

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 10:00 AM



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Edwards at 10:00 AM.

The meeting is being conducted under special emergency circumstances due to the COVID19 (also known as the Coronavirus) pandemic. City Council members and staff are participating via conference call (Zoom). The meeting is being simulcast in realtime via the City's YouTube channel.

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 City Clerk, a quorum was established.

II. Invocation

Minutes:

The invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren Henry, Chaplain.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Presentations and Announcements

Minutes:

None

V. Adoption of Council Agenda

Motion (Remove): Councilmember Gilyard

Second:

[Motion Failed for Lack of Second]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to remove items 11, 12, 14 and 15 from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Baker

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

The motion was approved 5-1-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition and Councilmember Baker did not vote.

VI. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

1. Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2020 (City Clerk)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 khalid

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2020 Council Regular Meeting.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember khalid did not vote.

2. Council Approval of City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes for June 29, July 8 and July 10, 2020 (City Clerk)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gilyard

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 khalid

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve Special Called Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2020, July 8, 2020 and July 10, 2020.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember khalid did not vote.

3. Council Approval of Council Work Session Minutes for July 14, 2020 (City Clerk)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 khalid

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve Work Session Minutes for July 14, 2020.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember khalid did not vote.

VII. Public Hearing(s)

4. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** - Council Approval of Alcohol License for Citgo Food Mart located at 5100 Cascade Palmetto Highway (Police)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Gilyard

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 1 Baker

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Public Hearing held. No comments received.

A motion was made to approve the alcohol license for Citgo Food Mart located at 5100 Cascade Palmetto Highway.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Baker voted in opposition.

5. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** - Council Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Application - CDRA

Motion (Approve): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Baker, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 2 Gilyard, Gumbs

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Public Hearing held. No comments received.

A motion was made to approve the CDBG Funding Application.

The motion was approved 5-2. Councilmembers Gilyard and Gumbs voted in opposition.

VIII. Public Comments

Minutes:

There was 1 speaker who provided public comment as follows:

Ms. Barbara McKee (District 6): Request information about the South Fulton Convention and Visitors Bureau; Questions regarding the City Anniversary Committee and Older Americans Committee

IX. Chief Financial Officer's Monthly Report

6. Chief Financial Officer's June 2020 Financial Report

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Baker

[Motion Failed]

Yea: 2 Baker, khalid

Nay: 5 Gilyard, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

REPORT PRESENTED.

A motion was made to approve the FY2021 Budget Calendar as presented by Councilmember khalid.

The motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes. 2-5. Councilmembers Rowell, Gilyard, Reeves, Willis and Gumbs voted in opposition.

X. City Manager's Monthly Report

7. City Manager's June 2020 Report

Minutes:

REPORT PRESENTED.

XI. Consent Agenda Items

8. Council Approval of Proclamations Previously Presented

- Judge Bell - Mayor and CM Willis
- Eddie and Blanch Johnson - Mayor and CM Willis
- Margie Dyer - Mayor and CM Willis
- Kandi Burruss - Mayor and CM Rowell
- Myla C, Hadley - CM Rowell
- Dr. Edwards Jonas - Mayor
- Aaron M. Johnson - CM Rowell
- Rev. Matthew S. Brown - CM Willis
- Penny Wolfe - Mayor
- Curtis Spencer - CM Willis
- Curtis Woodhouse - CM Gumbs
- C. T. Vivan - Mayor
- Representative John Lewis - Mayor

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

9. Council Approval of Board Appointment

-South Fulton Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to appoint
Anca Thompson to its board

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

10. Council Approval of IGA with Chatt Hills Fire Rescue (Fire)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

11. Council Approval of Award the Contract to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC to provide right-of-way acquisition services in an amount not to exceed \$950,750 (Public Works)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

12. Council Approval of an Agreement with AM Construction to perform services in Scope of Work for ITB20-010 Cascade Road over Branch of Utoy Creek in the amount not to exceed \$1,305,954.38 (Procurement)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

13. Council Approval of Agreement with NAFECO and Galls, LLC to provide uniforms and accessories for the Fire Rescue Department in amount not to exceed \$190,000 (Procurement)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

14. Council Approval to Award contract to TSW, Inc. to develop a Streetlight Masterplan for the City in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 (Public Works)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

15. Council Approval of Resolution to Designate a Sales Tax Officer (CM Rowell)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

16. Council Approval of Resolution and Agreement for COVID Small Business Program (CM Gumbs)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - Items #8 through #16.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

XII. Previous Agenda Items

17. Council 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amending Appendix G Disbanding Committees (CMs Willis, Rowell, Gumbs and Reeves)

Motion (Previous Question): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 2 Gilyard, khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to move the previous question.

