City Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024
7:00 pm

I. Roll Call by City Clerk, Brenda James found the following members present:

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem James Whitmore	The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath	The Honorable Samantha Hudson
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones	The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

II. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Avery.

Also present was City Administrator Tony Phillips, Assistant City Administrator Jamila Criss, City Attorney Rory Starkey, Assistant City Attorney Serena Nowell, and City Clerk Brenda James.

III. The invocation was provided by Pastor Dwight Boone of Crossroads Church.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was in Unison.

V. Presentations and Proclamations: None

VI. Adoption of the City Council Agenda

Council Member Heath made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Fund Balance Policy as # 2 and to remove # 10, Discussion of a Forensic Audit. Council Member Davis provided the second.

Council Member Hudson said Fairburn needs a forensic audit for transparency and she wants to know how the day-to-day operations of taxpayer money have been spent. Council Member Portis-Jones said Council Member Hudson requested that her name be removed from her request to add forensic audit to the agenda. If you do not want your name associated with what it is you are asking for, that raises questions as well and you have accused us of a lot of different things. This body has gone downhill as we have seen here tonight and that is not working on behalf of the citizens of Fairburn, and if we are to be unified then we need to decide to exhibit professional behavior. You can request and say whatever you want to but you do not have the right to accuse me of anything. Council Member Hudson said let's talk about professionalism, you sat on this dais on July 22nd and accused me in an open meeting of comingling funds. City Attorney Rory Starkey said as parliamentarian, he will read the procedural rules. "It says all council members are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. Council members

seeking information from staff should do so within the confines of proper decorum. All council members shall not speak until recognized by the presiding officer and likewise shall not interrupt another council members remarks. Provided, however, a council member may ask another council member having the floor if that council member will yield for a question or clarification. All comments made by a council member shall directly address the motion or item before the body and all comments shall be directed to the presiding officer or to the body as a whole. The presiding officer shall enforce rules of decorum and if a council member believes that proper decorum is not being followed, he or she shall raise a point of order when recognized by the presiding officer. The presiding officer may then either rule on the question or allow the council to decide the issue by majority vote. Any council member shall have the right to express descent regarding an action by the body but is never appropriate to question another council members motive for voting." Attorney Starkey said if you want to have a legal opinion from the city attorney, as a body you could meet, and vote and I will render that opinion. Otherwise, it comes from the mayor. If the mayor makes a request for a legal opinion, or if the council as a body makes a request, you are going to get it. There is no individuality here, you move as one body, and you get to express your individual concerns in the context of that body, but you move as one. So please let's conduct ourselves accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore asked the City Attorney what is the breakdown of a forensic audit. He is not talking about funds being exploited, stolen, or whatever the case may be. But within a forensic audit, we can direct that scope and talk about high level positions, high level salaries and everything else within that forensic audit, is that correct. City Attorney Rory Starkey said as a body, if you want to have a forensic audit you can decide to have that, and that request will be filtered through the appropriate rules. When you start talking about personnel, that is executive session discussion. The administration of this government is seeded to the City Administrator, he gets to run the city, that's his job, it's not your job. The mayor is the executive officer, he's a tiebreaker, he signs every contract and if he's unavailable, the Mayor Pro Tem can sign. He said he wants to be clear that any opinion he gives, he promises it's going to be laced and based on the charter, procedural rules, city ordinances, and the personnel policy. In the Personnel Policy, Section 2.54.21, employee interaction with city officials. "City employees shall take no action or engage in any course of conduct that interferes with the proper, efficient, effective operations of the city government. No city employee with the exception of the city administrator, and city department heads unless acting pursuant to a direction from the city administrator or the employees department head shall accept any directive from or initiate or continue any direct communications with the city official regarding any request for action or information involving the operations of the city government actions with respect to all requests shall be taken only with the advice and consent of the city administrator." You have a strong mayor, city administration form of government, that's what the charter and ordinances allow. You have to be careful because you have official immunity for anything related to your legislative function. Once you get outside meddling around in personnel matters, your official immunity is not going to be there and you're subjecting yourself to dangerous territory. Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said the question was, if a forensic audit is being requested can it also include things he's been talking about for the past month, regarding pay not personnel. Mr. Starkey said I would submit that

subject to my review of the city charter, the city ordinance, procedural rules, to the extent to get this body to vote on the request for a forensic audit, you can define the scope of that.

