

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 4:00 PM



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Edwards 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.

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:

IV. Adoption of Council Agenda

Motion (Remove): 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 remove #7, items 1 and 4, from the Consent Agenda and hold until the next Regular Meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Remove): Councilmember Willis

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 remove #15, Resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or her/his designee to sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) for Economic Development projects from the Consent Agenda and hold to allow the City Manager to discuss this item with all Councilmembers.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve as Amended): 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 the Consent Agenda with the amendments to items 7 and 15.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Hold): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to hold #23, Resolution Establishing a 180 Day Moratorium on the Acceptance of any Rezoning Applications, Site Plans, Construction Permit Applications for 1) Subdivisions or Multi-Family Developments Consisting of 3 or More Residential Units 2) Industrial Uses and 3) Residential Rental Purposes, Extended Stay Residential Facilities, Nail Salons and Barbershops or other similar accommodations and/or Businesses Located within the City of South Fulton until the next Regular Meeting.

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

Motion (Table): Councilmember Willis

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 table #17, Request Council Approval of a Resolution Establishing Media and Communications Requirements for the City Communications Department until further notice.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Councilmember khalid requested a spreadsheet detailing all legislation, the current status of the legislation and when the legislation is anticipated to appear on the Council Agenda.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Willis

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 the Council Meeting Agenda with the noted amendments.

The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

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 following City Council Meeting Minutes:

Regular Meeting from February 23, 2021

Work Session Meeting from March 9, 2021

Zoning Public Hearing from March 9, 2021

The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Request Council Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2021 (City Clerk)
2. Request Council Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes from March 9, 2021 (City Clerk)
3. Request Council Approval of City Council Zoning Public Hearing Minutes from March 9, 2021 (City Clerk)

VI. Public Hearing(s)

4. Request Council Approval of a Request for Alcohol License Revocation: re Pro Entertainment Enterprise, Inc., dba South Beach (Police)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Reeves

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 Baker, khalid

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Public Hearing held. 16 comments received.

Rosa Robinson, District 6: Supports revocation.

Clyde Sampson, District 5: Supports revocation.

Charles Musgray, District 6: Supports revocation.

Phylliss Lewis: Supports revocation.

Sy Collins, District 5: Opposed to revocation.

Dr. Gordon Rolle, District 4: Opposed to revocation.

Dr. Sonia Francis-Rolle, District 4: Opposed to revocation.

Jill Lindsey, District 7: Opposed to revocation.

Sherie Phillips, District 6: Opposed to revocation.

Alexis Marcial, Atlanta: Opposed to revocation.

Angelique Cummings, Conyers: Opposed to revocation.

Mia Amerson, East Point: Opposed to revocation.

Melanie Melchor, Jonesboro: Opposed to revocation.

Krissy S, East Point: Opposed to revocation.

Tiffany Sykes, Riverdale: Opposed to revocation.

Demario Baker, Lithonia: Opposed to revocation.

Chief Keith Meadows spoke on behalf of the Police Department.

Kem Kimbrough, attorney for Pro Entertainment Enterprise spoke on behalf of the owner, Lucious Crowe and Jasiel Robinson.

A motion was made to approve the staff's recommendation of revocation of the liquor license for Pro Entertainment Enterprise dba South Beach.

The motion was approved 5-0-2. Councilmembers khalid and Baker abstained.

Motion (Previous Question): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Failed]

Yea: 4 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 3 Baker, Gilyard, khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to call the previous question.

The motion failed 4-3 based upon a ruling by Mayor Edwards that the motion required a supermajority for passage. Councilmembers khalid, Baker, and Gilyard voted in opposition.

5. Request Council Approval of an Alcohol License for Andy Food Center, Inc. dba Sam's Supermarket located at 3840 Stonewall Tell Road, Atlanta, GA 30349 (Police)

Motion (Hold): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gilyard

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

Public Hearing held. One comment was received.

Jaqueline Winston, District 4: Opposed to application.

The applicant, Zamilur Rahman, was present but did not speak.

A motion was made to hold this alcohol license application until the next Regular Meeting next month.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Public Comments

Minutes:

There were 26 speakers who submitted public comment as follows:

- 1. Valerie Swails, District 7: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium**
- 2. Dr. Francis Rolle, District 4: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 3. Dr. Gordon Rolle, District 4: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 4. Timperis Robertson, District 2: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium**
- 5. Gloria Willaims, District 2: Concerned about sanitation and litter in City**
- 6. Rhonda Simpson, District 3: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium**
- 7. Jewel Johnson, District 1: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 8. Brenda Marshall, District 6: Request continued funds for blighted properties**
- 9. Richard B. Allen, District 3: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 10. Antoinette Clacken, District 1: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 11. Juliette Rankins, District 4: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 12. Rosalyn Woolfolk, District 1: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15**
- 13. Stephanie Hudson, District 1: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium**
- 14. Tessa Berry, District 1: Request flashing lights in school zones**
- 15. Denice Brue-Clopton, District 3: Opposed to using school zone ticket fees to buy an**

armored truck

16. Willie Miller, District 4: Opposed to using school zone ticket fees to buy an armored truck

17. Glenda Collins, District 5: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15; Litter; Status of Stacks Rd. Bridge

18. Dana Norris, District 3: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15

19. Michael Schaepe, District 4: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15

20. Reshard Snellings, District 1: Concerned about the length of time to complete Cascade Road Culvert Replacement

21. Charles Mitchell, District 4: Opposed to Non-Disclosure legislation Item 15

22. Steven, District 6: Request continued funds for blighted properties and establishment of a zip code for the City of South Fulton.

