

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



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**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.**

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| 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 | ABSENT  |         |
| 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. Councilmember Gilyard was absent from the meeting.**

**II. Invocation - Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr., City Chaplain**

Minutes:

**The invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren Henry, Chaplain.**

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**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

**The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.**

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#### IV. Adoption of Council Agenda

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to adopt the Regular Meeting agenda with an amendment by Councilmember Willis to add an item to the agenda seeking 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.**

**The motion was approved 6-0.**

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#### V. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to approve the following City Council Meeting Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting from January 12, 2021**

**Work Session Meeting from February 9, 2021**

**Zoning Public Hearing from February 9, 2021**

**The motion was withdrawn.**

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Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0  
Abstain: 1 khalid  
Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to approve the following City Council Meeting Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting from January 12, 2021**

**Work Session Meeting from February 9, 2021**

**Zoning Public Hearing from February 9, 2021**

**The motion was approved 5-0-1. Councilmember khalid abstained and stated for the record that he supports Consent Agenda items 6,8,9,10,11, and 13 from the January 12 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.**

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Motion (): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion ]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to approve the following process for voting on and listing Consent Agenda items:**

**The Consent Agenda may be approved by a majority vote of the Council. The vote will be recorded as approved by the majority. If a member votes nay, the vote will be recorded as no for the entire Consent Agenda. If there are individual items that need to be discussed, those items may be removed by a majority vote of the Council. No items can be added to the Consent Agenda, items may only be removed by a majority vote of the Council.**

**The motion was approved 6-0.**

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1. Request Council Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021 (City Clerk)
2. Request Council Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes from February 9, 2021 (City Clerk)
3. Request Council Approval of City Council Zoning Public Hearing Minutes from February 9, 2021 (City Clerk)

VI. Public Hearing(s)

#### 4. City of South Fulton Comprehensive Plan Kick-off (CDRA)

Minutes:

**Shayla Reed, Director of the Department of Community Development and Regulatory Affairs detailed the timeline and outline for the City of South Fulton Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off. The public will be able to participate in community engagement meetings throughout the year leading to the deadline to submit the City's Comprehensive Plan to the State of Georgia by October 31, 2021. A public engagement calendar will be developed and distributed when complete.**

**Public Hearing Held. No Public Comments submitted.**

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#### VII. Public Comments

Minutes:

**There were 7 speakers who submitted public comment as follows:**

- 1. Lekisa Williams, District 7: Supports additional greenspaces, shopping and dining areas in the City.**
- 2. Pamela Harris, District 1: Opposed to additional warehouses in the City, Opposed to any residential development below \$500,000, Supports more commercial development**
- 3. Jewel Johnson, District 1: Opposed to any residential development below \$5000,000**
- 4. Khari Arnold: Seeks implementation of additional measures banning no-knock raids.**
- 5. Michael Williams, District 2: Submitted multiple quality of life concerns**
- 6. Gloria Willaims, District 2: Seeks moratorium and opposed to any residential development below \$5000,000 and seeks to limit the number of detached, single-family and townhomes units owned in one subdivision by a single entity**
- 7. Petra Parker: No comment, was present for zoning hearing.**

**The City Clerk entered a statement on the record regarding how the community can provide public comment at Council Meetings. Citizens were urged to go to the City's website and click on the Public Comment button for more information.**

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#### VIII. Council Comments

Minutes:

**District 1: No Comment**

**District 2:** Councilmember Gumbs thanked her colleagues and citizens for a successful "Evening of Prayer" which was held this past weekend. Councilmember Gumbs requested that citizens visit her YouTube page to view her recent forum regarding COVID vaccinations. Lastly, District 2 Community Conversations will be forthcoming in March.

**District 3:** Councilmember Willis thanked the faith-based community leaders for a successful "Evening of Prayer" which was held this past weekend. The Food Distribution program will begin again on February 26, 2021, from 1-3 PM at Welcome All Park Recreation Center. Registration is required. Additional food

distribution events will be occurring across the city in the weeks.

**District 5:** Councilmember Reeves announced that he and community partners will host "Give A Lot At Camelot" to provide food and COVID testing at the Camelot condominiums. Additionally, as a part of the "Do Read, Do Lead" series, Councilmember Reeves is promoting a book donation site at each City of South Fulton fire station and a book giveaway event featuring the book, "I Can't Quit."

**District 6:** Councilmember khalid requested that citizens sign up for his newsletter by texting Fulton3377. Additionally, Councilmember khalid requested a moment of silence in honor of the one-year anniversary of the murder of Amaud Arbery.

