



**CITY OF FORT VALLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING  
204 WEST CHURCH STREET  
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030**

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, Carla Gowen & Fred Van Hartesveldt.

City Administrator, Raphel Maddox was present.

City Attorney, LaRhonda Patrick was present.

Public Safety Director, Chief Lawrence Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Interim Assistant Director, Antonio Lopez was present.

Human Resource Director Dianne Woodson was present.

Finance Director Lomenzo Reddick was present.

City Clerk, Scakajawea Wright recorded the minutes from a Zoom Recording.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 4:30P.M.**

INVOCATION- Mayor Barbara Williams

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

a. Motion to approve the agenda as written with any necessary corrections.

i. Motioned- Allen

ii. Seconded- Gowen

iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

a. Motion Carries.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS- Mayor Williams**

a. The meeting times have been changed because of the pandemic. The staff are paid overtime to stay late and the department heads are salaried. They could adjust their time but the staff must be paid overtime. The meetings are recorded on Zoom and could be loaded to our Facebook or city website.

b. Executive order from the governor to mask up for 100 days. When you come to city hall please wear a mask. A stand-alone thermometer is in the entrance of City Hall. Please check your temperature when you walk in.

c. Committee Appointments

- a. Mayor Pro Tem- Alonzo Allen
- b. Administration Committee- Fred Van Hartesveldt
- c. Economic Development – LeMario Brown
- d. Finance- Jimmy Barnes
- e. Personnel- Fred Van Hartesveldt
- f. Public Safety- Carla Gowen
- g. Public Works- Alonzo Allen
- d. COVID 19 Updates
  - i. Yesterday 14,073, 34 deaths
  - ii. Today 14,077, and 34 deaths
  - iii. The president and the governor have made a commitment to increase the number of vaccines.
  - iv. City and county employees have been out and come back in from COVID.
  - v. The hotline number for testing and vaccines is 1-844-987-0099. Vaccines are Monday and Friday. Testing will be on Wednesdays.
  - vi. Five Pointe Pharmacy are also doing vaccines by appointment only (825-0555).

#### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 1. Public Safety Committee Meeting- November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- 2. Public Works Committee Meeting- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- 3. Finance Committee Meeting- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- 4. Work Session Committee Meeting- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- 5. Regular Council Meeting- November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - i. Motion to approve the November minutes.
    - 1. Motioned- Gowen
    - 2. Seconded- Van Hertsveldt
    - 3. All In Favor-Unanimous
      - a. Motion Carries

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to approve Alcohol License for Ghost Lounge, 106 West Church Street.
  - a. Motioned- Allen
  - b. Seconded- Brown
  - c. Opposed- Gowen
  - d. In Favor Of- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, Van Hartesveldt
    - i. Motion Carries
- 2. Motion to approve paving of the parking lot on Church Street.
  - a. Motioned- Gowen.
  - b. Motioned- Van Hartesveldt

- c. Opposed- Bryant and Barnes
    - d. In Favor Of- Mayor, Gowen, Brown
      - i. Motion Carries.
- 3. Property Acquisition and Development was moved to Executive Session.
- 4. Motion to approve the Film Industry MOU.
  - a. Motioned- Gowen
  - b. Seconded- Allen
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
- 5. Motion to appoint Ms. Eason to the Planning and Zoning Board.
  - a. Motion- Allen
  - b. Seconded- Brown
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries
- 6. Motion to appoint Calvin Jones to the Housing Authority Board.
  - a. Motioned- Gowen
  - b. Seconded- Allen
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
- 7. Motion to appoint Tisa Horton and Alton Howard to the Downtown Development Authority.
  - a. Motioned- Bryant
  - b. Seconded- Brown
  - c. All In Favor- Mayor, Allen, Brown, Allen, Van Hartesveldt
  - d. Opposed- Barnes and ~~Allen~~ **Gowen**
    - i. Motion Carries
- 8. Motion to accept the bid for property on 221 Moore Street- Alonzo Mercer.
  - a. Motioned- Gowen
  - b. Seconded- Brown
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
- 9. Motion to appoint Mr. Allen as Mayor- Pro Term for 2021.
  - a. Motioned- Brown
  - b. Seconded- Barnes
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries
- 10. Motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel and Property Acquisition.
  - a. Motioned- Brown

- b. Seconded- Gowen
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
11. Motion to Exit Executive Session and go back to Open Session.
- a. Motioned- Allen
  - b. Seconded- Gowen
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
12. Motion to turn the responsibility of the Property Acquisition over to Economic Development Committee.
- a. Motioned- Allen
  - b. Seconded- Brown
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.
13. Motion to table until next meeting
- a. Motioned- Brown
  - b. Seconded- Van Hartesveldt
  - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
    - i. Motion Carries.

**Committee Reports**

Personnel Committee- LeMario Brown

Public Safety Committee- Carla Gowen

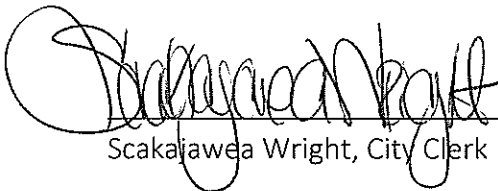
Finance Committee- Jimmy Barnes

Administration Committee- Alonzo Allen

Public Works Committee- Juanita Bryant (no report)

Motion to Adjourn.

- a. Motioned- Bryant
- b. Seconded- Allen
- c. All In Favor- Unanimous
  - a. Motion Carries.



Scakarawea Wright, City Clerk