

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order - Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

II. Roll Call - City Clerk Corey Adams

**Present: Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs
Councilmember Catherine F. Rowell
Councilmember Aaron V. Johnson
Councilmember Jacey Sebastian
Councilmember Keosha B. Bell - Virtual
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 with no objections.

Amendments:

1. D5 **Screening of the Effect of Social Media on Youth Event**

Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Keosha Bell

Date: May 2, 2026

Location: Southwest Arts Center

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2. D2 **The City of South Fulton All-White Legacy Brunch: Celebration of Seniors
Presented by Council member Aaron V. Johnson (D2) and Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs in partnership with the Department of Parks & Recreation**

Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

Location: Welcome All Park

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

3. D6 **Teen After Dark Event**

Presented by Council member Williams-Brown

Date: June 12, 2026

Location: Creel Park

4. D4 **Donations for Women's History Month R.E.S.T Event**

Presented by Council member Sebastian

- \$2,500 from 9606 Capital

- \$1,000 from Whisk Breakfast and Brunch

- \$2,500 from Latham Home Sanitation

VI. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the City Council Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2026, by unanimous consent with no objections.

- A. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2026
- B. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Work Session Minutes: March 24, 2026
- C. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Alcohol and Zoning Public Hearing Minutes: March 24, 2026

VII. Consent Agenda Items

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the Consent Agenda Section VII: Items A through K unanimously, with no objections.

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

Isadora Victoria Belle (Mayor Gumbs)

Latiefe Mikell Elliott (Councilmember Pritchett)

Delphine Knaff (Mayor and Full Council)

Jacquelyn H. Barrett-Washington (Mayor and Full Council)

Marsha Still (Mayor and Full Council)
Paulette DeVaughn (Mayor and Full Council)
Dr. Arnita D. Johnson (Mayor and Full Council)
Jennifer C. Thompson (Mayor and Full Council)
Eleanor Kinlaw-Ross (Mayor and Full Council)

- B. Request Council approval to accept a donated bullet and stab protective vest for SFPD K9 Tir from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., valued at approximately \$1,800.00.
- C. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution Of The City Of South Fulton Recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 20-25, 2026, And Encouraging All Residents To Support The Celebration And Corresponding Activities.
- D. Request Council Approval of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Fulton County, Georgia, And the City of South Fulton, Georgia For The Provision Of Election Services for the May 19, 2026, Municipal Special Election and the June 16, 2026, Runoff Election, If Necessary. (City Clerk)
- E. Request for the City Council to authorize acceptance of a grant award from the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the Parks and Recreation Senior Body Sculpting Program; and authorize the execution of all necessary agreements and documentation to implement the funded project. The grant does not require matching funds.
- F. Request for the City Council's ratification to accept a FY 26 Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) grant award, administered by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, in the amount of \$22,000 to fund technology equipment for the Police Department; and ratify execution of all necessary agreements and documentation to implement the funded project. The grant does not require matching funds.
- G. Request Council Approval of the following donations:
 - Donation of \$500.00 by Randomize Now, Inc. for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event
 - Donation of \$1,000.00 by Douglas Selby for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event
 - Donation of \$2,500.00 by Piper Sandler for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event
- H. Request Council Approval of the following event:
 - D4 Men's Health Month Event, June 6, 2026, at Fire Station #6 (Co-sponsored with State

Representative Lydia Glaize) To replace the previously approved senior event on the same date.

- I. The Administration is requesting Council to approve the FY26 Proposed Audit Plan. The proposed plan identifies priority audit and monitoring activities designed to strengthen internal controls, enhance operational efficiency, ensure fiscal accountability, and address identified risk areas across City operations. Adoption of the plan authorizes the Internal Auditor to proceed with the outlined audit activities during Fiscal Year 2026 and to address additional audit concerns as directed by the City Council.

- J. Request for the City Council's acceptance of the three grant awards totaling \$198,435 from the FY25 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to strengthen the City's cybersecurity and public safety preparedness and resilience; and authorize execution of all necessary agreements and documentation to implement the funded projects. The grants do not require matching funds, and the award allocation is outlined below.

