



AGENDA

CITY OF FORT VALLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

204 WEST CHURCH STREET

FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Juanita Bryant, Jimmy Barnes, Alonzo Allen, Marvin Crafter, LeMario Brown and Carla Gowen. City Administrator, Raphel Maddox, Public Safety Director, Chief Spurgeon, and Public Works Director, Benjamin Carpenter were present. City Clerk, Scakajawea Wright served as recorder.

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 6:30 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION- Apostle Cassandra Williams, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
- III. PLEDGE
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda and add Financial Oversight Spending, Redirecting of excess power sales to the city's general fund, DDA & MEAG to the agenda.

- a. Motion to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections.
 - i. Motioned- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All In Favor- Crafter
 - iv. Opposed- Allen, Barnes, Mayor, Gowen
 - v. No Vote- Bryant & Brown
 1. Motion Failed.

- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Motion to accept the minutes for the month of August.
 - i. Motioned- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.

- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Peach County High School plays against Mary Pearson tomorrow.
- b. Fort Valley State University plays Charter College. (Home Game)
- c. Annual Unity in the Community Day is September 21st, 11 a.m. until.

- i. The Middle Georgia Food Bank applications will begin at 10 a.m. They will be there to give out food.
- d. Peach County High School Parade will be September 26th, beginning at 5 p.m.
- e. Fort Valley State University Homecoming Week begins October 13th-19th. The Gospel Fest will be October 10th.
- f. Two Council people have moved at State Level. Councilman Brown attended GMA's 20 under 40 Tuesday and will attend again October 15th and November 17th. Councilman Jimmy Barnes will be serving on the Broadband Summit October 3rd.
- g. District 6 Fall Meeting- Thursday, September 26th at 6pm.
- h. The Cops & Clergy Initiative went well. It is an annual event for the Police and the Clergy to come together and discuss things for the community.
- i. Annual Griffin Line Day- September 28th at 9 a.m.
- j. National Voter's Registration Day- September 24th at 9:00 a.m.

VII. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month

- a. Sam Whimbley- Public Safety Department

VIII. PERSONS TO ADDRESS MAYOR & COUNCIL

- a. Jamey McDonalds- Air Vac Medical Helicopter
- b. Bre Tinch- Partnership for Kids Christmas Drive to be held at the Festival Park December 21st

Councilman Bryant wanted it to be known for the record that she would like to partner with Ms. Tinch Kids Christmas Drive.

Motion to allow Ms. Tinch to use the Festival Park December 21st, waving vendor fees.

- i. Motioned- Bryant
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Contract for Services with Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce.
 - i. Motioned- Gowen
 - ii. Seconded- Allen

Question: Councilman Brown asked if they had approved an amount.

Motion to amend the motion subject to the amount pending the contract.

- iii. Motioned- Gowen
- iv. Seconded- Bryant

- v. All In Favor- Mayor, Brown, Allen, Gowen, Barnes
- vi. Abstained- Bryant

She abstained because she cannot sign a contract without the amount.

- vii. Recused- Crafter
 - 1. Motion Carries.

- b. Motion to approve the Alcohol License for Jayesh Patel at 202 Vineville Street, Fort Valley as written.
 - i. Motioned- Barnes
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen

Question: At come point in time Councilman Crafter would like to see about price gauging in the stores. He wants to know if there is a legislative act that will prohibit it.

An in-depth conversation was shared between Mayor, Council, and Chief Spurgeon. Chief Spurgeon will get with the Department of Agriculture to see if something can be done.

- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.

- c. Motion to wave the business license fees for the vendors and exhibitors at the 2019 FVSU Homecoming and declaring a portion of State University Drive a Street Festival.
 - i. Motioned- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Allen
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries
- d. Motion to appoint Ms. Shakeena Reeves to the Planning & Zoning Board.
 - i. Motioned- Gowen
 - ii. Seconded- Bryant
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.
- e. Motion to table the GEFA Loan until further discussion.
 - i. Motioned- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.
- f. Motion to accept the millage rate at 15 mills.
 - i. Motioned- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Brown, Gowen, Bryant, Allen, & Barnes
 - iv. Abstained- Crafter

1. Motion Carries.

g. Motion to deny the request to name Spruce Street after Mr. Dave Carter.

i. Motioned- Bryant

ii. Seconded- Gowen

iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Bryant, Gowen, Allen, Barnes,

iv. Abstained- Brown

v. Opposed- Crafter

1. Motion Carries.

X. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Economic Development Committee- Alonzo Allen

Public Works Committee- Jimmy Barnes

City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report- LeMario Brown

Personnel Committee- Carla Gowen

Finance Committee- Juanita Bryant

Councilwoman Bryant asked to let the record show she wanted a 2.5% pay adjustment for employees.

The Administration Committee- Marvin Crafter

Meeting Adjourned- 7:52 P.M.

Scakajawea Wright, City Clerk