

# **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**City Hall**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 7:00 PM**



## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Meeting Called to Order - Mayor Gumbs**

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.**

**The meeting is being conducted under special emergency circumstances due to the Emergency Order issued by the Georgia Governor regarding Winter Storm Fern, dated January 22, 2026. City Council members and staff are participating via conference call (Zoom). The meeting is being simulcast in realtime via the City's YouTube channel.**

### **II. Roll Call - Corey Adams, City Clerk**

**Present: Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs  
Councilmember Catherine F. Rowell  
Councilmember Aaron V. Johnson  
Councilmember Helen Z. Willis  
Councilmember Jacey Sebastian  
Councilmember Keosha B. Bell  
Councilmember Linda B. Pritchett  
Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown**

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

### **III. Invocation - City Chaplin**

**City Chaplain gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **V. Adoption of Council Agenda**

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the Amended Council Agenda by unanimous consent without any objections.**

**Amendments:**

1. **District 3** – Waive first reading for Case **Z25-036 / CDP25-015** and proceed with motion and vote.
2. **District 3** – Food Distribution and Shredding Event on **February 28, 2026**.
3. **District 3** – Town Hall Meeting on **March 3, 2026**, from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at **Welcome All Park**.
4. **District 1** – Town Hall Meeting on **February 4, 2026**, from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at **Sandtown Recreation Center**.
5. **District 7** – Food Distribution and Juicing Class Event on **February 7, 2026** at **Creel Park**.
6. **District 7** – Town Hall Meeting on **February 29, 2026** at **Dennard Library**.
7. **District 7** – Business Roundtable “Lunch and Learn” on **February 12, 2026**, at the **Economic Development Office**.

Motion (Approve as Amended): None  
Second: None  
(Motion Passed)

Yea: 7 Councilmember Rowell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Bell, Councilmember Williams-Brown, Councilmember Pritchett  
Nay: 0 None  
Abstain: 0 None  
Not Voting: 3 Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs, Assistant City Attorney Sara Kelly, City Manager Sharon Subadan

## **VI. Proclamation Presentation**

**NO PROCLAMATION PRESENTED.**

## **VII. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the City Council Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2026, by unanimous consent without any objections.**

- A. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2026
- B. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Work Session Minutes: January 13, 2026
- C. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Alcohol and Zoning Public Hearing Minutes: January 13, 2026

## **VIII. Consent Agenda Items**

**A motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda was made. The motion was approved unanimously, 7-0.**

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Williams-Brown

(Motion Passed)

Yea: 7 Councilmember Rowell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Bell, Councilmember Williams-Brown, Councilmember Pritchett

Nay: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Not Voting: 3 Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs, Assistant City Attorney Sara Kelly, City Manager Sharon Subadan

A. Mayor/Council Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes:

Reverend Christopher "Chris" McNairy (Mayor and Full Council)

Myrtle Lavonne "Von" Johnson Odom (Mayor and Full Council)

B. Request Council Approval of the following Board Appointments:

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Nate Lewis to the South Fulton Development Authority.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Eugene Felton to the South Fulton Ethics Panel.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Yvonne Boone to the Environmental Committee.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Sam Bowen to the Board of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Cybil Talley to the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Keishan Davis to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Mike Dunn to the South Fulton Planning Commission.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Mario Malcolm to the South Fulton Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Tiffany Morman to the Veterans Advisory Board.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Sonya Patterson to the Impact Fee Committee.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Edward Thomas II to the South Fulton Public Arts Council.

Mayor Gumbs seeks to appoint Kim Lloyd to the Use of Force Board.

**IX. Alcohol License, Rezonings, Variance and Modification Cases (For Motion and Vote)**

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section IX, Items A(1-3) and B(1-3), by unanimous consent with no objections.**

A. 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. Section 4.2.2.E of the City's Municipal Codes calls for the City Council to confirm receipt of

all recorded plats. All recorded plats have been received and logged by Fulton County Superior Court, at this time.

1. Confirm **minor plat for 3600 Buffington Center**. Located in Council District #5. This minor plat is for the combination of 2 tracts into 1 parcel being a total of 9.832 acres.
2. Confirm the **final plat for Enclave at Stonewall Tell**. Located in Council District #2. This final plat is to establish the 48-lot subdivision of Enclave at Stonewall Tell on a total of 54.08 acres.

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

- B. The applicant for Kazi Sirajul, DBA Big A Shell Food Mart, has applied for an alcohol license for the retail sale of beer and wine, located at **7100 Old National Hwy, Riverdale, GA 30296**. This request is for a change of ownership. City Council District: 7.

