SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Minutes:
The special meeting was called to order by Mayor William Edwards at 8:34 AM. Following the roll call by the Deputy City Clerk, a quorum was established.

Mayor Edwards questioned the City Attorney regarding the legitimacy of this meeting and whether it had been properly noticed to the public. The City Attorney advised that this is an official meeting of the Council and notice requirements were handled by the City Clerk.

Minutes:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William "Bill" Edwards	Mayor	Present	
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Catherine F. Rowell	District 1 Councilmember		8:37 AM
Carmalitha Gumbs	District 2 Councilmember		9:20 AM
Helen Z. Willis	District 3 Councilmember	Present	
Naeema Gilyard	District 4 Councilmember	Present	
Rosie Jackson	District 5 Councilmember	Present	
Khalid Kamau	District 6 Councilmember	Present	

2. Agenda Items

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

Yea:	5 Baker, Gilyard, Jackson, Rowell, Willis
Nay:	1 khalid
Abstain:	0
Not Voting:	1 Gumbs

Minutes:
A motion was made to adopt the special called meeting agenda.

The motion was approved 5-1. Councilmember khalid voted in opposition. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

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a. Council Approval of 2nd Reading of Annexation Ordinance for 5955 Fulton Industrial (Planning)

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

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to approve 2nd reading of Annexation Ordinance for 5955 Fulton Industrial (Planning).

The motion was approved 6-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

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b. Council Approval of Urban Redevelopment Agency Establishing Need and Area Resolution **(Willis - Baker)**

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Jackson
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
Councilmember Willis noted for the record that she and Councilmember Baker have agreed to co-sponsor this resolution and the subsequent resolution establishing Urban Redevelopment Agency membership. For identification purposes, the co-sponsored resolution is the resolution labeled "Sponsored by Councilmember Willis".

A motion was made to amend the Urban Redevelopment Agency Map provided by the City Attorney as follows:

Amendment #1 – Councilmember Baker requested that parcels adjacent to Oakley Industrial Boulevard (where city limit begins over one block to Oakley Road) and

Bethsaida Road be included on the map.

Amendment #2 – Councilmember Rowell requested that parcels adjacent Sandtown Park and Recreation Center be included on the map.

Amendment #3 - Councilmember Jackson requested that parcels adjacent to Burdett Road and Jolly Road be included on the map.

Amendment #4 – Councilmember khalid requested that parcels adjacent to Creel Road and Bethsaida Road (from the County line to Highway 138) be included on the map.

Amendment #5 – Councilmember Gumbs requested that parcels adjacent to the right side of Butner Road (East side), Enon Road and Vandiver Lakes be included on the map.

Amendment #6 – Councilmember Gilyard requested that parcels adjacent to Hall Road and Jones Road be included on the map.

Amendment #7 – Councilmember Willis requested that parcels adjacent to Welcome All Park and Stonewall Tell Road be included on the map.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to approve Urban Redevelopment Agency Establishing Need and Area Resolution to include 1) the amended URA map established by the City Council 2) an amendment by Councilmember Gilyard to include Council input and 3) an amendment by Councilmember Baker to change Area #1 to "areas".

The motion was approved unanimously.

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c. Council Approval of Resolution for Establishing Urban Redevelopment Agency Membership **(Willis - Baker)**

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Gumbs
[Motion Approved]

Yea:	6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, Rowell, Willis
Nay:	1 khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Councilmember Willis noted for the record that she and Councilmember Baker have agreed to co-sponsor this resolution and the subsequent resolution establishing Urban Redevelopment Agency membership. For identification purposes, the co-sponsored resolution is the resolution labeled "Sponsored by Councilmember Willis".

A motion was made to amend Resolution for Establishing Urban Redevelopment Agency Membership to include 1) an amendment by Councilperson Willis to amend the resolution to establish the URA membership in the same format that is stated in the charter with the Mayor serving as chairperson and not having a vote except in instances of a tie. The City Attorney will strike the following sentence from the Resolution, Section 1, c. Composition and Term, "although the Mayor shall not serve as a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" and 2) an amendment to section 1, d. Meetings, to establish that the URA Board may make its own rules and procedures and will adopt Roberts Rules of Order.

