



City of Fairburn Work Session Agenda

March 23, 2026
6:00 PM

The Honorable Mayor Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable Anatavia M. Benson
The Honorable Fannie Mae Houser
The Honorable Samuel Perry

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Shanita Nichols
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

Mr. Tony Phillips
Mr. Rory Starkey
Ms. Deannia Ray

City Administrator
City Attorney
City Clerk

- I. Meeting Called to Order: Hattie Portis-Jones, Mayor
- II. Roll Call: City Clerk
- III. Agenda Items:
 1. HomeWise Program Presentation - Atlanta Habitat for Humanity **(City Administrator's Office)**
 2. Youth Council Recognition - Participation in the 1st Annual Voices of Legacy Celebration **(Communications)**
- IV. Adjournment:

When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following Issues:
(1) Personnel (2) Real Estate or (3) Litigation



HomeWise Program





The program works with homeowners to identify and prevent issues, maintain their homes, educate, and utilize resources so that homeowners feel empowered.

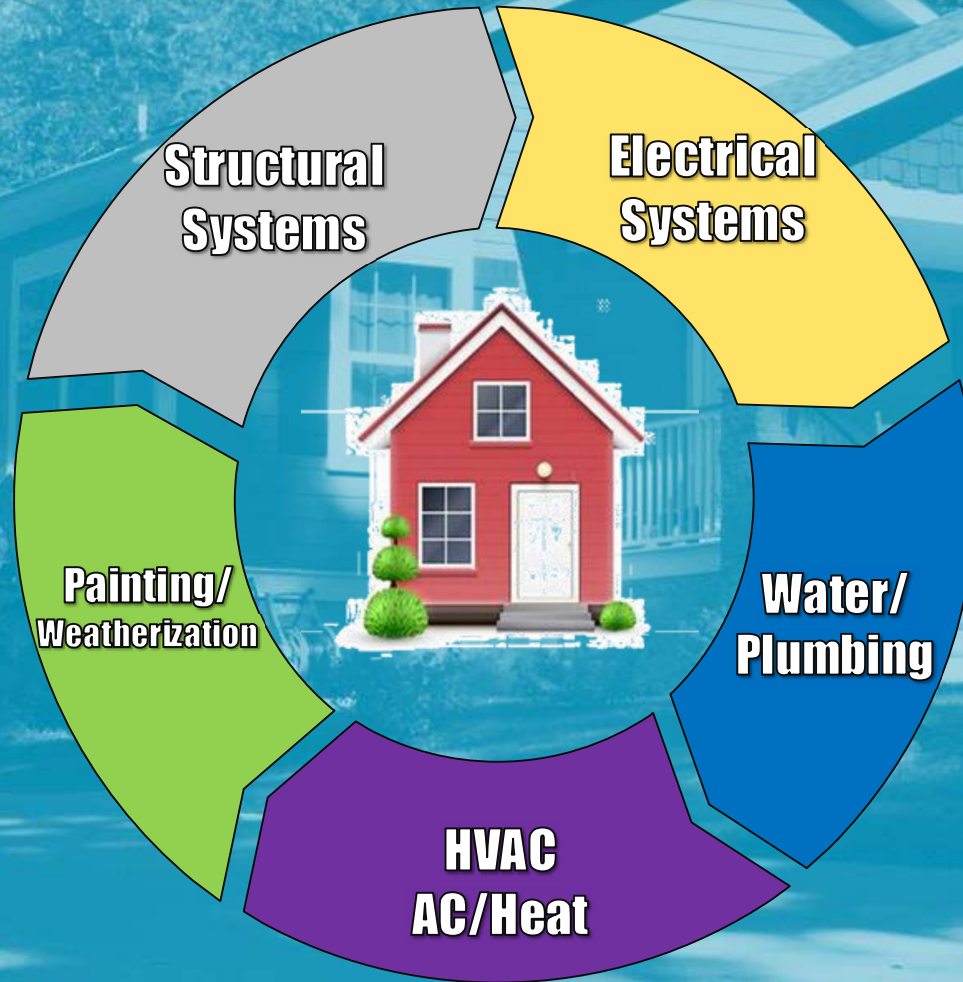




- 15% of elderly homeowners and 13% of millennials are victims of contractor fraud.
- The median lost to home improvement fraud is over \$2,000, 3.5 times the amount lost to all other fraud.
- Many homeowners are unaware of their insurance coverage, deductibles, and how increased material costs may leave the homeowner underinsured and without coverage in case of an emergency.



THE 5 ESSENTIALS





Water/Plumbing Systems

The main water supply is the system that brings water into your home from the pipe that runs underneath your street. Water passes through a meter near the street to your home, then is distributed to all the different appliances in your house. Water pipes are typically made of plastic, copper, or galvanized iron.



Inspection/ Signs of Issue

- Excessive water bill
- Water around toilet base
 - Water under sink
 - Dripping faucet
 - No hot water

Main Water Shut Off

Remove the meter cover (usually located near the street or sidewalk), look inside the compartment to find the water supply shut-off valve. To turn off the valve, you can use a meter key or twist the valve closed with pliers. To stop the water flow to your home, turn the shut-off valve clockwise.

Water Heater

- Water heating is a heat transfer process that uses an energy source (Gas or Electricity) to heat water.
- Flush your water heater every year or so

Sinks & Faucets

Faucets and sinks should have their water supply connection checked periodically for rust, deterioration and leak free operation.

In case of leaks turn valves off by twisting clockwise

Prevention: refrain from draining items such as

- Oil
- Hair



Water/Plumbing Repair Cost

- Replace/fix faucet – \$200 – 400
- Replace/fix toilet – \$150 – 650
- Unclog Pipes – \$125 – 600
- Water Heater – \$800-2200
- Reimbursement From Water Dept
with plumber receipt



The 5 Golden Rules of Managing Contractors

Research Websites

- Home Advisor
- Angi
- Yelp
- Better Business Bureau

Get at least 3 written estimates

License & Insured

Never put down more than 10-15% on large jobs over \$5000. Never pay in cash (Money order, Check, or Debit/Credit card only)

Do not bow to pressure. Job must be completed before full payment

Insurance Questions to Know

- Who do I call?
- What is my deductible?
- How much am I covered for?
- What damage am I covered for?
- Will filing a claim affect coverage?
- Has my home coverage risen with inflation (i.e. labor/material costs)?