Council Member Portis-Jones said the issue on the floor is regarding a forensic audit and asked the financial expert if she could talk about a forensic audit because that is a financial term and is being discussed in light of personnel. She asked what a forensic audit is, and if there is something else, we need to call it or look at relative to the personnel piece.

Rachel Bembry of JAT Consulting Services said a forensic audit is a specialized audit for financial crimes for investigating embezzlement, malfeasant, things of that nature. What would be most appropriate in this situation is to hire an external auditor to perform agreed upon procedures engagement. With that, you're hiring an external third party, so you have independence protection, but it allows you to identify the scope of work that you want covered in that engagement. Council Member Portis-Jones asked her to identify some of the indicators of why we would need a forensic audit. Ms. Bembry said if you had some sort of substantiation that there was some wrongdoing, if there were documents or allegations of wrongdoing, it would be appropriate to investigate that through a forensic audit. Council Member Portis-Jones said if a forensic audit financially based is what's being asked for then she asked that substantiation be provided to this body to make us aware of the specific issues and concerns that would indicate the need for a financial forensic audit versus agreed upon procedures.

Council Member Davis said we are going around and around in circles and getting nothing done and it is frustrating and the reason she made the second to take this off the agenda is because there has not been any type of substantiated reason to have a forensic audit, we need to get back on the agenda.

Council Member Smallwood said it seems like the agenda item was not up for a vote tonight, it was up for discussion. Some good things have come out about a forensic audit, and it is generated when there is substantiated claims for wrongdoing so he thinks we could discuss it and hammer out what people are asking for. He heard the things Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore is asking for as well as Council Member Hudson and feels it deserves further discussion.

Council Member Heath asked how much it would cost for a forensic audit. Ms. Bembry said that is a question that goes into the scope of it, that would drive the cost. She can't provide a cost without identifying a scope, however, they are very expensive. Council Member Heath said in 2010 we looked into a forensic audit, and it was cost prohibitive, and we are talking about taxpayer money. He hasn't seen where somebody is sticking money in their pockets that's on the council. Ms. Bembry said a forensic audit would be anywhere from $75,000 to $125,000 depending on the scope of work. Council Member Heath asked what the name of the company that audits our books every year and asked if they found anything, wouldn't they point those things out to us. Mr. Phillips said Maulden & Jenkins performs the audit and yes, and typically if there are findings associated with an audit, if they find anomalies, financial improprieties, anything not done

in accordance with accounting principles, those will particularly result in a finding in the audit. Ms. Bembry said it goes a little bit further than that, they will issue findings for anything that might cause a material misstatement to your financials. Council Member Heath said he's listened to the conversations and is usually laid back, but the talk is about the public's money, so why would you want to go out and spend up to $125,000. We do the job that we feel is necessary and we take care of our citizens, and they need to know that. There are people that want to stir up strife and do things that are erroneous, but to keep something stirred up all the time to where council members are at each other's throats, it's ridiculous.

Mayor Avery said he has been through those types of audits with Fulton County, and they passed with flying colors. My department was particularly audited because of the compliance department, he's very cognizant of what's being requested and as it relates to the integrity of the government, himself, and the city administrator. After discussion, **the motion carried.** Council Member Hudson voted no.

VII. Public Comments:

Jedidiah Brown said based on his limited research, congratulations on getting back your seat as mayor. He is the proud leader of Investigate and Advocate and they have heard of things that are a little concerning to them so he's here to check out what's going on in the City of Fairburn. He's here to let the council people who are stating they are asking for very simple documents and not getting them, they are not unheard and is a little disheartened. He is here to say, we're going to come, we're watching and there are teams of his that are watching the live stream across the country, and we are going to try to figure out if we can help Fairburn. If you're doing the job and doing it right, the voters will speak and when they decide.

