

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 4:00 PM



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Meeting Called to Order

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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
khalid kamau	Mayor	Present	4:02 PM
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	
Mark Baker	District 7 Councilmember	Present	

Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was established.

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

Minutes:

The invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren Henry, Chaplain and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor khalid requested a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Pamela Freeman.

III. Adoption of Council Agenda

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Baker

[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Council Agenda.

The motion was not carried.

Minutes:

Councilmember Willis requested to add two items to the Council agenda for action: 1) Request Council approval of a hiring bonus for Post Certified Police to receive \$3,000 after 90 days employed with a commitment/signed agreement to stay with the City for 36 months and 2) First Read of An Ordinance Title 4, Law Enforcement, Chapter 1, In General, Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of South Fulton, Georgia To Add Section 4-1004, Authorization For The Chief Of Police To Administer Oath Of Office For Sworn Police Officers.

Councilmember Sebastian requested that agenda items 10 and 14 be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

The City Clerk advised that the following appointments were submitted and should be considered with the other board and commission appointments listed under item 8:

Councilmember Gumbs appoints the following citizens:

Board of Code Enforcement: Sam Bowen

Board of Ethics: Eric Johnson, II, Esq.

Environmental Committee: Antionette Edwards

Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission: Cybil Talley

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Wanda Ibadapo

Planning Commission: Keith Perry

Public Arts Commission: Ashley Ruffin Daramola

Zoning Board of Appeals: Sonya Patterson

Public Buildings Naming/Renaming Committee: Brenda Pope

Street Renaming Committee: Corro'll Driskell

Municipal Court Chief Judge Michael Sheridan appoints Ms. Veronica L. Richardson, Esq. to the Board of Ethics.

Mayor khalid advised that each item to amend the agenda will be considered and voted upon separately.

Motion (Amend): Jaceey Sebastian
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gumbs, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 1 Reeves
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilmember Sebastian to remove agenda items 10 and 14 from the Consent Agenda and add them to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

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

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

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the addition of the appointments as read by the City Clerk.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis to add two items to the Council agenda for action:
1) Request Council approval of a hiring bonus for Post Certified Police to receive \$3,000 after 90 days employed with a commitment/signed agreement to stay with the City for 36 months and
2) First Read of An Ordinance Title 4, Law Enforcement, Chapter 1, In General, Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of South Fulton, Georgia To Add Section 4-1004, Authorization For The Chief Of Police To Administer Oath Of Office For Sworn Police Officers.

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

Motion (Authorize): Councilmember Willis
Second: Natasha Williams
[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to appeal and overrule the ruling of the Mayor and to authorize the Police Chief to make a statement.

The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

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

Regular Meeting from November 9, 2021, December 14, 2021

Work Session Meeting from November 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, January 11, 2022

Zoning Public Hearing from November 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, January 11, 2022

Special Called Meeting from November 15, 2021, December 21, 2021, December 30, 2021, January 6, 2022

The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Request Council Approval of of the following City Council Regular Meeting Minutes:
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021
2. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Work Session Minutes:
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021
January 11, 2022
3. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Zoning Public Hearing Minutes:
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021
January 11, 2022

4. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes:
November 15, 2021
December 21, 2021
December 30, 2021
January 6, 2022

V. Swearing-In of Michael Sheridan, Chief Judge, City of South Fulton Municipal Court

Minutes:

Mayor khalid kamau administered the oath of office to Judge Michael Sheridan.

VI. Rezoning, Variance and Modification Cases (For Motion and Vote)

5. **M21-007 and CV21-007:** Council to consider a modification to allow 144 townhomes instead of the previously approved 114 townhomes, to reduce the minimum heated floor area from 2000 square feet to 1800 square feet, and to revise the traffic conditions. Council to consider a concurrent variance to remove portions of the berm required by the Sandtown Overlay. 0 Campbellton Rd. **(District 1) (Item deferred from the December 14, 2021 Meeting)**

Motion (Defer): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to defer case number M21-007 and CV21-007 until the next Regular Council Meeting.

The motion to defer was approved unanimously.

6. **U21-007:** Request for special use permit for Cosmetology salon suites. 7580 Springbox Drive **(District 4)**

Motion (Defer): Jacey Sebastian

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to defer case number U21-007 until the next Regular Council Meeting.

The motion to defer was approved unanimously.

VII. Consent Agenda Items

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Gumbs

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 5 Gumbs, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 1 Reeves

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda - items 7-9, 11-13, 15.

The motion with amendments was approved 6-1. Councilmember Reeves voted in opposition.