**District 7:** Councilmember Baker expressed his appreciation to Mayor Edwards and others for their assistance with the planning for the double turning lane on Oakley Industrial Blvd. and Jonesboro Road. Councilmember Baker also asked any attorneys in the community who wish to participate with the internal organization of the National Reparations Movement to contact him.

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## IX. Consent Agenda Items

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - items 5-11.**

**The motion was approved 6-0.**

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### 5. Mayor/Council Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes:

- Jarvis Adams (**Councilmember Willis**)
- Captain Andrea Hall (**Mayor and Council**)
- Jon Middlebrooks (**Councilmember Gumbs**)
- Sam Terrell (**Mayor Edwards**)
- Michelle Taylor Willis (**Councilmember Gumbs**)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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### 6. Request Council Approval of Board Appointment:

- **Councilmember Baker** appoints Roshawn Dorsey Buxton to the South Fulton Public Arts Commission

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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7. Request Council Approval to accept a donation from Operation Gratitude with a monetary value of \$3,860.68 (Police)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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8. Request Council Approval of a Resolution to apply for the National Endowment for the Arts Grant in the amount of \$25,000 with a required match of \$25,000 (**Councilmember Gumbs**)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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9. Request Council Approval of a Resolution Recognizing the Sale by the Cowart Estate, fka Cowart Lake Ventures, LP of its Remaining Tree Credits to South Fulton Developers (City Manager)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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10. Request Council Approval of a Resolution Causing for a Day of Prayer (**Councilmember Gumbs and Willis**)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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11. Request Council Approval of a Resolution Consenting to the Expansion of the Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District (**Councilmember Rowell**)

Minutes:

**Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.**

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X. Agenda Items

12. Request Council Approval to adopt the Model Mile Plan (CDRA)

Motion (Adopt): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Adopted]

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

Minutes:

**A motion was made to adopt the AeroAtl Greenway Model Mile Plan.**

**The motion was approved 6-0.**

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13. Request Council Approval to adopt the Campbellton Crossroads Plan (CDRA)

Motion (Adopt): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Adopted]

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

Minutes:

**A motion was made to adopt the Campbellton Crossroads Plan.**

**The motion was approved 6-0.**

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14. Request Council Approval of a Resolution Establishing Media and Communications Requirements for the City Communications Department  
**(Councilmembers Willis and Gumbs)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

Minutes:

**A motion was made to approve a Resolution Establishing Media and Communications Requirements for the City Communications Department**

**The motion was withdrawn and the item held by Councilmember Willis to allow time for the City Manager and staff to meet with her regarding the resolution.**

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15. First Reading of FY21 Budget Amendment #2 Ordinance (Finance)

Minutes:

**FIRST READ**

**Councilmember khalid requested that the City Manager review the annual funding for the Blighted Property Fund to include an accounting of the Fund's expenditures and revenues since 2019.**

**Councilmember Gumbs requested that the City Manager research what happened to the funds earmarked for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).**

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16. First Reading of An Ordinance Enhancing Operational Efficiency; Amending Section 4.13, City Clerk, of the City of South Fulton Charter  
**(Councilmember Rowell)**

Minutes:

**FIRST READ**

**Councilmember Willis requested that this legislation be-re-submitted through the Legislative Process including submission to the City Council for review.**

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17. First Reading of Amended Parking Ordinance **(Councilmembers Willis and khalid)**

Minutes:

**FIRST READ**

**Attorney Hyman will review both drafts of the proposed policy and receive input from Councilmembers for consideration in a comprehensive policy. Sponsors should be listed as Councilmember Willis, Mayor Edwards, and Councilmember khalid has a complementary policy that Attorney Hyman will review.**

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18. First Reading of Parking Ordinance Recognizing City of South Fulton Veterans **(Councilmember Gumbs)**

Minutes:

**FIRST READ**

**Councilmember Gumbs indicated that she will work with Attorney Hyman to revise the language regarding fines (reduce from \$50 to \$25). Councilmember Reeves requested to be added as a co-sponsor.**

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19. Request Council Approval to Establish a Policy to Only Hear Zoning Cases at Zoning Public Hearings

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Withdrawn]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Gilyard

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 withdrawn and the item held by Councilmember Willis to allow time for the City Manager and staff to meet with her regarding the policy.**

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XI. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 2 Gilyard, khalid

Minutes:

**A motion was made at 6:01 PM to recess for an Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate.**

**The motion was approved 5-0. Councilmember khalid did not vote.**

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Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 2 Gilyard, khalid

Minutes:

**A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:39 PM.**

**The motion was approved 5-0. Councilmember khalid did not vote.**

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## XII. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 2 Gilyard, khalid

Minutes:

**A motion was made to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:40 PM.**

**The motion was approved 5-0. Councilmember khalid did not vote.**



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**Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk**

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