

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 4:00 PM



COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

I. 4:00 pm Invocation

The invocation was provided by Mayor khalid.

1. 4:01 pm Roll Call - Corey Adams, City Clerk

Minutes:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
khalid kamau	Mayor	Present	
Catherine F. Rowell	District 1 Councilmember	Present	
Carmalitha Gumbs	District 2 Councilmember	Present	
Helen Z. Willis	District 3 Councilmember	Present	
Jacey Sebastian	District 4 Councilmember	Present	
Corey A. Reeves	District 5 Councilmember	Present	
Natasha Williams	District 6 Councilmember	Present	
Vacant	District 7 Councilmember		

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

II. 4:01 pm Call to Order - Mayor khalid (*Times are estimates only)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor khalid kamau at 4:00 PM.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to amend the agenda pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order 4162 Newly Revised 12 Edition and remove the following items:

- **Georgia Open Meetings Act and Executive Sessions**
- **Sanitation Request for Proposals (RFP) Update**
- **Renegotiation of Public Works Contract and Restructuring of Public Works Department**
- **Camelot Update**
- **Overview on Eligible P Card Usage**

Additionally, the amended motion adds to the agenda an Executive Session if needed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Previous Question): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to call the previous question.

The motion was approved unanimously.

III. 4:02 pm Monthly Reports

2. 4:02 pm Finance Monthly Report – Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director
 - A. Budget to Actuals
 - B. August and September Budget Calendar

Minutes:

Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director indicated that the financial report is not ready for presentation. The report will be provided at a later time.

Mrs. Slaton-Dixon reviewed the proposed department budget presentations, millage rate and budget hearings schedule.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Williams

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to limit debate on the remaining agenda items to 10 minutes each.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. 4:20 pm City Manager Monthly Report – Don Toms, Asst. City Manager

Minutes:

Don Toms, Assistant City Manager presented the City Manager's Report in the City Manager's absence.

Park Security Cameras

The City Manager sent a memo August 4, 2022, to the Mayor and Council about this project. Parks cameras will be approximately \$900,000 based on equipment and installation but may change based on additional connectivity and other unforeseen needs. The estimate for Fire stations will be approximately \$250,000 based on current information. This is a project that is eligible to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City will purchase the equipment in compliance with the rules and regulations of the city's procurement policies.

COSF Job Fair and Career Expo

The City Manager's Office and the Human Resources Department teamed up to host the city's first ever Job Fair & Career Expo to showcase the city's jobs only. This event will take place Wednesday, August 31st from 9am-1pm in the Welcome All Park Multipurpose Room. The address is 4255 Will Lee Road South Fulton, Ga 30349. Laptops will be accessible for in-person application execution. On the spot interviews may be available for some job vacancies but staff is still working out the details to determine if we can make this happen. Attendees are highly suggested to register at <https://CoSFGACareerFair.eventbrite.com>. Professional attire is advised. For more information, check out our city website at www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov. The city currently has an estimated 156 job vacancies which includes vacancies within our larger departments such as police and fire.

CDBG and Community Planning Workshops

The Community Development Department invites to South Fulton community to participate in a virtual community meeting regarding U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding activities for FY 22. Input from the community is requested to help select activities that support HUD's Three (3) National Objectives. The Community Development Department will kick off Community Planning workshops across South Fulton in August to get communities talking and to help them under the planning process. Check out the department webpage for the schedule of upcoming workshops.

Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

At the advice of our Legal Department to make sure our procurement process is following federal guidelines, it is recommended that City Staff re-issue the RFP, evaluate proposals, and prepare the agenda item for the August 23, 2022, so that council can consider approval of the

vendor contract. Our staff is diligently working to get these funds to our residents who desperately need within our community. We want to make sure everything is done correctly. The rental and mortgage assistance will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City has until December 31, 2026, to spend the ARPA funds.

Code Cares Initiative and Demolish of Blighted Properties

Our Code Enforcement Department's Code Cares initiative is growing and expanding, receiving donations from McDonalds, Publix, Home Depot as well as local businesses and volunteers looking to assist. Also, Code Enforcement has abated or demolished 12 blighted properties this year and are scheduled to abate 5 more before FY22 ends.

New Fire Engines and Fire Recruits

We are happy to announce on July 18th the Fire Department welcomed 15 new fire recruits. Also, the Fire Department received three (3) new fire engines within the last month. They will all be in service by August 19th. Push ceremonies details will be released on social media platforms in the weeks to come. We encourage the community to come out to help us push the fire engines into service.