7. Mayor/Council Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes:
Clifftondale Elementary Beta Club (**Councilmember Gumbs**)
Blankies 4 My Buddies (**Councilmember Reeves**)
Warren Edward White (**Mayor Pro Tem Willis**)
Jimmy Hood Day (**Mayor khalid**)
Isiah Turner, Jr. Day (**Councilmember Rowell**)
Bedford Estates Festival of Lights (**Councilmember Gumbs**)
Makenzie Sierra Thompson Month (**Councilmember Gumbs**)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

8. Request Council Approval of Board/Committee Appointments:

Mayor:

Mayor khalid appoints Drew de Man to the Environmental Committee.

Mayor khalid appoints Osbert Leonard to the Code Enforcement Board.

Mayor khalid appoints Stanley Muhammad to the Street Renaming Committee and the Public Buildings Naming Committee.

District 1:

Councilmember Rowell appoints Suzy Ockleberry Wynn to the Ethics Panel.

Councilmember Rowell re-appoints Derek Pollard to the Development Authority.

District 3:

Councilmember Willis appoints Jill Pope to the Ethics Panel.

District 4:

Councilmember Sebastian appoints Barbara Mostella to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Councilmember Sebastian appoints Janai Walters to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Sebastian appoints Thant Coleman to the South Fulton Development Authority.

Councilmember Sebastian appoints Harry Bowden to the Ethics Panel.

District 6:

Councilmember Williams appoints Paulette DeVaughn to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Williams appoints Kenneth Mitchell to the Ethics Panel.

Councilmember Williams appoints Rae Pollack to the Environmental Committee.

Councilmember Williams appoints Joyce Armster to the Code Enforcement Board.

Councilmember Williams appoints Nichole Thomas to the Street Renaming Committee and the Public Buildings Naming Committee.

Councilmember Williams appoints Judy Booker to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Williams appoints Clyde King to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Minutes:

Item and additions added during the meeting approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

9. 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 Westlake 5950 **(District 1)**
 2. Confirm the recorded plat for Le Chateau Luxury Homes **(District 4)**
 3. Confirm the recorded plat for NexAir Training Facility **(District 7)**

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

10. Request Council approval authorizing staff to select and enter into a Service Agreement with Atlanta Community Food Bank to perform Food Insecurity Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 (and to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act funding) as the most Responsive and Responsible proponent in response to RFP 22-002: Implementation and Management of Program to Address Food Insecurity **(City Manager/Procurement)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the authorization of staff to select and enter into a Service Agreement with Atlanta Community Food Bank to perform Food Insecurity Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 (and to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act funding) as the most Responsive and Responsible proponent in response to RFP 22-002: Implementation and Management of Program to Address Food Insecurity.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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11. Request Council approval to purchase protective gear from SRT Supplies in an amount not to exceed \$35,950.00 utilizing approved funds from the Confiscated Asset Fund **(Police)**

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

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12. Request Council approval to close two T-SPLOST Operational and Safety Improvement Projects [(OSI-609) – Feldwood Road Morning Creek and (OSI 610) - Feldwood Road at Bench Mark Drive] and allow quick response (QR) improvements for Mallory Road and Feldwood Road intersections with Flat Shoals Road by using funds left on projects OSI 610 and OSI 609 (**Public Works**)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

13. Request Council approval authorizing staff to select and enter into a Service Agreement with WorldScapes-LGP, LLC to perform Landscape Maintenance Services for 16 Miles of City Right of Way on State Routes in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 as the most Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to ITB 22-001: Landscape Maintenance for 16 miles of City Right of Way (**Public Works/Procurement**)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

14. A Resolution Appointing District 5 Councilmember Corey A. Reeves As Mayor Pro Tempore; Setting The Date Of Appointment Of Said Mayor Pro Tempore (**Sponsored by Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Williams and Baker**)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve A Resolution Appointing District 5 Councilmember Corey A. Reeves As Mayor Pro Tempore; Setting The Date Of Appointment Of Said Mayor Pro Tempore.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilmember Sebastian requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

15. A Resolution By The City Of South Fulton, Georgia Authorizing An Agreement With Michael Sheridan To Serve As The City's Chief Municipal Court Judge And For Other Lawful Purposes (**Mayor khalid**)

Minutes:

Item approved as a part of Consent Agenda.

VIII. Public Comments

Minutes:

There were 31 people who submitted public comments as follows:

