

**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT AND
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MONDAY – JULY 6, 2026

**The Inn at Serenbe
10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268**



MINUTES

City Officials and Staff Present:

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs
Mayor Pro Tem Keosha Bell (Arrived at 1:03 PM)
Councilmember Catherine Rowell
Councilmember Aaron Johnson
Councilmember LaTonya Toni Wright
Councilmember Jaceey Sebastian
Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown
Councilmember Linda B. Pritchett
City Manager Sharon Subadan
Interim City Attorney Sara D.E. Kelly
City Clerk Corey Adams
Assistant City Manager Marc Antoine-Cooper
Assistant City Manager Carmen Davis
Chief Financial Officer Althea Philord-Bradley
Budget Manager Wendy Angelety
Director Greg Dyson, General Services Department
Internal Auditor Bambo Sonaiké
Chief Judge Michael Sheridan, Municipal Court
Solicitor Christina Sears, Municipal Court
Administrator Dionne Dixon, Municipal Court
Director Jill Strickland, Public Affairs Department
Byron Marshall, NFBPA-i4x
Ed Wall, Piper Sandler

Citizens Present:

Reshard Snellings
Michael Dozier
Tamiko Leverette

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gumbs at 9:00 AM.

Following a roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was established. Mayor Pro Tem Bell was absent at the beginning of the Retreat.

Mayor Gumbs thanked everyone for attending and expressed the objectives for today's Budget Retreat.

A motion was made at 9:03 AM by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Williams-Brown to recess for an executive session for the purpose of personnel. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Gumbs reconvened the Council and adjourned the executive session at 9:58 AM by unanimous consent without objection. No action was taken in executive session that required a public vote.

Overview of Financial Status, Overview of FY2027 Revenue

City Manager Subadan provided an overview of the FY27 Budget Calendar, FY24-FY25 Audit Updates, Reviewed Year To Date revenues and the status of new initiatives. In summary, the Manager's approach to the Budget will be a conservative approach. The City Manager stated that the City is still waiting to receive the Fulton County Tax Digest before finalizing portions of the FY2027 Budget.

The City Council agreed by consensus to the City Manager's plan to have FY2027 Budget Town Hall Meetings for the community to provide comments.

The City Council agreed by consensus to add additional funds to the Council budget for travel. Councilmembers will submit suggested increase amounts to the City Manager.

Assumptions Concerning FY2027 Revenue

Mr. Wall reviewed the CIP Projects and funding estimates. Mr. Wall also reviewed the current millage rate and the amount of mills available to reach the cap. Based upon the current millage rate of 12.399, 1.1 mills remain which equate to approximately \$6,270,000.

Mr. Walls reviewed the funding mechanisms available to the city and their viability:

Urban Redevelopment Authority
Public Facilities Authority
Voter Approved G.O Bonds
Special Service District
TADS Funds
TSPLOST

Council Priorities for FY2027

- Wind Down Wednesday
- Sidewalk Design for Reynolds and Boat Rock Roads
- Funding for Dog Park on Riverside Road
- Soft surface walking trail at Trammel Crowe Park
- Repaving parking lot at Sandtown Park
- Naming Rights for Wolf Creek Amphitheater
- Traffic calming for Butner, Enon and Stonewall Tell Roads
- New street signs throughout city
- Staffing for Cliftondale Park Community Center
- Sidewalks for Camp Creek Middle and Seaborne Lee Elementary
- Welcome Center Stabilization along Townda Drive
- Additional pickle ball courts at the South Fulton Tennis Center
- Implement Wayfinding signs throughout the city
- Sidewalks for Cedar Grove, Butner and Hall Roads
- Street paving for Hall and Jones Roads
- Lighting for Cedar Grove and Rivertown Roads
- Koweta Road Bridge replacement
- Moving Postal mailboxes
- Increased economic Development
- Toddler playground and Splash Pad at Creel Park
- Fencing around Creel Park
- Camelot
- Old Bill Cook Road Sidewalks

10-Year CIP Presentation

Mr. Dyson presented the 10-Year CIP Program. The 2025–2035 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) outlines the City of South Fulton's long-term strategy for investing in critical infrastructure and public facilities. The plan prioritizes projects that modernize municipal assets, enhance public safety, improve parks and community amenities, promote sustainability, and support the City's continued growth. Major investments include public safety facilities, municipal buildings, parks and recreation, information technology, utilities, and other essential government infrastructure.

Featured (unfunded) projects were discussed as follows:

Public Safety

Fire Station #3 Replacement
Fire Station #4 Replacement
Fire Station #7 Replacement
Fire Station #9 (New)
Fire Station #10 (New)
Replacement Fire apparatus

General Government

City Hall

City Administration Building – First Floor Renovation

Public Works/Fleet Headquarters

South Fulton Convention Center

0 Will Lee Road

Facility Modernizations

Parks & Recreation

Clintondale Community Building

Welcome All Ongoing Maintenance

Welcome All Park Baseball Fields, Concession, Restrooms, & Upgraded Field Lighting

Trammell Crow Park Walking Track

West Road Passive Park

Estes Drive Passive Park

Walton-Woodbury Passive Park

Park Renovations (Various Sites)

Creel Park Boundary Fence

Burdett Park Outdoor Pool

Outdoor Pool (Location TBD)

Wilkerson Mill–Ferris Park Conversion

Cultural & Entertainment Facilities

Wolf Creek VIP Canopy

Trammell Crow–Southwest Arts Center Development

Municipal Court Update

Chief Judge Sheridan led a discussion of the current state of the operations and projections for the municipal court. The Municipal Court is expecting a 273% increase in citations from 2022 to the 2026 projection. The Code Enforcement calendar has increased by 724% from 2022 to the 2026 projection. The Nuisance and Abatement calendar is up by 122% from 2022 to the 2026 projection. The Chief Judge mentioned the new school zone photo enforcement law effective July 1, 2026, and its implications on the City. There was uncertainty whether a public referendum would be required.

Based upon the increased workload, the Municipal Court is seeking to increase capacity as follows:

Judicial Leadership

-Expand the use of Pro Tem Judges

-Adjust the Chief Judge's salary

Administrative Leadership

-Create a Deputy Court Administrator

-Add staff

-Adjust Court Administrator's salary

Legal Leadership

- Adjust the City Solicitor's salary
- Create an Assistant City Solicitor
- Add staff

The Solicitor presented 3 options for the Council's consideration on staffing her office.

Public Affairs

Ms. Strickland presented a new approach to addressing public affairs for the City. A more disciplined Public Affairs operation will provide clearer service expectations, stronger communications counsel, higher-quality work, and more effective ways for the Mayor, Council, and City to reach residents.

New initiatives will include South Fulton Now, the City's official news channel. Standards for production and Council access were discussed. The following tiered services were introduced.

Tier 1 – Council Communications Toolkit

Tier 2– Standard Amplification Support

Tier 3– Major Event Promotion

Tier 4– Priority City-led Support

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Gumbs at 5:35 PM.

Note: All presentations are on file in the City Clerk's office.

