

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2022, 6:00 PM



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor khalid kamau at 6:00 PM.

Mayor khalid 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.

2. 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	
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.

3. Agenda Items

1. Ratification and Confirmation of Swearing-In Ceremony that was held on January 4, 2022

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 proceed with the swearing-in of the Mayor, and Councilmembers for District 2, 4, and 6 at this time due to the lack of a quorum at the January 4, 2022 swearing-in.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Judge Michael Sheridan administered the oath of office to Mayor khalid kamau, Councilmembers Carmalitha Gumbs, Jacey Sebastian and Natasha Williams.

2. Decision to keep, postpone or cancel 2022 Inauguration scheduled for January 8, 2022

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 hold the selection of the Mayor Pro Tem until the next regularly scheduled meeting, January 25, 2022.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Gumbs
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 the recommendation of the City Manager to postpone the 2022 Inauguration scheduled for January 8, 2022 until a date to be determined.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. 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 kamau)

Motion (Approve as Amended): 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 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 a friendly amendment to postpone the return to an in-person meeting on January 25, 2022 (the January 25, 2022 meeting will remain virtual).

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Decision to keep or postpone scheduled return to In-Person Meetings, scheduled for January 25, 2022

Minutes:

This item was included in the motion addressing the previous agenda item.

5. Covid Safety Protocols for In-Person Attendance at Inauguration, In-Person Council Meetings and City Events

Minutes:

The City Manager advised the City will continue its safety protocols whenever the City re-opens and resumes in-person meetings. These protocols include wearing masks, continued sanitizing of facilities, using hand sanitizer, maintaining proper separation, asking symptom questions, increased signage and temperature checks. The City will continue utilizing these protocols and evaluating the implementation of additional measures as appropriate.

Mayor khalid requested that the City Manager continue to update the Council and provide any recommendations well in advance to ensure adequate time for implementation.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis recommended that the public continue to avoid large gatherings and take the COVID-19 virus seriously.

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

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 1 Baker

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made at 6:47 PM to recess for an Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate.

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

Motion (Reconvene): Councilmember Baker

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 reconvene from Executive Session at 7:51 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **A Resolution To Express Disapproval Of Mayor khalid kamau's Recent Actions That Interfere, Disrupt and Violate The City's Charter Regarding Role Delineation Between The City Council And Mayor And For Other Lawful Purposes**
(Sponsored by Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Sebastian, Reeves and Williams)

ADDED: After Executive Session Discussion on January 6, 2022

Motion (Approve): Natasha Williams

Second: Councilmember Gumbs

[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

As a result of the discussion in the Executive Session, the following resolution and motion was made.

A motion was made to approve A Resolution To Express Disapproval Of Mayor khalid kamau's Recent Actions That Interfere, Disrupt and Violate The City's Charter Regarding Role Delineation Between The City Council and Mayor.

The motion was not carried.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Willis

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Approved]

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Baker

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A substitute motion was made to add to the agenda and approve A Resolution To Express Disapproval Of Mayor khalid kamau's Recent Actions That Interfere, Disrupt and Violate The City's Charter Regarding Role Delineation Between The City Council and Mayor.

The motion was approved 6-0-1. Councilmember Baker abstained for the stated reason that he did not have an opportunity to read the legislation prior to its presentation.

5. Adjournment of Meeting

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 8:11 PM.

The motion was approved unanimously.



Corey E. Adams, Sr., City Clerk