- 1. Keishan Davis, District 3: Comment regarding the South Fulton Tennis Center**
- 2. Brianna McGeehan, District 7: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 3. Drew de Man, District 7: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 4. Corey Critell, District 7: Comment regarding local business and economic development.**
- 5. Daphne Jordan, District 3: Support proposed charter amendments**
- 6 Juliette Rankins, District 4: Concerned about proposed Kwanzaa and Wellness Days resolutions.**
- 7. Grace Battle, District 2: Opposed to City providing sanitation service**
- 8. Connie Branch, District 7: Request traffic light at Bethsaida Road and Jonesboro Road; Sidewalks are needed on Bethsaida Road between Connally and Creel Roads.**
- 9. Barbara Mckee, District 6: Request support for an ordinance**
- 10. Naeema Gilyard, District 4: Request that Council respects the will of the voters.**
- 11. Michael Venable, District 6: Request that the City Council vote on zoning items immediately after the zoning hearings**
- 12. Connie Robinson, District 2: Opposed to City providing one-source sanitation service; Opposed to zoning case M21-007/CV21-007.**
- 13. Deborah Kennedy, District 1: Opposed to zoning case M21-007/CV21-007.**
- 14. Joseph Mau, District 7: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 15. Paul Brady, District 7: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 16. Karen McGeehan, District 7: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 17. Loretta, District 6: What are the plans to revitalize District 6 and Old National Highway; Request that the Buffington Park Subdivision streets are repaved.**
- 18. Gwen Foston, District 5: Does not support charter amendments**
- 19. Glenda Collins, District 5: Comment regarding zoning case M21-007/CV21-007 - opposed to increased units; Supports charter amendments and is opposed to the requested new Kwanza holiday.**
- 20. Sheila Louder, District 5: Congratulations to the new mayor and council. Supports the Old National area, new Public Advocate position and requests attention to environmental justice, homelessness and improving schools.**
- 21. Harvey Davis, District 1: Expressed concern regarding elected officials blocking their social meeting accounts, Supports charter amendments**
- 22. Marsha Still, District 5: Does not support charter amendments**
- Diane Johnson, District 5: Opposed to the requested new Kwanza holiday.**
- 23. Gloria Williams, District 2: Expressed concern about littering in the City and request increase litter pick up services**
- 24. Leslie Moore, District 5: Supports the Mayor and his Martin L. King Jr. Day event he hosted at Camelot Condominiums. Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments**
- 25. Michael Williams, District 2: Request support for the Parking Ordinance.**

26. Tuneen Chisolm, District 4: Opposed to zoning case U21-007.
27. Sharon Steavens, District 3: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments
28. Aurelia Soleatha Ransom, District 4: Wondered what is being built at the corner of South Fulton Parkway and Highway 92.
29. Crystal Green, District 2: Request that traffic cameras report accidents and incidents.
30. Cecil Drummond, District 7: Request the status of detention pond maintenance in the City.
31. Reshard Snellings, District 1: Supports forensic audit and does not support charter amendments
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IX. Agenda Items

16. Request Council approval to accept the 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$1,163,120.52 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contingent on the City of South Fulton providing the required 30% match in the amount of \$348,936.15 **(Public Works)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Request for Council approval to accept the 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$1,163,120.52 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contingent on the City of South Fulton providing the required 30% match in the amount of \$348,936.15.

The motion was approved unanimously.

17. Request Council Approval of an Ordinance Declaring A State of Emergency in the City of South Fulton; Providing for City Meetings to be Held Virtually; Providing for an Effective Date and for Other Purposes **(Mayor khalid)**

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Baker

Second: Jaceey Sebastian

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Request for Council Approval of an Ordinance Declaring A State of Emergency in the City of South Fulton; Providing for City Meetings to be Held Virtually; Providing for an Effective Date with an amendment by Mayor khalid to extend the emergency ordinance for 25 days.

The motion was approved unanimously.

18. Presentation: 2022 Redistricting Process

Minutes:

The City Manager provided an update regarding a recent meeting held in December 2021 with Brian Knight with the State Reapportionment Office (SRO). The SRO is working on reapportioned maps for the City based upon the 2020 Census. The City Manager will coordinate with the SRO to update the Council at a future meeting and the topic will be discussed at the Council Retreat.

Councilmember Willis requested that the City Manager inquire with the City Manager for the City of Savannah to gain insight regarding their process and approach to reapportionment. She also suggested that the City Manager reach out to the Atlanta Regional Commission to determine if they offer assistance regarding redistricting.

Mayor khalid advised that he has spoken to Aaron Johnson, a member of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections and based upon this conversation it does not appear that there is an urgent need to reapportion the City's Council Districts at this time. If a special election is required, Mayor khalid advised he was told that the City can use the existing district boundaries because the vacancy is for an existing and unexpired seat.

19. Request Council Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Downtown Development Authority

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

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Baker
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Request for Council Approval of an Intergovernmental

Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Development Authority and an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Downtown Development Authority.

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

20. Second Reading of An Ordinance To Amend the City of South Fulton's Charter Article II, Government Structure, Election and Removal, Section 2.16 (b)(1); Article III, Organization of Government General Authority And Ordinance, Section 3.23 (a); and Article IV, Administrative Affairs, Section 4.12 (a)(1) and (2) And For Other Lawful Purposes (**Sponsored by Councilmember Rowell, Mayor Pro Tem Willis and Councilmember Gumbs**)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 4 Gumbs, Rowell, Williams, Willis

Nay: 1 Reeves

Abstain: 2 Baker, Sebastian

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance To Amend the City of South Fulton's Charter Article II, Government Structure, Election and Removal, Section 2.16 (b)(1); Article III, Organization of Government General Authority And Ordinance, Section 3.23 (a); and Article IV, Administrative Affairs, Section 4.12 (a)(1) and (2).

