

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Wednesday, July 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.

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	4:02 PM
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember	Present	

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

III. Presentations

- I-285/I-20 West Interchange Project – Georgia Department of Transportation**

Minutes:

Marlo Clowers with the Georgia Department of Transportation provided an update regarding the I-285/I-20 West Interchange Project.

2. Dotson Development – Michele L. Battle, Battle Law, P.C.

Minutes:

Michelle Battle with Battle Law led a discussion regarding the Dotson Development which is a proposed residential development located in Union City. Ms. Battle wishes to engage the City of South Fulton in discussion regarding two adjacent properties located in the City of South Fulton which have been identified as potential amenities areas for the Dotson Development.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmember Baker raised a point of order regarding the discussion of this item in an open session and suggested that the discussion might be more appropriate for an executive session. Mayor Edwards sustained Councilmember Bakers' point of order.

3. 2020 Audit Presentation – Doug Moses, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Minutes:

Doug Moses with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC. presented the 2020 Audit Report and Findings.

IV. Monthly Reports

4. Finance Report

Minutes:

Report presented by Interim Finance Director, Rachel Bembry.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmember khalid requested a chart showing a 9 month (month-to-month) accounting of speed camera revenues. Requested that the City consider using half of the American Rescue Funds allocated to the City of South Fulton for eviction assistance and rental assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis and Councilmember Rowell requested that the City Manager take a comprehensive approach to the expenditure of American Rescue Funds. Areas that show a decrease in revenue, such as permitting and parks services, should be considered for replenishing.

5. City Attorney Report

Minutes:

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

6. City Manager Report

Minutes:

Report presented by City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that staff verify that striping and signage have been completed in front of all schools. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem requested that signage is installed to indicate the times which the school is in session and the speed zone camera is operative. Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that the City Manager send a survey to gauge feedback from citizens regarding their preferences pertaining to virtual and in-person meetings.

Councilmember khalid would like for citizens to have an opportunity to provide public comment up until the start of Council Meetings.

Councilmember Gilyard requests school striping on Hall Road.

Councilmember Reeves would like to ensure appropriate school striping on Feldwood Road.

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

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Gilyard

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to recess for an Executive Session for Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel at 5:17 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 5:58 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion]

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 5:59 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.



Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