The motion was approved 5-2. Councilmember khalid and Gilyard voted in opposition.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 4 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 3 Baker, Gilyard, khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Ordinance Disbanding Certain Committees.

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

Motion (Reconsider): Councilmember Gumbs

Second:

[Motion Failed for Lack of Second]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconsider the previous action.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

18. Council 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amending Title 14 Enviroment_Green
Builder Community Incentive **(CM Rowell)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 14- Green Builder Community Incentive.

The motion was approved unanimously.

XIII. Agenda Items

19. Council Approval of Resolution for Community Development Block Grant
(CDGB) Entitlement Program **(CM khalid)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Gilyard

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Resolution for CDBG Entitlement Program

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember Gilyard abstained.

20. Council Approval of Resolution for NFIP Flood Participation **(CM Rowell)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Resolution for NFIP Flood Participation.

The motion was approved unanimously.

21. Council Approval of Breonna Taylor "No Knock" Warrant Resolution (CM Baker)

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Baker
Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Breonna Taylor "No Knock" Warrant Resolution with a revision to remove the exigent circumstances language at line 49 and 50.

The motion was approved unanimously.

22. Council Approval of Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) (City Manager and CDRA)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Councilmember Reeves
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Gilyard
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember Gilyard abstained.

23. Council Approval to Increase Spending Authority for the New Public Safety Building to Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects for the design and construction drawings on schemes three or four in the amount of \$17,650 (Public Works)

Motion (Defer): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Baker

[Motion Deferred]

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

Nay: 1 Gilyard

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to defer this item until after the Executive Session.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Gilyard voted in opposition.

Motion (Hold): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to hold item #23 until the Budget Retreat.

The motion was not carried.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Baker

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell

Nay: 1 Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Later in the Meeting: A motion was made to approve the Budget Calendar as amended and hold item #23 until the adoption of the Budget on September 15, 2020.

The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Willis voted in opposition.

Clarification made that departmental budget hearings will be held on August 10 and August 12 (as opposed to August 11) and the first and second millage rate public hearings will be on August 12 and the third public hearing on August 19.

Councilmember khalid requested that the amended calendar be distributed to the Council and public.

24. Council 1st Reading to Amend Title 2, Chap 5 Business and Occupation Taxes (CDRA)

Minutes:

FIRST READ.

25. Council 1st Read to Amend Title 14 Regulation and Protection of Floodplains (CMs Rowell and Gilyard)

Minutes:

FIRST READ.

26. Council 1st Reading of Amending Ordinance Title 6, Creating Property Maintenance Regulations (CMs Rowell and Reeves)

Minutes:

FIRST READ.

XIV. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): 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 at 12:12 PM to Recess for ten minutes and then go into Executive Session at 12:22 PM for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:

A motion was made to Reconvene from Executive Session at 3:58 PM.

The motion was approved 5-0-2. Councilmembers Rowell and Willis did not vote.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember khalid
Second: Councilmember Baker
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to advertise a proposed increase in the Millage Rate at 12.899 mills.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember khalid
Second:
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, khalid , Reeves, Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A consensus vote was taken to conduct the departmental budget hearings on August 10 and August 12 (as opposed to August 11) and to conduct the first millage rate public hearing on August 12.

The City Manager stated on the record that the draft Budget will contain errors due to the short production time.

The vote was approved unanimously.

Councilmember khalid received consensus that the budget meetings and hearings will begin at 10:00 am. On the date where there are two hearings in one day, the second meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

XV. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember khalid

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 Regular Meeting at 4:29 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.



S. Diane White, City Clerk