The motion was approved 6-1.

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d. Council Approval to Authorize Additional Funding for Complete Renovations at Fire Station No. 1 (Fire)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Gumbs
[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gumbs

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the authorization for additional funding for complete renovations at Fire Station No. 1

The motion was not carried.

Motion (Table): Mayor Pro Tem Baker
Second:
[Motion Tabled]

Yea: 4 Baker, Gilyard, khalid , Rowell

Nay: 2 Jackson, Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gumbs

Minutes:

A substitute motion was made to table this item until later in the meeting.

The motion to table was approved 4-2. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Jackson
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to approve to Authorize Additional Funding for Complete Renovations at Fire Station No. 1.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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e. Council Board Appointment: Board of Ethics

Mayor Edwards appoints Overtis Hicks Brantley, Esq.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to approve Ms. Overtis Hicks Brantley, Esq. to the Board of Ethics.

The motion was approved 6-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

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3. Strategic Goals and Priorities Overview (InnerComm)

Minutes:
A presentation was provided by Bill Stark with InnerComm. The presentation included a review of the South Fulton Strategic Planning Process and Outcomes.

The areas of greatest need according to community input were as follows:
1. Economic Development, 2. Recreation, 3. City Image, 4. Visitor Attraction, 5. Value for Taxes, 6. Education, 7. Safety/Police, 8. Seniors and Veterans Services.

The five strategic goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan were as follows:

Goal 1 - Invest in Developing Strong Teams
Goal 2 - Grow Infrastructure and Solidify Finances
Goal 3 - Increase Community Collaboration and Quality of LIfe
Goal 4 - Focus on Economic Development
Goal 5 - Create an Efficient Government

Following the presentation, a discussion and question period followed with Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Gilyard requested that Environmental Justice is given consideration in the Strategic Plan.

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4. Budget Overview (Chief Financial Officer)

Minutes:
A presentation was provided by Frank Milazi, CFO. The presentation included a review of the Budget Planning Process, Proposed Budget Timeline, and Recommended Changes for the FY2020 Budget.

Following the presentation, a discussion and question period followed with Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Willis requested a calculation of the number of blighted properties in the City of South Fulton and projected tax revenue from these properties.

Councilmember Gilyard requested that staff conduct an evaluation of all city contracts to determine their adherence to their scope of work. Additionally, she requests that department performance measures are included in their budget submission.

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5. Budget and Planning Presentation (City Acworth)

Minutes:
A presentation was provided by Brian Bulthuis, City Manager, City of Acworth, GA. and the Honorable Tim Houston, Alderman, Post 5, City of Acworth, GA.

Following the presentation, a discussion and question period followed with Mayor and Council.

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6. City Council - Priorities (Mayor and Council)

Minutes:
Frank Milazi, CFO and Odie Donald, City Manager led a discussion with the Mayor and Council identifying each member's top budget priorities. Priorities were identified as follows:

Mayor Edwards - Public Safety equipment and training; Programs to improve morale, focus on SPLOST for parks, City-wide quarterly activity.

Councilmember Rowell - Infrastructure improvements; lighting, additional transportation funding. Investment in public safety, i.e., downpayment assistance incentive, adding air conditioning, ventilation and windows at Sandtown Park, beautification of Cascade Road Corridor

Councilmember Gumbs - Innovation and solution for 3 smart cities initiatives (i.e., solar power, alternative energy), state-of-the-art fire training facility, Diversified development and increased commercial development.

Councilmember Willis - Public Safety benefits (i.e., take-home cars, incentives for education, discounted housing, certification, compensation, discounts for public safety employees), Redevelopment of the Roosevelt Highway and Washington Road Corridors, Funds allocated to the repair of the Welcome All Recreation Center and South Fulton Tennis Courts.