Fire Rescue Department – \$68,196 to purchase search and rescue equipment that will enhance emergency response; Police Department – \$60,239 to support the acquisition of specialized equipment that will strengthen SWAT operations; and Information Technology Department – \$70,000 to fund advanced cybersecurity training.

- K. Request Council Approval Of The Following Board Appointments:

Councilmember Sebastian reappoints Mr. Ron Coleman to the Code Enforcement Board
Councilmember Rowell appoints Ms. Esma Fox to the Public Arts Commission
Councilmember Johnson appoints Ms. Andrea Ward to the Code Enforcement Board
Councilmember Johnson appoints Mrs. Jackie Barrett Washington to the Planning Commission
Councilmember Johnson reappoints Mrs. Peni Webster Lewis to the Veterans Advisory Committee

VIII. Public Comments (Comments regarding Zoning Cases will not be allowed)

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.

IN PERSON:
Connie Johnson
Mike Johnson

ONLINE: None

IX. Council Comments

X. Agenda Items

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Agenda Items Section X, Items A.1 through A.2, and B.1 through B.5 by unanimous consent with no objections.

A. Administration

1. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution To Amend The Fiscal Year 2026 Operating And Capital Budget Of The City Of South Fulton, Georgia, By Reallocating Appropriations Between Various Departments And Funds To Align Budgeted Amounts With Actual Revenues And Expenditures, Ensure Compliance With The City's Budgetary Control Policy, And Prohibit Expenditures From Exceeding Available Funding
2. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution Amending The City Of South Fulton Elected Official Vehicle Usage Policy

B. Procurement and Contracts

1. The Procurement Department requests Council approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing agreement for vehicle upfitting and installation of equipment on government furnished vehicles to support operational needs of the General Services Department Fleet Division. The City will piggyback on the State of Georgia Department of Public Safety GSA Schedule Contract GS-07F0152T under the 1122 Procurement Program with Dana Safety Supply, an authorized supplier under the federal and state cooperative purchasing program.

This cooperative procurement method leverages competitively solicited pricing and terms, reduces procurement cycle time, and ensures compliance with public purchasing requirements without duplicating the solicitation process. Services may include installation of emergency lighting, radios, consoles, partitions, camera systems, radar systems, mobile data terminals, push bumpers, K-9 equipment, and other related vehicle equipment. Purchases and installations will be made on an as-needed basis through individual purchase orders consistent with the cooperative agreement. Total expenditures shall not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) during the contract term, subject to approved departmental budgets.

The underlying cooperative contract became effective August 1, 2007 and is currently valid through July 31, 2027.

2. The Procurement Department requests Council approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing agreement for the purchase and delivery of petroleum products to support the General Services Fleet Division. The City will piggyback of State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000222-0005 with Colonial Oil Industries, Inc. This cooperative method ensures competitive pricing and compliance while reducing procurement time. Funding shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) during the contract term and is subject to approved departmental budgets. The contract is effective December 1, 2024, and expires November 30, 2026. Any renewal, extension, or continued use of Colonial Oil Industries, Inc. shall be contingent upon the State of Georgia renewing or extending the underlying contract and the vendor remaining an authorized contractor under that contract.

3. The Procurement Department requests Council approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing agreement with Fonroche Lighting America under Sorcewell Contract No. 041525-FNR for citywide solar street lighting services, including installation, leasing, and maintenance supporting Public Works and General Services. This approach ensures competitive pricing, compliance, and operational efficiency. Funding shall not exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) per contract year and is subject to approved departmental budgets. The agreement term is one year from execution, with renewal options subject to approval and shall not extend beyond July 22, 2029, consistent with the underlying Sourcewell contract term.

4. The Procurement Department requests Council approval to award RFQ No. 26-10, Senior Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, to Nehemiah to provide rehabilitation services for eligible senior homeowners in accordance with program requirements and City standards. This procurement supports the City's objective of improving housing conditions, protecting vulnerable residents, and delivering rehabilitation services that align with community development priorities. The agreement shall have an initial term of three years, with one-year renewal options, subject to satisfactory contractor performance, continued program eligibility, legal review, and the availability of appropriate funds. Initial funding is seven hundred thirty-four thousand six hundred thirty-one dollars and zero cents (\$734,631.00). The City reserves the right to increase the budget for the agreement through additional sources of funding, subject to approval and the availability of funds.