Police Promotions

The South Fulton Police Department conducted interview panels for the promotion of officers to the positions of Sergeants and Lieutenant. The interviews took place over a three-day period in June at Siloam Church International. The PD would like to publicly thank Siloam Church International and Dr. Jonathon Carter for offering their facility.

PD was able to promote 8 Sergeants, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Detectives, and the GCIC Records Supervisor between June – August. Additional promotions are slated before the end of the fiscal year. Seven new officers were hired during the period of June – August. Welcome to the South Fulton family.

“National Night Out” Event Was a Great Success

National Night Out hosted by SFPD in partnership with Fulton County Police Department was held on August 2nd at the LA Fitness parking lot on Old National Highway. This was the return of the nation-wide event after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19. We had a record number of government agencies, non-profit organizations, 3 and vendors. There were 2 helicopters that landed onsite, bouncy houses, game trucks, various SWAT vehicles, our own Fire Department had their trucks out, the Atlanta Slingshot group, etc. Special thank you goes to Capt. Cotton-Tukes, Veronica Carew and all the other hard-working staff at our SFPD.

Stacks Road is Open

Following temporary repairs to a bridge that was damaged by excessive rain, Stacks Road in the City of South Fulton has reopened. A headwall collapsed above the CSX railroad tracks due to heavy soil erosion from concentrated stormwater flowing from the roadway during heavy rains. The repair required replacing the eroded soil and subsequent repaving of the bridge. City officials started design work on a new bridge in February. The initial concept is for a two-lane, 100-foot single span bridge with sidewalks on both sides. The design phase is set to completed at the end of the year, with construction starting construction in 2023.

August 23rd City Council Meeting

Just a reminder for the public. Our Tuesday, August 23, 2022, City Council Meeting will be held in person at Welcome All Park. The meeting begins at 4pm.

4. City Attorney Monthly Report – Vincent Hyman, City Attorney

Minutes:

The City Attorney submitted his report in writing.

IV. 4:30 pm Presentations

5. 4:30 pm Georgia Open Meetings Act and Executive Sessions (Georgia Municipal Association, GMA)

Minutes:

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

6. 4:50 pm Sanitation Request for Proposals (RFP) Update - Don Toms, Asst. City Manager

Minutes:

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

7. 5:20 pm Renegotiation of Public Works Contract and Restructuring of Public Works Department - Antonio Valenzuela, Director, Dept. of Public Works
- A. Timeline
 - B. Costs
 - C. Parks Repairs URA Update
 - D. Customer Service (SeeClickFix, 311)

Minutes:

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

8. 6:00 p.m. Recess of Work Session Meeting (Convening of Zoning Public Hearing)

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to recess the Work Session at 6:31 PM and postpone Council Comments.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconvene the Work Session at 7:25 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

9. 6:20 pm Wolf Creek Amphitheater, Part I – Karin Smoot, Special Projects Manager (Part II scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022)
 - A. Maintenance Costs and Plan
 - B. Estimated Timeline for Establishing Programming
 - C. Discussion of City-Sponsored Events Process and Costs

Minutes:

Karin Smoot, Special Projects Manager presented an update regarding the Wolf Creek Amphitheater including an overview of its current conditions and estimated cost to repair and bring up to standards. A list of the events scheduled for Fall 2022 was presented.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Willis

Nay: 1 Williams

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to suspend the 10-minute rule for this topic.

The motion was approved 5-1. Councilmember Williams voted in opposition.

Motion (Reconsider): Councilmember Sebastian

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 1 Gumbs

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconsider limiting the debate to 10-minutes as previously approved.

The motion was approved 5-1. Councilmember Gumbs voted in opposition.

10. 6:30 pm Camelot Update (Courts and Code Enforcement)

Minutes:

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

11. 6:40 pm Overview on Eligible P-Card Usage – Carrie Sorrells, Purchasing Analyst

Minutes:

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

V. 7:30 pm Council Comments

Minutes:

Council Comments were postponed for this meeting.

12. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made at 7:26 PM to recess for an Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate. to begin at 7:45 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor khalid indicated that he would not be attending the Executive Session because in his opinion the Executive Session is illegal and there will not be an attorney present.

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Williams

Second: Councilmember Sebastian

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:35 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. 7:50 pm Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Williams

Second: Councilmember Sebastian

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 9:35 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.
