

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 5:00PM



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm.
The roll was called by the City Clerk. All members were present.

- Executive Session regarding Personnel

a. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a closed Executive Session

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regarding Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. Councilmember Willis rescinded her motion.

b. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

c. A motion was made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to close the Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 5:01pm and adjourned at 6:50pm.

d. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to extend the Work Session for an additional 15 to 30 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

- South Fulton CID Presentation – Joddie Gray

Ms. Joddie Gray, South Fulton CID Administrator and Mr. Mark Sanders, South Fulton CID Government Relations Counsel of South Fulton CID gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining who they are, their purpose and locations of the South Fulton CID.

Ms. Gray described the South Fulton CID 2018-2020 Focus Projects and the benefits to the local communities. She provided a list of the Multi-Modal Study Projects and the benefits to the City of South Fulton.

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Ms. Gray requested the approval of the South Fulton CID Cooperation Agreement with the City of South Fulton and she recommended the appointment of Ryan J. Bandy, Vice President, Clarion Partners as the cities representative.

Ms. Gray and Mr. Sanders entertained questions from Councilmembers. Questions were asked about the South Fulton CID boundaries, the priority projects, the Multi-Modal Projects within the City of South Fulton, the board appointment and the future Expansion Resolution.

Ms. Gray will send Councilmembers additional information on South Fulton CID properties, 2018 priority/key projects within the City of South Fulton and a draft of the Multi-Modal projects.

- **Discussion Items:**
 - i. **Record of Pending Ordinances – David Dove, City Attorney Representative.**

Mr. Dove gave an overview of pending and adopted Ordinances and their status. (Mr. Dove stated that this is the first draft report and corrections and additions will be made.) He encouraged Councilmembers to email any changes or corrections. An updated list will be provided at each Council Work Session.

Councilmember Gumbs requested that Resolutions be included. Councilmember Rowell requested adding a column with Ordinance Numbers.

Mayor Edwards indicated that each Ordinance or Resolution has an economic impact. He requested to include economic impact for public information.

- ii. **Resolution to require certain protocols for citizens making public comments; to institute process of responding to citizens' questions provided in City Council meetings; providing**

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transparency and accountability for the City of South Fulton;
and for other purposes. **(Gumbs)**

Councilmember Gumbs strongly encouraged her colleagues to support the Resolution for the benefit of the public, so the questions and concerns during the public comment period can be addressed/answered.

- iii. Resolution to develop a park, recreation, trail and open space master plan for the City of South Fulton. **(Rowell and Gilyard)**

Councilmember Rowell invited Tony Phillips, Director of Parks & Recreation for Fulton County to discuss the process of developing a Master Plan for Park & Recreation for all Districts in the City of South Fulton.

Mayor Edwards stressed the importance of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Citizens could vote on a bond issuance to get money for updating all the parks.

Councilwoman Gilyard addressed the community and told them that they would be involved in the process for the future of parks and recreation.

Councilmember Rowell requested a Work Session devoted to Parks and Recreation be scheduled as soon as possible.

- iv. Resolution urging the Georgia General Assembly to oppose de-annexation legislation to create new municipalities; providing for severability, repealing inconsistent resolutions, providing an effective date, and for other purposes. **(Gilyard, Rowell, Gumbs and Willis)**

Councilmember Gilyard discussed how the deannexation goal of Eagles Landing in Stockbridge, Georgia might have an impact on other cities in Georgia. Citizens in the Eagles Landing subdivision want to deannex from Stockbridge to create their own city. A bill was sent to the General Assembly.

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- v. An Ordinance to adopt the City SmokeFree Act of 2017.
(Rowell and Gumbs)

Councilmember Rowell discussed the benefits of this Ordinance as it relates to second-hand smoke in and around establishments, and discouraging our youth to refrain from smoking. Councilmember Gumbs added her support and stated this does not impact the smoke/cigar houses.

Councilmember Jackson distributed a copy of Fulton County's Comprehensive Plan to Councilmembers and indicated this is coming up, and the Plan should be reviewed in preparation to move forward.

- Adjournment

- e. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to adjourn the Work Session. Hearing no objection, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:52pm.


Mark Massey, City Clerk