5. The Procurement Department requests Council approval to amend the existing Public Facilities and Services Inc. IDIQ construction contract awarded under RFP 24-26 by increasing the aggregate contract authority from three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000.00). The Administration also requests approval to execute a project-specific AIA A104-2017 agreement for the Campbell Welcome Center project, in an amount not to exceed the guaranteed maximum price of five million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$5,150,000.00).

The Campbell Welcome Center project includes renovation, expansion, site improvements, and related utility work necessary to support the facility. The proposed project agreement establishes a construction duration of 335 days. Funding will span Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027. However, the project is fully funded from the FY 2026 approved capital budget, including \$3.5MM approved for the project and \$1.615MM of reallocated funds from realized savings from the property acquisition budget. Approval of this item increases contract capacity but does not authorize construction work; such work will remain subject to execution of the project agreement, funding confirmation, and all required approvals.

C. First Read Ordinances

1. First Read: An Ordinance To Establish Eligibility Requirements For Members Of City Boards And Commissions And Employees; Amending RES2022-030; To Require Vacation Of Office Upon Qualification As A Candidate For Elected Office (Sponsored by Councilmember Jacey Sebastian, Co-Sponsored by Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown)

FIRST READ.

2. First Read: An Ordinance To Authorize And Regulate Cigar Lounges In The City Of South Fulton, Georgia; To Establish A Limit Of Five (5) Cigar Lounge Licenses; To Provide For Special Use Permits; To Establish Operational, Health, And Safety Requirements (Sponsors: Councilmembers Rowell, Bell, Williams-Brown, Johnson)

FIRST READ.

3. First Read: An Ordinance To Create Chapter 10 (Wine and Tasting Rooms) Of Title 16 (Alcoholic Beverages) Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of South Fulton, Georgia; To Modify Provisions Affecting The Operation Of Wine And Tasting Rooms (Sponsored by Councilwoman Catherine Rowell)

FIRST READ.

4. First Read: An Ordinance To Repeal RES2023-060 And ORD2018-032, And Replace With An Ordinance To Regulate The Use Of City Of South Fulton Purchasing And Credit Cards, Enhance Operational Efficiency

FIRST READ.

5. First Read: Zoning Ordinance for Case Z26-005/ CDP26-002: An application by Delores A. & Robert A West c/o Dani Blumenthal, Gaskins + LeCraw requesting a rezoning from AG-1 (Agricultural/ Old National Highway Overlay District) to CUP (Community Unit Plan/ Old National Highway Overlay District) with a future land use amendment from Suburban II Neighborhood to Suburban I Neighborhood to develop a single-family residential community with 41 detaches homes on 13.83 acres at 3665 & 0 Jonesboro Road (Parcel ID: 09F130000595413, 09F130000591065 & 09F130000591800). City Council District: 5.

Staff Recommendation:

Z26-005 - Denial
CDP26-002 - Denial

Planning Commission Recommendation
Z26-005 - Denial
CDP26-002 - Denial

FIRST READ.

XI. Walk-On Items (if necessary)

A. Request Council Approval of the following event:

Mayor Pro Tem Keosha Bell presents Screening of the Effect of Social Media on Youth Event, May 2, 2026, at the Southwest Arts Center from 11 AM - 2 PM

Councilman Aaron V. Johnson (D2), Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs in partnership with the Department of Parks & Recreation present The City of South Fulton All-White Legacy Brunch: Celebration of Seniors - Friday May 15, 2026, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Welcome All Park.

Councilwoman Natasha Williams-Brown presents Teen Park After Dark, June 12, 2026 at Creel Park

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section XI, Item A and B by unanimous consent with no objections.

B. Request Council Approval of the following donations:

Donation of \$2,500.00 by 9606 Capital for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event
Donation of \$1,000.00 by Whisk Breakfast and Brunch for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event
Donation of \$2,500.00 by Latham Home Sanitation for the Women's History Month R.E.S.T. Event

XII. Executive Session, if necessary

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

XIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Chair Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:29 PM by unanimous consent.