

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Tuesday, March 9, 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	4:03 PM
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.

III. Agenda Items

1. 2021 Legislative Session Update and Tracking – Andrew Long, A. R. Long Company

Minutes:

Andrew Long, AR Long Company, presented the 2021 Legislative Session Update.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis and Councilmember Baker requested additional information regarding the charter amendment concerning clarifying the residency requirement.

Several Councilmember expressed concern with the South Fulton Delegation's insistence on naming the South Fulton Parkway after Congressman John Lewis. The City Council requested that Mr. Long re-state the Council's opposition to this proposal and take action to stop this bill for this legislative session. Mr. Long will make an effort to schedule a meeting between the Council and the Delegation regarding this issue.

Mr. Long committed to providing the bill number for the Short Term Rental legislation to Councilmember Gumbs.

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2. Reopening Plan – Public Access to City Facilities –Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs & Assistant City Manager

Minutes:

Tony Phillips, Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs provided an update regarding the City Reopening Plan – Public Access to City Facilities.

Mr. Philips outlined the Department's plans to re-establish programs and open certain parks as passive parks effective April 5, 2021.

Councilmember Gilyard requested that staff review the inclusion of Cedar Grove Park on the list of passive parks the opened.

3. City of South Fulton Parks Master Plan Funding Discussion – Perez Planning & Design, LLC

Minutes:

Carlos Perez with Perez Planning and Design led a discussion and update regarding the City of South Fulton Parks Master Plan Funding.

Councilmember khalid made a motion to move forward with consideration of a SPLOST. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reeves. The motion was ruled out of order due to the practice of not voting in Work Sessions.

Councilmember Gilyard requested that the consultant provide a larger copy of the map showing all of the parks and other facilities. Mr. Perez committed to providing this map to all Councilmembers and he will be seeking to meet individually with Councilmembers to review the map.

4. Finance Monthly Report

Minutes:

Report presented by Interim Finance Director, Nina Robinson.

The City Manager advised that she will provide an update to the Council regarding the historical funding status for the Blighted Property Fund upon completion of a staff meeting scheduled for March 11, 2021.

Councilmember Willis requested that future reports list the Actual-to-Budget numbers and display of percentages in relation to fiscal year expenditures.

Councilmember Gumbs requested an update memorandum and end date for when the issues with OpenGov will be resolved.

5. City Attorney Monthly Report

Minutes:

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

6. City Manager Monthly Report

Minutes:

Report presented by City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones.

City expected to receive additional CARES Act funding estimated at \$31 million dollars.

Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) projects are underway. Information will be added to the City's website for the public to track.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be managed by the City Manager's Office. Expected funding estimated at \$504,000.

Cascade Road Bridge Culvert Replacement Update: Expected completion is April 2021 (pending acceptable construction days)

High-Intensity Enforcement Program is underway. The program will be implemented in each Council District.

Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2021, 8 AM - 2 PM. Free to City residents. Locations: Creel Park and Merk Miles. Curbside pick up available for seniors. 470-552-4311

An information document will be developed to explain the postal service designation of certain zip codes as the City of South Fulton. The City Manager indicated she will meet with Councilmember Gilyard to address her questions regarding this issue.

An information document will be developed to explain the single-use plastics ordinance which went into effect on March 1, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requests a follow-up report from all departments who participated in the High-Intensity Enforcement efforts. This information should be shared with the public as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested a monthly report from the Code Enforcement Department regarding the status of cases and disposition of cases.

IV. 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 (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made at 6:09 PM to adjourn the Work Session and conduct an Executive Session after the Zoning Public Hearing.

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

Motion (Recess): 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 at 6:10 PM to Recess for an Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): 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 Reconvene from Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): 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 adjourn the Work Session at 6:43 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.



Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