Marvin Nash said it's good to have people that stand up for the people that's not accustomed to coming before you and talking about their concerns. When we see the bickering going on, it's all over government. While running their HOA, one of the HOA members told him there's no I in team, he was doing everything, they were not doing anything. He wants to talk about transparency and sometimes we don't always put it in a professional elegant way or respectful way, but it doesn't mean a person is wrong or right because they get loud, it's facts. Audits stand for uncovered defects in the system, so if there is a defect we need to resolve it and do it as a group and not fight and bicker against each other.

Ernie Brooks said this seems like an executive session more than a city council and public engagement, but he appreciates it because what was revealed to him was dysfunction and inner workings and asked Mr. Whitmore was he running for Mayor. And 15 years, someone sitting on council and for 14 years, we've been running a deficit with the utility department. He likes this lady, she might be a little loud, but it seems she's got a genuine concern.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes:

1. Approval of the minutes Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Smallwood provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Public Hearings: There were no public hearings.

X. Consent Agenda: N/A

XI. Regular Agenda Items:

2. Amendment to the Fund Balance Policy

Assistant City Attorney, Serena Nowell presented this item and said the Fund Balance Policy was amended in 2023 by Resolution 2023-05. The request to the body this evening is to amend the Fund Balance Policy to reduce the minimum amount of the unassigned fund balance to 28.4% from 35%.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to amend the Fund Balance Policy by reducing the fund balance to 28.4% from 35%. Council Member Smallwood provided the second.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore made a substitute motion to reduce the Fund Balance Policy from 35% to 20%. The motion fails for a lack of a second.

Council Member Davis asked why the amendment to the fund balance came up. Council Member Portis-Jones said this is an alternative to raising the millage rate. Council Member Davis asked what adjustments this will make to the budget if we amend the fund balance. Assistant City Administrator Jamila Criss said you will see a reduction in property taxes by $2.1 million that was anticipated with the millage rate. That reduction will yield $23,021,124. The fund balance request on the current budget as it sits before you was 5.3. That will increase by the difference of 2.1 to be reduced from the fund balance. There will be a reduction in property taxes in the budget, but the fund balance request will go to offset that decrease.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said that was one of the reasons in the last council meeting, he looked at the reserve balance of 35% and said if we reduce the reserve balance down to 25% or 20%, there would not be a need to increase the millage rate. Now, we are going to be forced to operate within our budget, not knowing if this is going to pass in November and we still have an opportunity to win-win without increasing that rate and giving our citizens a break since we just raised the utilities in January of this year. This is what we call government, this is what we call compromise, and this is how we can be a winner, both as a legislative body and as citizens of this great city.

Council Member Hudson said she did agree with Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore when he brought that up. She thought it was a brilliant idea and wasn't able to second the motion because of the amount. She asked are we amending it so it would be more than $2 million or would it only be $2 million and what would Administration do differently going forward. Understanding where we are financially and the information that our City Attorney gave us, maybe you can help me understand why this council is not receiving the financial information, this is how she makes decisions. I can't subvertingly say fraud is happening if she has not been given the information, so nowhere on anybody's record have I said its fraud, I said the behavior is a culture of corruption. She asked for the budget expense report for ARPA, she received the budget, but she had a question to Administration to help her understand why the 100% allocated plan in 2021 of the ARPA funds. On June 14, 2021, this council voted on that plan under the former Administration. Some of the numbers that were allocated were cut in half. $500,000 was allocated for utility assistance but the new plan cut that in half to $250,000 and then we came back a year later and raised utility rates. She is seeking to understand why. After discussion, **the motion was carried**, with Council Member Hudson voting no.

3. Adoption of the 2025 Millage Rate and Property Tax

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve a Resolution to adopt a General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Indebtedness Rate of 1.46 and a Millage Rate of 8.1 for the City of Fairburn for FY 2024-2025. Council Member Heath provided the second.

