

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 4:00 PM



COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

I. 4:00 PM Roll Call - Corey Adams, City Clerk

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	
Jaceey 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.

1. 4:01 p.m. Invocation – Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr., City Chaplain

Minutes: **Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr., City Chaplain, opened the meeting with an invocation.**

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.

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.

III. 4:01 PM Presentations

2. 4:01 PM Review of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department Audit Findings – Samuel Latimer, Rushton and Co.

Minutes:

The presentation was postponed. The City Manager will meet with the City Councilmembers in small groups to update them.

3. 4:30 PM Mid-Year Personnel Requests - Tammi Saddler Jones, City Manager and Niki Graham, Director, Department of Human Resources

Minutes:

The Mid-Year personnel requests were presented by Tammi Saddler Jones, City Manager and Finance Director, Karen Slayton-Dixon. Memo on file.

Councilmember Williams requested that the tennis center supervisor assistant and recreation center supervisor assistant at Creel Park be fully funded. The City Manager agreed to review the budget to determine if this request can be accomplished.

4. 4:50 PM Finance Monthly Report and Mid -Year Budget Review – Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

Minutes:

Report presented by Finance Director, Karen Slayton-Dixon.

The City Manager was asked to explore securing a second stage. Additionally, staff was asked to test equipment at least 24 hours in advance.

The Parks Department will explore the inventory and pricing for projectors for movie showings and the pricing for movie licensing.

The City Manager was asked to provide an update regarding the status of OpenGov in 30 days.

A request was made to segregate the accounting for the Public Arts Fund, Tree Fund, Tree Fund Maintenance.

Councilmember Williams requested that in the 30 days staff should provide an accounting of all traffic calming requests that have been made to date.

5. 5:10 PM Work Session and Regular Meeting Process

- a. Current Ordinance Governing Work Sessions and Regular Meetings
- b. Can the Council Vote in Work Sessions?
- c. The Procedure for Declaring Virtual Meetings
- d. Discussion of Meetings and Work Sessions after April 22 (Expiration of Emergency Ordinance)
- e. Public Vote on Closing the YouTube Chat
- f. Requirement of Boards and Commissions to Meet In-Person and Meeting Notice (Including Alcohol License Applications)
- g. Length of Work Sessions/Time for Zoning Hearings

Minutes:

The Mayor and City Council discussed the current meeting arrangements for the Work Session and Regular Meetings.

The City Manager has reached out to Langston Hughes and Westlake High School regarding meeting space at the school.

The Mayor requested that the City Attorney review each agenda item listed. The City Attorney advised he has provided his response in writing and that the legal opinions in the document are privileged to the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor khalid expressed concern regarding the City Council meeting in contradiction to its Code of Ordinances.

IV. 5:32 PM Monthly Reports

- 6. 5:32 PM City Manager Monthly Report – Tammi Saddler Jones, City Manager

Minutes:

City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones presented the following announcements and updates:

Announced the celebration for the City's 5th Anniversary and events associated with the celebration.

Once the City Anniversary Celebration is complete, an announcement will be made regarding the Juneteenth Celebration.

The City is awaiting CDBG funding from Fulton County. Once the Board of Commissioners approves the allocation, the City hopes to begin the Burdett gym renovation project.

The Police thanks the Council for the 40 new vehicles which have been received.

The Fire Department hosted Camp Ember which targets young women and introduces them to the fire service profession.

The City is still monitoring the status of the \$1,000 Public Safety grant for public safety staff.

The Code Enforcement staff has launched several programs to enhance outreach to the community and enforce the elimination of illegal signs in the City.

The Welcome All Park Facility will be closed due to strong fumes from painting in the facility.

Councilmember Willaims requested that the City Manager submit her report in writing prior to the meeting.

7. 5:34 PM City Attorney Monthly Report – Vincent Hyman, City Attorney

Minutes:

The City Attorney submitted his report in writing.

The Mayor asked for a consensus regarding whether the privileged legal opinion document should be waived. The City Council agreed that they desired to have further discussion in the executive session.

V. 5:35 PM Public Comment

Minutes:

There were 8 people who submitted public comments as follows:

- 1. Clyde Sampson, District 5: Supports the YouTube chat.**
- 2. Pamela Harris, District 1: Concerned about censorship by the City.**
- 3. Glenda Collins, District 5: Supports YouTube chat with proper protocols and regulations.**
- 4. Mike Brunson, District 1: Expressed concern regarding tractor-trailer trucks on Boat Rock Road.**
- 5. Ajee Smith, District 5: Rental Assistance**
- 6. Travis Barber: Kids should be the number one concern for the City.**
- 7. Naeema Gilyard, District 4: Request information regarding the number of alcohol licenses by type in the City. Request additional information in zoning staff reports. Opposed to zoning case at 5400 Cascade Road and mixed-use project at Campbellton Rd. and Camp Creek Parkway.**
- 8. Reshard Snellings, District 1: Statement regarding City Council behavior.**

VI. 6:05 PM Council Comments

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate

Minutes:

Mayor:

Thanked everyone who came out to the Farmers Market last week.

Special thanks to the men who participated in the canvas of Pine Tree Condominiums and the

Pointer Ridge subdivision.

Announced Easter Extravengazna at Creel Park on Saturday, April 16.

The mayor encouraged everyone to celebrate Easter or Ramadan whichever religion they practice.

For more information, text Fulton to 33777.

District 1:

No comment.

District 2:

No comment, please visit Facebook page or CouncilwomanCarmalithaGumbs.com.

District 3:

Thanked residents, volunteers and elected officials for participating in Food Distribution and Easter basket giveaway at Welcome All

District 4:

Echoed sentiments of Councilmember Willis.

Thanked participants and volunteers for the first ever Autism Festival in District 4.

District 5:

Announced that April 22 is Earth Day and he and State Representative Mandisha Thomas will be giving away 300 trees. Announced the new District 5 website.

District 6:

Announced Easter Extravengazna at Creel Park on Saturday, April 16.

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Williams

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 adjourn the Work Session at 6:31 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.