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

- C. Case U25-013: An application by Earlie Rockette requesting a Special Use Permit to allow Group Residence for 6-9 Children in CUP (Community Unit Plan/Old National Highway Overlay) zoning at **120 Cainwood Ct E**. (Parcel ID: 13016300010120) City Council District: 6.

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL CONDITIONAL  
Planning Commission Recommendation: DENIAL

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

- D. Case M25-003: An application by Shaunn Slaughter c/o Robinson Happy Homes requesting a modification to zoning condition #3B of zoning case 2001Z -0121 to reduce the required 50-foot principal building setback feet from peripheral property lines adjoining property to a 20-foot principal building setback for lot #226 in CUP (Community Unit Plan/Clifftondale Overlay District). The property is located at **969 Brookmere Court**. City Council District: 3.

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

## **X. Public Comments**

Speakers will be granted a total of two (2) minutes each and public comments will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers. Speakers must identify themselves and their addresses prior to speaking. Speakers may only address the Presiding Officer, shall observe all rules of decorum. No debate, disrespect or obscenities shall be tolerated. The Presiding Officer shall rule any such individual out of order that fails to comply with the forgoing.

**Zoom:**  
**Deyanna Respress**

**Penny Webster Lewis  
Kip Carr  
India Rice  
Danielle Withers  
Juanita Marbury**

**Online:**

**Anthony Carector  
Pamela Harris  
Tonda Lawrence  
Shirley Love  
LaJuan Spivey  
Georgia Cameron  
LaTonya M. Gates  
Carla Wallace  
Christeen Yearby  
CC Stallworth  
Orlando Hartwell  
Christel Jackson  
Teresa Graves  
Maribeth Hines-Ray  
Tanya Moore  
Cassandra Nadirah Simmons  
Paul and Debrah Bergenthal**

## **XI. Council Comments**

## **XII. Agenda Items**

### **A. Administration**

1. A Resolution authorizing submission of a **grant application in the amount of \$500,000** to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) to secure additional funding for the **Senior Homeowner Rehabilitation Program**; and execution of a grant agreement and other necessary documentation, if awarded; providing for an effective date.

If awarded, the funding will be leveraged with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, approved by the City Council, to increase the number of seniors that can be assisted through the program.

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

2. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution Approving The Acquisition Of Real Property (**6101 Riverside Drive, Woodbury Park Proposed Dog Park**) District 1

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

3. Request Council Approval of A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of South Fulton Regarding **Potential Liability Of City Elected Officials, Appointed Officials And Employees** (Mayor Gumbs)

**A motion was made to approve Item XII: A 3. The motion was approved 6-**

**1. Councilmember Rowell voted no.**

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Pritchett

Second: Councilmember Williams-Brown

(Motion Passed)

Yea: 6 Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Bell, Councilmember Williams-Brown, Councilmember Pritchett

Nay: 1 Councilmember Rowell

Abstain: 0 None

Not Voting: 3 Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs, Assistant City Attorney Sara Kelly, City Manager Sharon Subadan

#### B. Public Works

1. The Public Works Department requests approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to manage the update of the **South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan (SFCTP)**.

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

2. Request Council Approval Of The City Council Of The City Of South Fulton, Georgia, Authorizing Execution Of An **Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District And The City of South Fulton To Provide For The Landscaping And Infrastructure Projects** Designated For The City Of South Fulton

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

3. Request Council Approval Of The City Council Of The City Of South Fulton, Georgia, Authorizing Execution Of An Amendment To The **Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District And The City of South Fulton To Provide For The Streetscape Enhancements**

**Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved this item by unanimous consent without any objections.**

#### XIII. Walk-On Items (if necessary)

**A motion was made to approve the listed walk-on items. The motion was approved, 7-0.**

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Motion: Councilmember Willis  
 Second: Councilmember Sebastian  
 (Motion Passed)

Yea: 7 Councilmember Rowell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Bell, Councilmember Williams-Brown, Councilmember Pritchett  
 Nay: 0 None  
 Abstain: 0 None  
 Not Voting: 3 Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs, Assistant City Attorney Sara Kelly, City Manager Sharon Subadan

**XIV. Executive Session, if necessary**

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**XV. Adjournment of Meeting**

**A motion was made to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 PM. The motion was approved, 7-0.**

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Williams-Brown  
 Second: Councilmember Johnson  
 (Motion Passed)

Yea: 7 Councilmember Rowell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Sebastian, Councilmember Bell, Councilmember Williams-Brown, Councilmember Pritchett  
 Nay: 0 None  
 Abstain: 0 None  
 Not Voting: 3 Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs, Assistant City Attorney Sara Kelly, City Manager Sharon Subadan