23. Joseph Santoro, Council for Quality Growth: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium

24. Codeye Woody, Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium

25. Chris Knight, Fayetteville: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium

26. Corey Deal, Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association: Opposed to Zoning and Permit Moratorium

VIII. Council Comments

Minutes:

District 1:

The District One Town Hall Meeting was a success. A copy of the video is available on Councilmember Rowell's Facebook page.

Workout equipment is being installed at Trammell Crow Park.

The Fulton Industrial Boulevard and Camp Creek Parkway Streetscape Project is underway and is funded by the Fulton Industrial CID.

Kalmac's Home Decor will be hosting its grand opening on March 26, 2021 in the Sandtown Crossing Publix Shopping Plaza

District 2:

The District Two newsletter will be released soon.

Kalmac's Home Decor will be hosting its grand opening on March 26, 2021 in the Sandtown Crossing Publix Shopping Plaza

District 3:

Councilmember Willis thanked the residents for their participation in today's Council Meeting including those on the Youtube chat.

The Feeding Our City Food Distribution Program was a success at the Cliftondale United Methodist Church. There were over 920 boxes of food distributed.

The Easter Feeding Our City Food Distribution will be held April 2, 2021, 11 AM - 2 PM. Registration is required. In support of the City's Single Use Plastics Ordinance, recyclable grocery bags and reusable staws will be distributed.

District 4:

Councilmember Gilyard will be hosting bi-monthly community meetings with District 4 communities.

On March 31, 2021, there will be a District 4 Zoning Basics Meeting with featured speaker, Mr. Harold Reid.

District 5:

Councilmember Reeves announced that the former Target on Old National Highway in College Park is being torn down.

On April 22, 2021 from 9 AM - 2 PM, Councilmember Reeves and State Representative Mandisha Thomas will host the Georgia Environmental Justice Awareness and Education Forum. The event is free and will be virtual.

District 6:

Councilmember Khalid expressed congratulations to the Code Enforcement Division for demolishing the first property on the Blighted Properties list.

Councilmember Khalid also recognized the work of the Department of Communications for the many positive stories that they promote.

Citizens may sign up for his newsletter by texting Fulton3377 or visiting khalidcares.com.

District 7:

Councilmember Baker solicited any attorneys in the community who wish to participate with the National Reparations Movement Alliance and identified the first city to allocate resources for reparations, Evanston, Illinois.

Councilmember Baker also congratulated the Code Enforcement Division for demolishing a property on Old Jonesboro Rd. which was a property on the Blighted Properties list.

Citizens may sign up for his newsletter by e-mailing mark.baker@cityofsouthfultonga.gov.

IX. Consent Agenda Items

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Gumbs

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 Consent Agenda - items 6,7 (2,3), 8-14, 16.

The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Mayor/Council Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes:

- American Red Cross Month (**Councilmember Gumbs**)
- George Allen Bynoe Day (**Councilmember Rowell**)
- Haroun Shahid Wakil Appreciation Day (**Councilmember Baker**)
- Haroun Shahid Wakil Day (**Councilmember khalid**)
- Jasiel "Yung Joc" Robinson Day (**Councilmember khalid**)
- Ray Mills Day (**Councilmember khalid**)
- Sam Thompkins Appreciation Day (**Councilmember Rowell**)
- South Fulton Educators Day (**Mayor Edwards**)
- Vernon Jordan Day (**Councilmember khalid**)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

7. Request Council confirmation of the following recorded development plats as approved by the City Engineer pursuant to Section 4.2.2.E of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix D:

1. confirm the recorded plat for Queen Anne in Tapestry at Le Jardin
2. confirm the recorded plat for Camp Creek Village Phase 3
3. confirm the recorded plat for Riggins Ridge Phase 3B
4. confirm the recorded plat for Jackson Estate at Ono Road

Minutes:

Items 2 and 3 approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

Items 1 and 4 removed from agenda.