Councilmember Gilyard - Infrastructure improvements (implementation of lights, streets, sidewalks). Environmental impacts on health and quality of life, Park and subdivision amenities, Pavement of Jones and Hall Roads.

Councilmember Jackson - Quality economic development; retail and dining options, purchase of Meadows Facility. investment in Burdett Park to include air conditioning, a splash pad and furniture.

Councilmember khalid - FY2022 SPLOST Projects, evaluate parks (funding), develop commercial parcels, fully and optimally staffed, controlling bonding projects in District 6, traffic improvements along Old National Highway.

Councilmember Baker - Expanded parks services, universal trash service (3rd party assessment of entire system), establish brand and name for the city, sidewalks and lights.

After discussion, the Council agreed to the following FY2020 Budget Priorities:

- Invest in the brand of the City (Name, Arts, Events)
- Invest in infrastructure, recreation, parks array
- Grow the percentage of revenue from commercial businesses
- Invest in public safety infrastructure
- Increase staff capacity and employ smart city solutions

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7. Department Presentations: Issues and Priorities

Minutes:
The following departments made presentations to the Council regarding priority areas and plans for the FY2020 Budget.

Christopher Pike, Director, Destination South Fulton
Shayla Reed, Director, Community Development and Regulatory Affairs
Anthony Kerr, Purchasing Manager, Finance
Lakita Ford, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Anquilla Henderson, Director, Human Resources
Keith Meadows, Chief, Police
Freddie Broome, Cheif, Fire
Antonio Valenzuela, Director, Public Works
Namarr Strickland, Director, Information Technology
Brandeon Taylor, Risk Manager, Finance
Phenix Gaston, Clerk of Municipal Court
Jolene Butts Freeman, Director, Communications
Sharon Haynes, Budget Manager, Finance

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8. Wrap Up - Tying Goals to Priorities

Minutes:
Frank Milazi, CFO, led a discussion with the Council matching the Council's Strategic Focus Goals with the FY2020 Council Budget Priorities.

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9. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): Councilmember khalid
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Approved]

Yea:	5 Baker, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid , Willis
Nay:	1 Rowell
Abstain:	0
Not Voting:	1 Gumbs

Minutes:
A motion was made to recess for executive session #1 at 9:05 AM to discuss real estate and personnel.

The motion was approved 5-1. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

Motion (Approve): Mayor Pro Tem Baker
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to close executive session #1 and reconvene the special called meeting at 9:31 AM.

The Deputy Clerk announced there was no action taken during executive session.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to recess for executive session #2 at 11:26 AM to discuss personnel.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to close executive session #2 and recess for lunch at 12:16 PM.

The Deputy Clerk announced there was no action taken during executive session.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to recess for executive session #3 at 3:02 PM to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker

[Motion Approved]

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

Minutes:
A motion was made to close executive session #3 and reconvene at 4:14 PM.

The Deputy Clerk announced there was no action taken during executive session.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Gumbs
Second: Councilmember Willis
[Motion Approved]

Yea:	5 Baker, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Willis
Nay:	0
Abstain:	0
Not Voting:	3 Edwards, Gilyard, Rowell

Minutes:
A motion was made to recess for executive session #4 at 7:56 PM to discuss real estate and personnel.

The motion was approved 5-0. Mayor Edwards, Councilmembers Gilyard and Rowell were not present.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Gumbs
Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Approved]

Yea:	4 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Willis
Nay:	0
Abstain:	0
Not Voting:	4 Edwards, Jackson, khalid , Rowell

Minutes:
A motion was made to close executive session #4 and reconvene at 8:15 PM.

The City Attorney announced there was no action taken during executive session.

The motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Edwards, Councilmembers khalid, Jackson and Rowell were not present.

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10. Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Approved]

Yea:	4 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Willis
Nay:	0
Abstain:	0
Not Voting:	4 Edwards, Jackson, khalid , Rowell

Minutes:
A motion was made to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 8:16 PM.

The motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Edwards, Councilmembers khalid, Jackson and Rowell were not present.

S. Diane White

S. Diane White, City Clerk