

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 4:00 PM



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor khalid kamau at 4:00 PM.

Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr., City Chaplain, opened the meeting with an invocation.

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.

1. Roll Call

Minutes:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
khalid kamau	Mayor	Present	
Catherine F. Rowell	District 1 Councilmember	Present	
Carmalitha Gumbs	District 2 Councilmember	Present	4:15 PM
Helen Z. Willis	District 3 Councilmember	Present	
Jacey 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.

2. Monthly Reports

1. Finance Report - Karen Slayton-Dixon, Finance Director

Minutes:

Report presented by Finance Director, Karen Slayton-Dixon.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

2. City Manager's Report - Tammi Saddler Jones, City Manager

Minutes:

City Manager Jones outlined a memorandum detailing all of the tasks completed for newly elected officials.

Introduced new employees: Dionne Dixon, new Court Administrator and Allison Keefer, as interim Director of Community Development and Regulatory Affairs

City Hall reopened on January 10, 2022. All employees are required to get tested and provide a negative test prior to returning to work.

The City has taken steps to order Covid-19 at-home tests.

Councilmember Rowell requested a summary report for the first distribution of CARES Act funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that the City Manager provide a communication to the Public Safety leadership and employees regarding the status of funds allocated from the State and Federal government.

Ms. Keefer provided an update regarding the backlog in the permitting office.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that the City Manager ensure that citizens are not receiving rental assistance from both the County and the City.

Mayor khalid requested that the City Manager develop a one-sheet summary explaining the permitting process for citizens.

3. Discussion Items

Minutes:

There were 18 people who submitted public comments as follows:

- 1. Drew de Man, District 7 (Expressed support for Mayor khalid and ability to appoint the city manager, city attorney and city clerk.)**
- 2. Georgia Oliver, District 3 (Supports Mayor khalid)**
- 3. Dedrecus Gordan, District 6 (Supports Mayor khalid)**
- 4. Christopher Bazemore, District 4 (Supports Mayor khalid)**
- 5. Brianna McGeehan, District 7 (Supports Mayor khalid)**
- 6. Jennifer Jones, District 7 (Supports Mayor khalid)**
- 7. Torean La'Vee Hargro, District 3 (Urges everyone to work together)**
- 8. Van Brown, District 6 (Urges everyone to work together)**

9. Karen McGeehan, District 7 (Expressed support for Mayor khalid and ability to appoint the city manager, city attorney and city clerk.)
 10. David Rector, District 4 (Request the police department assign
 11. Pamela Harris, District 1 (request that Councilmember Rowell support Mayor khalid)
 12. Joyce Armster, District 6 (Urges everyone to work together)
 13. Reshard Snellings, District 1 (Supports Mayor khalid)
 14. Carl Neal, District 1 (Supports Mayor khalid)
 15. Drusilla Talley-Williams, District 1 (Supports Mayor khalid)
 16. Jill Lindsey, District 7 (Supports Mayor khalid)
 17. Jane Williams, District 5 (Urges everyone to work together)
 18. Jerome Carter, District 1 (Supports Mayor khalid)
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1. **Dept. of Human Resources Policy Changes - Niki Graham, Director, Dept. of Human Resources**

Minutes:

This item was removed from the agenda by the City Manager.

2. **Police Department Recommended Bonuses and Incentives - Keith Meadows, Chief, Police Department**

Minutes:

Police Chief Keith Meadows and Lt. Jubal Rogers presented an overview of the proposed Police Department Recommended Bonuses and Incentives Program.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis asked that the City Manager consider a similar program for the Fire Department. Additionally, she requested that the City Manager research residency and incentive requirements for officers.

3. **City Calendar -Mayor khalid kamau**

Minutes:

Mayor khalid presented a Master City Calendar for the Council's consideration. Mayor khalid requested that all Councilmembers provide events to the Communications Department.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that the Communications Department re-send the instructions to access the Citywide Events Calendar.

Mayor khalid presented proposed legislation for Wellness Days and Kwanzaa Holiday.

The legislation has been presented to the legislative process.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Councilmembers Rowell and Gumbs requested additional information regarding the financial impact of these proposals and any examples where these proposals have been implemented.

4. Council Committees – Mayor khalid kamau

Minutes:

Mayor khalid presented a proposal to create Council Committees. (6 Permanent and 1 Temporary Committee). The proposal is recommended to begin by April 1, 2022.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis requested that the City Manager and City Clerk reach out to the City of Douglasville to determine how their committee process works. She also suggested that this topic is more appropriate for discussion at a City Council Retreat.

5. Mayor Pro Tem Policy

Minutes:

Mayor khalid presented draft legislation to change the process for the selection of the Mayor Pro Tem. This legislation will be submitted through the legislative process and will require a City Charter change.

The presentation was followed by a question and discussion period.

4. Executive Session

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues:

1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate

Minutes:

No Executive Session was conducted.

5. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 Baker

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 6:47 PM.

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

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