8. Request Council Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlanta Hawks Foundation, Inc. and accept a donation in the amount of \$115,000 from the Atlanta Hawks Foundation for the renovation of the "Art Room" at Welcome All Park (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

9. Request Council Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Secret Service (Police)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

10. Request Council Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to submit an application for the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) K-9 Grant (Police)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

11. Request Council Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Sheriffs Association to participate in the RAPIDS project (Police)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

12. Request Council Approval of a Resolution confirming matching funds in the amount of \$30,000 for a comprehensive update to the Old National LCI (CDRA)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

13. Request Council Approval of the Right of Way Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive up to \$504,000 of federal funds for Rights of Way acquisition for the Old National Highway (SR279) Phase II pedestrian facilities project with a match of \$126,000 (Public Works)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

14. Request Council Approval to renew the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 (IT)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

15. Request Council Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or her/his designee to sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) for Economic Development projects (City Manager)

Minutes:

Item removed from agenda.

16. Request Council Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or her/his designee to sign MS4 Permit related documentation (Public Works)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

X. Previous Agenda Items

17. Request Council Approval of a Resolution Establishing Media and Communications Requirements for the City Communications Department **(Councilmembers Willis and Gumbs)** (Item was held at the February 23, 2021 Council Meeting)

Minutes:

Item removed from agenda.

18. Request Council Approval to establish a policy to only hear zoning cases at zoning public hearings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and to vote on the same zoning cases at the next Regular Council Meeting held on the 4th Tuesday at 4:00 PM. **(Councilmember Willis)** (Item was held at the February 23, 2021 Council Meeting)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gilyard

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Rowell

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a policy to only hear zoning cases at zoning public hearings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and to vote on the same zoning cases at the next Regular Council Meeting held on the 4th Tuesday at 4:00 PM.

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

19. Second Reading and Request Council Approval of FY21 Budget Amendment #2 Ordinance (Finance)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second:

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve FY21 Budget Amendment #2 Ordinance.

The motion was withdrawn due to the loss of a second.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Baker

[Motion Failed]

Yea: 3 Baker, khalid , Reeves

Nay: 4 Gilyard, Gumbs, Rowell, Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A substitute motion was made to allocate \$1 million dollars from the School Speed Zone Program revenue to pedestrian improvements such as sidewalks, speed bumps and crosswalks.

The motion failed 3-4. Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis and Gilyard voted in opposition.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 2 Baker, khalid

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve FY21 Budget Amendment #2 Ordinance.

The motion was approved 5-2. Councilmembers khalid and Baker voted in opposition.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 khalid

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to direct the City Manager, City Attorney, Police Chief and Finance Director to bring back a plan to the City Council that allows the use of these funds consistent with State law.

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

20. Second Reading and Request Council Approval of An Ordinance Enhancing Operational Efficiency; Amending Section 4.13, City Clerk, of the City of South Fulton Charter **(Councilmember Rowell)**

Minutes:

This item was held until the next Regular Meeting.

21. Second Reading and Request Council Approval of Amended Parking Ordinance **(Mayor Edwards and Councilmember Willis)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gilyard

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Amended Parking Ordinance.

The motion was withdrawn.

The item was held to address Councilmember Rowell's amendment and other amendments as proposed by Chief Keith Meadows. Attorney Hyman was directed to review all amendments as proposed by Councilmember Rowell and Chief Meadows and bring back an amended ordinance.

Councilmember khalid requested that his Parking Ordinance which addresses parking zones and parking in front of mailboxes be included on the next available agenda.

22. Second Reading and Request Council Approval of Parking Ordinance Recognizing City of South Fulton Veterans **(Councilmembers Gumbs and Reeves)**

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[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 Parking Ordinance Recognizing City of South Fulton Veterans with an amendment to change the fine amount to \$25 as opposed to \$50.

This motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Agenda Items

23. Request Council Approval of Resolution Establishing a 180 Day Moratorium on the Acceptance of any Rezoning Applications, Site Plans, Construction Permit Applications for 1) Subdivisions or Multi-Family Developments Consisting of 3 or More Residential Units 2) Industrial Uses and 3) Residential Rental Purposes, Extended Stay Residential Facilities, Nail Salons and Barbershops or other similar accommodations and/or Businesses Located within the City of South Fulton. **(Councilmembers Gumbs, Rowell, Gilyard and Willis)**

Minutes:

Item removed from agenda.

24. First Reading of Proposed Changes to the False Alarm Ordinance (Police)

Minutes:

FIRST READ

25. First Reading of Amendments to Title 2 – Taxation of the City’s Ordinance regarding the Procedures for Denial, Suspension or Revocation of Occupation Tax Certificate. **(Councilmember Willis)**

Minutes:

FIRST READ

XII. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis

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 at 7:11 PM to recess for an Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate to begin at 7:25 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 8:11 PM.

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

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 authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with affected stakeholders for a proposed resolution of the Fulton Industrial Boulevard issue as follows: the City of Atlanta will annex the portion of Fulton Industrial Boulevard north of Interstate 20 and the City of South Fulton will annex the portion of Fulton Industrial Boulevard south of Interstate 20.

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

XIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): 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 adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:13 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corey E. Adams, Sr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