The motion was approved 4-1-2. Councilmember Reeves voted in opposition. Councilmember Baker and Sebastian abstained.

21. Request Council Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Development Authority

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Baker

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Request for Council Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Development Authority and an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of South Fulton and the South Fulton Downtown Development Authority.

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

22. Request Council approval of A Resolution Adopting the Community Development Services Department's 2022 Calendars for Rezonings, Modifications and Variances for the Mayor and Council of the City of South Fulton, Georgia to comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and for other purposes **(Community Development)**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve A Resolution Adopting the Community Development Services Department's 2022 Calendars for Rezonings, Modifications and Variances for the Mayor and Council of the City of South Fulton, Georgia to comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

The motion was approved unanimously.

23. Request to Repeal Resolution 2017-039 (Parity of Pay) and Resolution 2018-059 (Legislative Specialists Terms of Employment)
(Mayor khalid)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Repeal of Resolution 2017-039 (Parity of Pay) and Resolution 2018-059 (Legislative Specialists Terms of Employment).

The motion was approved unanimously.

X. Addendum Items

24. Request Council approval of a hiring bonus for Post Certified Police to receive \$3,000 after 90 days employed with a commitment/signed agreement to stay with the City for 36 months **(Police)**

Note: Item added to Agenda on January 25, 2022 during Adoption of the Agenda

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 6 Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Baker

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve a Request for Council approval of a hiring bonus for Post Certified Police to receive \$3,000 after 90 days employed with a commitment/signed agreement to stay with the City for 36 months.

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

25. First Read of An Ordinance Title 4, Law Enforcement, Chapter 1, In General, Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of South Fulton, Georgia To Add Section 4-1004, Authorization For The Chief Of Police To Administer Oath Of Office For Sworn Police Officers And For Other Lawful Purposes
(Sponsored by Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Gumbs, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Williams)

Note: Item added to Agenda on January 25, 2022 during Adoption of the Agenda

Minutes:

First Read

XI. Council Comments

Minutes:

Mayor:

Congratulated Makenzie Thompson for receiving over \$1 million dollars in scholarships and over 39 college entrance offers. Makenzie serves as the SGA President at Westlake High School.

Encouraged citizens to participate in the Genealogy workshop scheduled for February 12, 2022 at 10 AM.

Thanked Mel Keyton for cooking food and residents and volunteers for their participation and assistance during the meet and greet at Camelot Club Condos for the Martin L. King Jr. Day of Service on January 17, 2022.

Announced that Council Meeting agendas will be "topic-focused" and for the month of February the topic will be human resources and planning and zoning for March. Requested that Council and staff submit their legislation based upon these topics. Additionally, he will manage the agenda to ensure that the meetings end by 9 PM, if possible.

District 1:

Thanked volunteers for participation in the monthly community clean-up for the Martin L. King Jr. Day of Service on January 17, 2022. Over 60 people showed. The next clean-up event is scheduled for February 19, 2022.

Thanked the Public Works Department for the installation of the "No Trucks" signs on Cascade Road.

District 2:

Thanked residents for offering their time and service on the various boards and commissions.

Request volunteers and parents to come out to Stonewall Tell Elementary School for the Tiny Library construction on January 29, 2022.

World Read Aloud Day is February 2, 2022.

Litter collection activities will begin in February.

District 3:

Thanks Dr. Tolbert with Red Oak Veterinary, Wayfield Foods, Senator Halpern and School Board representative Dove for their assistance during the Martin L. King, Jr. Day Community Giveback. Over \$2,000 was raised and grocery gift cards and PPE were distributed to citizens.

District 4:

Thanked residents and volunteers for participating in the Martin L. King Jr. Day of Service District 4 Community Cleanup.

Announced that citizens should be alert for forthcoming District 4 virtual meetings.

District 5:

Announced that February is Black History Month and March is National Reading Month and he will be collecting books throughout both months. Encourages all men to assist with reading to children at Feldwood Elementary and Heritage Middle Schools beginning in February.

District 6:

The District 6 Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2022 at Burdette Gym at 11 AM.

District 7:

Reminded residents that the next Old National Common Unity Series will be held in February at the LA Fitness parking lot.

Announced that he is running for the 13th Congressional seat and will have to relinquish his council seat upon qualification.

XII. Executive Session

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made at 6:46 PM to recess for an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Baker

Second: Councilmember Reeves

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:51 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

XIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gumbs, Reeves, Rowell, Sebastian, Williams, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:54 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
