

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 5:00PM



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:01pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, all members were present, therefore, there was a quorum.

James Hammond was present to record the Zoning Training Presentation.

- Zoning Training, presented by staff

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Shayla Reed, Interim Director of Community Development Services offered the presentation for Planning and Zoning 101.

After a question and discussion period with the Mayor and City Council, Ms. Reed ended her presentation by informing City Council to contact her with any further questions or concerns and the handout they received included a Planning & Zoning 101 Manual they can use for day-to-day reference.

- ~~Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary~~
- Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adjourn the Work Session. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.


Mark Massey, City Clerk



DIVIDER SHEET



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:02pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, all members were present. Therefore, there was a quorum.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

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3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Edwards recognized Georgia State Senators Donzella James and Nikema Williams, Georgia State Representatives William Boddie and Debra Bazemore.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 26, 2018, Special Called (Emergency) Meeting
- b. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 27, 2018 (Work Session & Regular Meeting)
- c. Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 4, 2018 (Special Called (Emergency) Meeting)
- d. Proclamation recognizing Asa Philip Randolph Celebration Day (Rowell)

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to accept/approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Willis, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Councilmember Gumbs and Gilyard were not present. Therefore, the motion passed, 5-0-2.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

The City Clerk announced three (3) additional items for the Regular Meeting Agenda:

- **An Executive Session to discuss Personnel (contract), as requested by the City Manager, and Litigation, as requested by the City Attorney.**
- **A Resolution to recognize Older Americans Week in the City, to establish the Older Americans Board and for other lawful purposes. Sponsored by Councilmembers Jackson, Gumbs and Gilyard.**

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- **A Resolution to establish a process for sponsorship of Council Ordinances and Resolutions, to enhance legislative efficiency and for other lawful purposes. Sponsored by Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs and Jackson. Sponsors wish to add Councilmember Gilyard.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to amend the Regular Meeting Agenda to include the items above. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember Willis and Khalid voted no. Councilmembers Gumbs and Gilyard were not present. Therefore, it was ruled by the City Attorney that the motion passed with a majority vote of members present, 3-2-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions
 - a. Proclamation recognizing Sandtown Park 8U Girls Basketball Team Appreciation Day. **(Rowell)**

PRESENTED

- b. General Assembly recognition for Georgia State Senator Nikema Williams and Georgia State Representative William Boddie. **(Willis)**

PRESENTED

- c. Resolution presentation to Captain Cotton-Tukes from Georgia State Representative Debra Bazemore. **(Willis)**

PRESENTED

7. Public Comment
 - a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

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The following eleven (11) citizens offered public comment:

- **Ms. Wanda Mosley (District 3)** concerns with zoning in or near residential areas. When making zoning and economic development decisions, please keep in mind the needs of your constituents.
- **Mr. Pennon Lockhart (District 7)** thanks Mayor Pro Tem Baker for the information shared at last night's meeting. Has concerns with a need for additional police presence along Old National Hwy. Hopes that when Parks & Recreation transitions over that the City will have funds to support programs.
- **Ms. Tracey Stalling (District 4)** assistance is needed with mortgage companies due to the impact by the tornado. Any assistance the City can provide would be helpful. FEMA has declined assistance due to the Chestnut Ridge subdivision's address' not being flagged as a disaster area.
- **Glenda Collins (District 7)** concerns with buffers and variances (is it 100 yards or feet). The City should work with adjacent cities to honor the same buffers. She thanked the Mayor and Council for bringing over the police department. There will be a cleanup on April 21st, sponsored by the Feldwood Community Association.
- **Mr. Tramaine Clark (District 3)** what is the plan to draw some investments from the development along Buffington Road (industrial business area). Some type of partnering with them would be a good idea to protect our property values.
- **Mr. A. W. Davis (District 4)** J.P. Morgan said, "Gold is the only money, everything else is debt and credit". President Trump initiatives is not good for the citizens. His strategy for raising \$1 trillion to \$5 trillion would work. Contact your local, state, and federal representatives.
- **Ms. Jewel Johnson (District 1)** voicing her sentiments regarding state officials: the State Representatives should stay out of City business. She is not talking about the good Representatives.

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- **Ms. Diane Hill (District 7)** concerned with the lack of amenities at the Old Jonesboro Landing subdivision. The children need amenities to keep them out of trouble.
- **Mr. Calvin Bennett (District 5)** has the same sentiments as the prior citizen about no interference by State Representatives. A majority vote should stand, the City Manager should not have the power to hire a Director as he likes, the Council should approve the hire. The City Charter should stand as is. The Burdette Recreation Center has not improved even though the money was appropriated in the Budget.
- **Ms. Bernice Chappell & Ms. Crystal Shaw (District 4)** what is the City of South Fulton doing to assist the residents of Chestnut Ridge to rebuild the subdivision. FEMA, GEMA and other federal and state organization have turned them down for any assistance. Need assistance to move to the next step.
- **Mr. Ben McFarlin** not a resident of the City of South Fulton, but offers a service that prevents slider crimes at gas stations. This includes a pre-paid option using a mobile device, then a drive-up gas station with an attendant who pumps the gas.

Mayor Edwards asked Georgia State Senator Donzella James to say a few words. Senator James thanked the Council for the Proclamations. She also indicated that the Georgia State Senators, Representatives and local government officials, including Mayor Edwards is trying to encourage the State of Georgia to assist the residents in the Chestnut Ridge subdivision.

Senator James informed all attendees that it was Mayor Edwards birthday. She led the birthday song for the Mayor, and gave special thanks to all attending.

8. Business

a. Zoning, Modifications, Variances (Public Hearings)

- i. Request for Modification – **M18-002 Applicant**, Public hearing to consider a modification request from three conditions identified in zoning case Z06-035 (staggered setback, minimum heated floor area, and number of lots)

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at the Old Jonesboro Landing subdivision (Ebb Circle & Rudder Circle) by Scott Butler of Century Communities of Georgia LLC. [District 7 – deferred on 3/27/2018] **DENIED**

Staff presented M18-002, followed by a public hearing:

Applicant – 10 Minutes

Scott Butler, Century Communities

Opposition – 10 Minutes

**Michael Veneable
Alvin Reynolds
Joseph Simons
Michelle Nixon**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to deny M18-002 application for a modification. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. Request for Zoning – **Z17-003 Applicant**, Public hearing to consider a rezoning request of property at 7050 Goodson Road from AG-1 (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) by Adam Richards of Goodson Land Partners LLC. [District 7 – deferred on 3/27/2018] **APPROVED**

Staff presented the case for Applicant Z17-003, followed by a public hearing:

Applicant – 10 Minutes

Adam Richards, Goodson Land Partners

Opposition – 10 Minutes

**Charles “Storm” Mitchell
Glenda Collins**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve Z17-003 for a rezoning based on staff recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs and Willis voted yea. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-3-0.

b. Presentation on COSF Budget and Operations (City Manager Odie Donald II).

The City Manager gave a presentation of a mid-year budget and proposed operational structural to which the City Council had discussion and the City Manager answered various questions concerning the presentation.

c. Resolutions

- i. Resolution to establish a performance measurement and reporting system for the City of South Fulton and for other lawful purposes. (Rowell and Gilyard – Res2018-013)

Councilmember Rowell requested to add Councilmember Gilyard as a co-sponsor. Councilmember Gilyard recommended the following amendments: after Line 58 add 6. The City Manager will hold staff responsible for implementing policies approved by the Council. The overarching goal of this Resolution is to ensure that the City of South Fulton builds a team that communicates frequently, set goals and objectives and evaluates performance periodically. After Line 61: Add, WHEREAS, Council and the City Manager will set clear expectations and agree upon specific performance goals and objectives based on priorities included in the strategic plan for the City. WHEREAS, Periodic reviews shall occur during each fiscal year to assess the effectiveness of the City Manager's performance in achieving the mission, vision, values, guiding principles, goals and objectives of the City in addition to communication with Council. The performance reviews will include metrics based on best practices. After Line 67, Section 3, change to, The City Manager shall annually develop and bring to the City Council an update of the City-wide strategic plan... Councilmember Rowell accepted all the amendments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to accept Res2018-013 with the above amendments by Councilmember Gilyard and with the understanding

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that the City Manager will bring back recommendations once all the personnel and all other items are in place. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid did not vote. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-1.

- ii. Resolution to establish the City of South Fulton Anniversary Taskforce and for other lawful purposes. **(City Council - Res2018-023)**

a. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to adopt Res2018-023. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell and khalid voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted no. Therefore, the motion failed, 3-4-0.

b. A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to reconsider Res2018-023 with an amendment by removing *A total of \$10,000.00 in City funds has been earmarked for the city anniversary commemorative activities for Fiscal Year 2018. If needed, the Taskforce may use up to the total funds allocated.* Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Councilmember Rowell voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-1-0.

- iii. Resolution to recognize Older Americans Week in the City, to establish the Older Americans Board and for other lawful purposes. **(Jackson, Gumbs and Gilyard – Res2018-024)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to accept/approve Res2018-024. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

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- iv. A Resolution to establish a process for sponsorship of Council Ordinances and Resolutions, to enhance legislative efficiency and for other lawful purposes.
(Rowell, Gumbs, Gilyard and Jackson – Res2018-025)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to accept/approve Res2018-025. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Councilmember Rowell voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-1-0.

~~9. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each)~~

10. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel (City Manager) and Litigation (City Attorney). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

IN OPEN SESSION

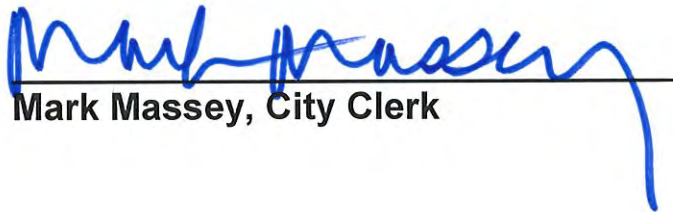
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to give the City Manager authority to execute contracts on the City Council's behalf up to \$25,000.00. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

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11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07am.



Mark Massey, City Clerk