Council Member Davis asked if this would change the exemptions that we advocated for our seniors. Mr. Phillips said they will stay the same, no change. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Adoption of the 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year Budget

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve an Ordinance to establish the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to commence on October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Council Member Smallwood provided the second.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said as stated previously, in many of our debates and here this evening, it is hard for him to approve any budget without all the information that he's been requesting. For whatever reason, it's being subverted and is not being given up. I cannot vote for the budget for 2024-2025.

Council Member Hudson said it's been very clear that she asked for the ARPA expense report, how much of the ARPA funds was used to renovate the Georgia Military structure, copies of the Third Friday performance contracts, and she did not get this information. How we make decisions about finances is very important is a liability for her to vote on a budget that staff presented very well. We have to use those performance measures to justify spending when we have HR who lacks implementing Performance Management of employees. She cannot vote on this budget. After discussion, **the motion was carried,** with Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore and Council Member Hudson voting no.

5. Kroger Co. National Opioid Settlement Agreement

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Fairburn to accept the terms of a new settlement in "in re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation"; to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the City of Fairburn's participation in the settlement. Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Revised City of Fairburn Travel Policy

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore made a motion to approve the revised City of Fairburn Travel Policy. Council member Smallwood provided the second.

Council Member Hudson said the budget was just approved where one council member had $22,000 for training and education and everybody else with $15,000. We just had this whole scenario where we are one council, but yet we have inequities in the amounts each council member receives for training. She asked what the amount of training allocated for each council member is. Mr. Phillips said pursuant to the discussion we had during the budget presentations when we received feedback from council, the budgets remained as they were originally presented which is $15,000 per council member, with the exception of council members serving on national boards. In this instance, Councilwoman Portis-Jones who serves on the National League of Cities Board and she gets $22,000 for the additional travel associated with that service. That was the direction we understood, the consensus of the council.

Council Member Hudson said we're not one council then, a National Board does not dictate a council member getting more. This is taxpayer money and where is the rule that says any council member sits on a National Board, they get more training allotted to them. You have a budget that you approved tonight and did not address community engagement, but you have $150,000 that you're about to throw in the street October 5th and the residents only benefit by being entertained. She's all for a good time but you all keep talking about one council and fairness.

Council Member Portis-Jones said during Mayor Avery's first administration in 2015, that rule was brought to us by a council member who subsequently became mayor, and she brought it because of the additional responsibilities, not training. Serving on the National League of Cities which is the federal advocacy for municipalities all across the country, which is equivalent to our stage league, the Georgia Municipal Association. I am not being trained, I am participating on the board to set policy and direction for advocating to our federal government about the resources needed at the local level. The ARPA money we received, part of it was allocated to utilities, was the first time in history that federal dollars came directly to municipalities, regardless of size. The additional monies I receive are for me to attend the board meetings, go to Washington for special lobbying of our congress and the president for direct and more fundings to us and to help them understand how they impact small communities like ours.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said for clarity, we have two things we're talking about in the travel policy. Ms. Criss said for the council members that had $12,000, went to $15,000 and the council member that had $19,000 went to $22,000. Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said he understands the advocacy that goes on with NLC and understands Council Member Portis-Jones represents us well and appreciates everything she is doing and agrees. The second part of the travel policy was to remove the restriction of 50 miles travel so they can continue training at GMA in January of every year. They go through various training courses during the whole weekend process and with that they will not exceed the $15,000. He feels going from $12,000 to $15,000 will serve us well.

City Attorney Rory Starkey said the travel budget was addressed in the approval of the budget. This is for removing the 50-mile radius restriction on elected officials. Mr. Phillips said the proposed change under Section 3.1 of the Travel Policy says provided, however the distance restriction does not apply to the mayor or members of city council traveling on city business.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a substitute motion to remove the 50-mile requirement for the Mayor, City Council members, and staff. Travelers on city business are allowed lodging expenses when they are away for more than 12 hours and will apply to the Mayor, City Council members, and staff. Council Member Smallwood provided the second.

