Municipal Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-10-151 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the County desires to offer the City the services of the County's Magistrate Judges to provide municipal court services for the City's Municipal Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-10-151 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the County and City desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the County to provide municipal court services within the boundaries of South Fulton for a period not to exceed _____; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it to be in the public interest and for the health, safety, welfare, and well-being of the City and its inhabitants to establish a municipal court to hear such matters;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are not mere recitals, but are material portions of this Resolution.
2. The Mayor is authorized to enter into the following Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Certain Services between Fulton County, Georgia and The City of South Fulton, Georgia, which has been negotiated by the Interim City Manager and the Interim City Attorney and is attached as an exhibit to this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution No. **2017-047** adopted on **August 30, 2017** was offered by Councilmember **Willis**, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Rowell**, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor	_____	_____
Catherine Foster Rowell, Mayor Pro Tem	_____√_____	_____
Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs	_____√_____	_____
Helen Zenobia Willis	_____√_____	_____
Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	_____√_____	_____
Rosie Jackson	_____√_____	_____
khalid kamau	_____√_____	_____
Mark Baker	_____√_____	_____

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 30th day of August 2017. CITY OF
SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA



WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARK MASSEY, CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JOSH BELINFANTE, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY