

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall

Tuesday, August 11, 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 7:15 PM

II. Roll Call - Corey Adams, City Clerk

**Present: Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs
Councilmember Catherine F. Rowell
Councilmember Aaron V. Johnson
Councilmember LaTonya Toni Wright
Councilmember Jaceey 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 with no objections.

Amendment:

- 1. District 5 Health Event, Saturday, October 10, 2026, Burdett Recreation Center (New Date replaces previously approved August 29, 2026, September 8, 2026, dates).**
- 2. District 6 Board Appointments: Benny Crane to Position 6 on the Downtown Development Authority Board and Rodney Littles to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Sponsored by Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown.**

VI. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the City Council Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2026, by unanimous consent with no objections.

- A. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2026
- B. Council Approval of the following City Council Work Session Minutes: July 28, 2026
- C. Request Council Approval of the following City Council Alcohol and Zoning Public Hearing Minutes: July 28, 2026

VII. Consent Agenda Items

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the Consent Agenda Section VII: Items A, B. 1-17, and D unanimously, with no objections.

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

Eloise Gay Dukes (Mayor and Full Council)
Lucille Casanas Alexander (Mayor and Full Council)
Terrie Ajile Aham (Mayor and Full Council)
Westwood Vikings (Mayor Gumbs)
Atlanta Black Restaurant Week (Mayor Gumbs)

- B. Grants and Agreements

- 1 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Rodney Allen and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$6000.
- 2 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Kai Anwuzia and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$12000.
- 3 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Kareema Bangura and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$4000.
- 4 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Herlynn Benoit and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$6000.

- 5 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Venessa Chisolm and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$3000.
- 6 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Cheick Diop and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$3000.
- 7 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Ernest Hester and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$4000.
- 8 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Ladreauna Johnson and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$4000.
- 9 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Julia Mason and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$6000.
- 10 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Miss Lacey Studios and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$7000.
- 11 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Linda Poindexter and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$6000.
- 12 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Mona Scott and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$8000.
- 13 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Veda Simpson and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$4000.
- 14 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Eric Spivey and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$18000.
- 15 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Jamila Turner and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$8000.
- 16 Request that the Council approve a PSA between Sandra Wills and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$7000.

- 17 Request that the Council approve a PSA between WInavi Zinsou and the Cultural Affairs Department for arts education instruction not to exceed \$12000.

- C. Request Council Approval of the following donation:

~~Donation by Greystone Power in the amount of \$10,000 for the Dog Blessing event, October 10, 2026, Clifftondale Park, 11 AM – 4 PM (Mayor Gumbs)~~

Remove from Agenda.

- D. Request Council Approval of the following events:

D4 Autism Sensory Festival, April 10, 2027

D4 Fire and Ice Community Event, April 3, 2027

VIII. Alcohol License, Rezoning, Variance and Modification Cases (For Motion and Vote)

- A. Request Council Consideration of an alcohol beverage license application for South Side Touché LLC, DBA South Side Touché, has been submitted and is requesting approval for the consumption sales of wine, beer, and distilled beverages located at 5495 Old National Hwy, STE B-15, Atlanta, GA 30349. (District 5) (Item held at the July 28, 2026 Council Meeting)

A motion was made to approve Section VIII. Item A. The motion was approved unanimously, 7-0.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Bell

Second: Councilmember Williams-Brown

(Motion Passed)

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

Nay: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

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

- B. Second Read and Request Council Approval of TA26-003 An Ordinance To Amend The City Of South Fulton Zoning Ordinance, As Amended, To Repeal Ordinance 2024-034 And Replace With An Ordinance To Regulate The Development And Operation Of Data Centers Within The City Of South Fulton; To Establish Zoning, Permitting, Population Limits, And Performance Standards; To Protect Public Infrastructure And Neighborhoods

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with the following conditions:

1. Restrict data centers to M-2 districts rather than M-1 and M-2.
2. Require the utility-capacity letter within 90 days.
3. Require developers to repair property or infrastructure damage caused by development.
4. Encourage utility towers and related equipment to be screened or placed away from prominent public views.
5. Add a reference to or requirement concerning solar power.
6. Include glycol cooling as an available cooling option.
7. Change the minimum lot size from 20 acres to 10 acres.

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved the Consent Agenda Section VIII: Item B unanimously, with no objections. The City Attorney placed on the record that the population limits portion was removed from the final draft.

IX. 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:

**Mike Johnson
Tamiko Leverette
Mel Keyton
Jewel Johnson
Roger Mathis**

Online:

**Maggie Lee
Doris Clark
Quasar Alexander**

X. Council Comments

XI. Agenda Items

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Agenda Items Section XI, Items A.1 and A.2 by unanimous consent with no objections.

A. Administration

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section XI: A.1-2 by unanimous consent with no objections.

1. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution To Erect Honorary Street Signs As follows:

New Hope Road – Roger Bruce Way
Wallace Road – Rev. Dr. Walter Kimbrough and Congressman John Lewis Way

(Sponsored by Mayor Gumbs)

2. Request Council Approval Of A Resolution To Rename The Southwest Arts Center In Honor And Recognition Of Former Mayor William "Bill" Edwards (Sponsored by Mayor Gumbs)

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section XI: A.1-2 by unanimous consent with no objections.

B. First Read Ordinances

1. First Read: An Ordinance To Amend The Administrative Guidelines For Tree Preservation Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of South Fulton, Georgia (Sponsored by Councilmembers Sebastian, Williams-Brown, Johnson)

FIRST READ.

2. First Read: An Ordinance To Amend Title 1, Administration, Of The City Of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, To Help Ensure High Ethical Standards Within The City (Sponsored by Mayor Gumbs)

FIRST READ.

3. First Read: An Ordinance To Amend Title 1, Administration, Of The City Of South Fulton Code Of Ordinances, To Allow For Coverage Of Legal Fees For Elected Officials (Sponsored by Mayor Gumbs)

FIRST READ.

4. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Z26-001/CDP26-003: Bridge Logistics c/o Henry Bailey requesting a rezoning from SUB-A (Suburban A Single-Family Dwelling District/Sandtown Overlay District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) to develop approximately 1,600,500 square foot light industrial warehouse/distribution campus consisting of six buildings on 157.86 acres; Requesting a Future Land Use Amendment from the Suburban I Neighborhood Character Area to the Industrial Character Area at 0 Campbellton Road & 0, 336, 2230, 6460, 2391, 2331 Chattahoochee Drive. City Council District 1

Staff Recommendation:

Z26-001: Approval Conditional

CDP26-003: Approval Conditional

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Z26-001: Denial

CDP26-003: Denial

Removed from Agenda.

5. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Case Z26-010/CV26-002: An application by 2020 Enterprise Group, LLC c/o Battle Law requesting a rezoning from CUP (Community Unit Plan/Cliftondale Overlay District) to SH (Senior Housing District/Cliftondale Overlay District) with concurrent variances to Sec. 509.05(c) to eliminate the 50' zoning buffer and improvement setback on the northwestern tip and reduce the 50' buffer to 25' on the western property line to develop a 50 unit mixed residential senior community for residents age 62 and older on approximately 13.8 acres at 7490 Butner Road. (Parcel IDs: 09C100000320370) Council District: 4.

Staff Recommendation
Z26-010 Approval
CV26-002 Approval

Planning Commission Recommendation
Z26-010 Denial
CV26-002 Denial

FIRST READ.

6. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Z26-011: Dianne Lloyd requesting a rezoning from R-6 (Two-Family Dwelling District/ Cliftondale Overlay District) to AG-1 (Agricultural District) to subdivide property into four lots for residential use on 10.68 acres at 0 & 7390 Cedar Grove Road (Parcel IDs: 07 070101090361& 07 07010109035). City Council District 4.

Staff Recommendation: Approval
Planning Commission: Approval Conditional to Rezone from R-6 to AG-1.

Removed from Agenda.

7. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Z26-012/CDP26-005/CV26-003: Greater Turner Chapel AME Church c/o Darnell Moore requesting a rezoning from R-3 (Single-Family Dwelling District) to SH (Senior Housing District), a future land use amendment from the Suburban I Neighborhood Character Area to Community Live Work Character Area and a concurrent variance to reduce the 40ft undisturbed buffer to 20ft on the west and south side of the property to accommodate a retaining wall and walking path on 5.16 acres at 4685 Cascade Road (Parcel ID: 14F0060 LL0524). City Council District 1.

Staff Recommendation:
Z26-012: Denial
CDP26-005: Denial
CV26-003: Denial

Planning Commission Recommendation:
Z26-012: Denial
CDP26-005: Denial
CV26-003: Denial

Removed from Agenda.

8. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Z26-014/CDP26-004: Taliya King requesting a rezoning from AG-1 (Agricultural District/Old National Highway Overlay District) to R-4 (Single-Family Dwelling District/Old National Highway Overlay District) to develop two single family detached dwellings with a land use amendment from Regional Live Work Character Area to the Suburban I Neighborhood Character Area on 0.52 acres at 5250 Northfield Blvd (Parcel ID: 13 0068 LL0888). City Council District 5.

Staff Recommendation: Denial

Planning Commission: Denial

Removed from Agenda.

9. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Z26-015/U26-007: An application by Welcome Foods is requesting a rezoning from MIX (Mixed Use) to C-2 (General Commercial) along with a Special Use Permit (SUP) to develop a 5,000 square foot gas station/convenience store with fuel pumps and 1,800 square feet drive-thru restaurant on 2.13 acres at 4225 & 4165 Flat Shoals Road. City Council District: 4

Staff Recommendation:

Z26-015: Denial

U26-007: Denial

Planning Commission

Z26-015: Denial

U26-007: Denial

Removed from Agenda.

10. First Read of a Zoning Ordinance: Case Z26-020: An Ordinance by the City of South Fulton City Council to rezone a portion of +/- 255.35 acres of property located at 0 Enon Road, 0 Vandiver Road Rear, 0 Merk Road, 0 Merk Road Rear, Tax Parcel Nos. portion of 14F0096LL0159 from R-4 (Single Family Dwelling) to TR (Townhouse Residential District), portion of 14F0103LL0093 from R-4 (Single Family Dwelling) and CUP (Community Unit Plan) to TR (Townhouse Residential District), portion of 14F0095LL0358 from CUP (Community Unit Plan) to TR (Townhouse Residential District), 14F0074LL0015 from AG-1 (Agriculture) to R-5 (Single Family Dwelling District), portion of 14F0074LL0023 from AG-1 (Agriculture) to R-5 (Single Family Dwelling District), and 14F0096LL0167 from R-4 (Single Family Dwelling) to R-5 (Single Family Dwelling District) and TR (Townhouse Residential District). City Council District 2.

FIRST READ.

XII. Walk-On Items (if necessary)

- A. ADD ON: Request Council Approval of the following amended event:

District 5 Health Event, Saturday, October 10, 2026, Burdett Recreation Center (New date replaces previously approved August 29, 2026, and September 8, 2026, dates)

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section Xli: A. and B. by unanimous consent with no objections.

B. ADD ON: Request Council Approval of the following Board Appointments:

Appointment of Rodney Littles to the Board of Zoning Appeals (Sponsored by Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown)

Appointment of Benny Crane to Position 6 on the Downtown Development Authority Board (Sponsored by Councilmember Natasha Williams-Brown)

Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs approved Section Xli: A. and B. by unanimous consent with no objections.

XIII. Executive Session, if necessary

Chair Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs recess for the Executive Session for Personnel at 8:06 PM by unanimous consent.

Chair Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs reconvened the Alcohol License and Zoning meeting at 9:23 PM by unanimous consent.

XIV. Adjournment of Meeting

Chair Mayor Carmalitha Gumbs adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:23 PM by unanimous consent.