Council member Hudson said she supports the amendment but feels we need to have a minimum mileage established.

Council Member Portis-Jones said Council Member Hudson is incorrect in stating the reason this came up was because of the retreat being held in Peachtree City. Those were two different issues and that is not the reason why Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore brought up the issue. She concurred with the discussion for the need for us to revise that policy. This past November the NLC was held here in the City of Atlanta, because of the 50-mile rule, she commuted every day. Serving on the board, with all the various obligations, that was grueling and very dangerous for her.

Council Member Hudson said you gave a reference point of November of 2023, and her point was when she received the travel policy from the city clerks office as it relates to the booking of rooms in Peachtree City. She supports amending the travel policy, she wants to set a standard and making sure the limitations are reasonable and that our staff are going to be safe. After discussion, **the motion carried unanimously**.

7. Approval of the Fulton County Arts Council Contract for Services Agreement between Fulton County and the City of Fairburn

Economic Development Director Sylvia Abernathy presented this item and said the City of Fairburn applied for a grant with the Fulton County Arts Council for services in

January 2024, to assist with costs associated with producing the 2024 Fairburn Third Friday Concert Series. The Fulton County Arts Council announced on July 10, 2024, at the Fulton County Board of Commissioners meeting, approval of the 2024 Contracts for Services awards. The award amount for the City of Fairburn is $22,500 and covers the contract period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. This is a matching grant to promote cultural arts and music within the City of Fairburn.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Contract For Services (CFS) agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Fairburn. Council Member Hudson provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously**.

8. Award of Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract for Public Safety Complex

Buildings Operation Manager Dana Smith presented this item and said subsequent to all our conversations about the public safety complex, we are ready to award the Construction Manager At Risk. After the interview process, the recommendation is to award it to Reeves Young, LLC to be our construction manager who will partner with our design firm.

Council Member Heath made a motion to award the contract for RFQ #24-011 for the Fairburn Public Safety Complex Construction Manager at Risk services to Reeves Young, LLC in the amount not to exceed $998,694. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second.

Council Member Hudson asked how many bids were received. Mr. Smith said they received eight bids, and the successful bidder is Reeves Young. They have done work for major municipalities and have several years of experience.

Council Member Davis thanked him for providing detailed information on this company and the score sheet on how all the companies rated. She really appreciated the information stating that this company does not expect change orders. Mr. Smith said he cannot guarantee there won't be change orders as this is an imperfect process.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore asked if there was any incentive for them to complete ahead of schedule. Mr. Smith said they have not built in any financial incentives to complete ahead of schedule, but they usually put in contracts the consequences for not finishing on schedule.

Mayor Avery asked him to explain why we are using CM at Risk. Mr. Smith said CM at Risk or Construction Manager at Risk is one method to execute or deliver a construction project. The three main types are the traditional design bid build, is what we did on Fire Station #23. The company designs it, completes the whole design, we bid that out, a Construction Manger provides a proposal, they construct it, and they build it. A design build is where you'll have a joint venture or maybe two companies come together, a constructor and an architectural firm and literally design and build as they go so there's a faster approach to getting to construction phase. All of the construction documents

aren't as finished because they're one team from the beginning working through the design. This project process is a composite of both, whereas we have a designer on board but then you engage the Construction Manager early on in the design process or the concept phase, bring them onto the team to allow them to see the design, add input, get better construction estimates, and then also be able to move into construction phase faster. The reason we call it At Risk for the Construction Manager is because they're taking more risk in this method; they're going to look at the design and then try to meet our budget but give a guaranteed maximum price for construction. After discussion, **the motion carried unanimously**.

9. Contract Award for Landscaping at the Temp Fire Station on Bohannon Road

General Services Director Gale Higgs presented this item and said they are seeking approval to enter into a contract with All South Lawnscapes to install landscaping at the temporary fire station located at 8563 Bohannon Road. The Invitation to Bid was issued on July 17, 2024, and bids were due on August 15, 2024. A total of 7 bids were received and upon evaluation All South Lawnscapes was deemed the most responsive bidder at a cost not to exceed $67,788.40. If approved, the service will be funded through the Tree Bank Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore made a motion to award the contract to All South Lawnscapes for landscaping services at the Temporary Fire Station (Station #24) on Bohannon Road in an amount not to exceed $67,788.40. Council Member Hudson provided the second. Council Member Hudson thanked her and her staff for keeping our city looking pristine and the strategy you use for the Third Friday concerts.

Council Member Davis asked Dana Smith if they are still in the timeframe for completion. Mr. Smith said we are nearly complete with the infrastructure and have a few minor plumbing things to tie up. Once the landscaping is done, we should be in good shape.

Fire Chief Cornelius Robinson said he's very excited about this moment, the guys are ready, they have the truck and waiting for the green light to move in.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said it looks like if everything else is completed, they could move in. Mr. Smith said they are finishing up this week to get them operational where Chief Robinson can function out of the building by the end of September. The beautifications may not be done, but it will be functional for the Chief. Assistant Administrator Jamila Criss said once Ms. Higgs is done with the contractor, we can schedule a ribbon cutting for that facility in October. Ms. Higgs said once the contract is signed, the contractor can start within a week and the process will be finished, weather provided, within 7 to 12 days. Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said he is looking forward to the ribbon cutting because it is important to get this facility up and running to also help reduce the insurance for residents on that side of town. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XII. Reports: None

XIII. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Whitmore said there are some hot issues that we have in the City of Fairburn, and we have to talk about them and find common ground. Tonight, we found common ground with the millage rate, there's not going to be an increase this year.

Council Member Heath had no comments.

Council Member Hudson said we did do well with not raising the millage rate, but it doesn't mean that increase isn't coming. We need to govern in the interest of taxpayers and encouraged our citizens to educate yourselves on the form of government you have, how to access government and how you can participate in government. She does not support the status quo, there's no transparency in this government and she renewed her request for every document that she asked for.

Council Member Smallwood had no comments.

Council Member Portis-Jones said she's glad they came to a compromise agreement regarding the budget and the need for the millage rate increase. We found an alternative way to obtain the dollars they need for the increased budget without increasing the millage rate. She wanted to remind everyone of those dollars in the reserve fund, they were there because this body took the responsibility and established a policy to ensure we had dollars in our Reserve Fund. Numerous years ago, they were dinged by the auditors because we failed to have an adequate Reserve Fund. We are using the funds for this budget, but we can't make this a habit. We've got to find alternative strategies in how to generate revenue in this city.

Council Member Davis said she wants the families of Dr. Parks to know that you all are in my prayers and sends her condolences to you. Dr. Parks was a special person, and her heart is heavy for his family because whatever he did, he did it well with a smile on his face. Her prayers are going out to the Glaize family and wishing Lydia a speedy recovery. She does not like to see any property tax increases, even though we know we have a city we have to run, we have expectations, we have service delivery, we have outstanding employees, and we know to continue to do what we're doing it may require extra.

Mayor Avery said please don't lose sight of how we got here with the proposed millage rate increase because of HB581, we've had fiscal responsibility. As a result of us having a 35% fund balance, we were able to balance our money and save money to even consider that as an option for a policy. He thanked staff for all that was put into the proposed millage rate, but again hard decisions had to be made. Dr. Parks funeral will be on September 21st at Open Word Christian Ministries at 11:00 a.m. On September 11th, there will be a balloon release in honor of Dr. D'avante Parks at 6 pm at Duncan Park. The Fairburn Fall Festival is scheduled for October 5th.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to exit the executive session and convene the regular meeting. Council Member Smallwood provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement for a special decorative fence with GDOT. Council Member Davis provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the acquisition for parcel number five at Duncan Park and pay for two mailboxes for a total of $22,800. Council Member Davis provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XIV. Adjournment:

Council Member Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Council Member Davis provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Brenda James, City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor