



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023, AT 6:30 PM
204 WEST CHURCH STREET**

Attended-Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilman Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman David Morrill, City Administrator James Woods, Chief Evans, Major Flores, Walter Johnson, Chief Woodard, Dir. Gary Lee, Code Ofc. Rhonda Walker. **Recorder City Clerk** -Diane Brown

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
- III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Motion-Councilman Alonzo Allen
Second-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
All in favor Motion carried.
- V. MINUTES APPROVAL- October 2023**
2019-Audit Public Hearing
Committee Meetings
Work Session Meeting
Regular City Council Meeting

Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Second-Councilman Alonzo Allen
All in favor Motion carried.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**-Mayor Jeffery Lundy
- VII. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**
Police Department-Ieshia Faulks
Fire Department-Jordan Austin
Public Works Department-Bernita Davis
Administrative Department- Diane Brown
- VIII. BUSINESS LICENSE**
 1. Flavors Restaurant- Business License to serve alcohol, pour by the drink.
Motion to Table bring back in December.
Motion-Councilman David Morrill
Second-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
All in favor Motion carried.
- IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT**- City Administrator, James A. Woods
(Ordinances)-2nd-Read by Title only. Review

Chapter 17-Personnel

Motion -Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
Seconded-Councilman Alonzo Allen
All in favor Motion carried.

Chapter 14- Animal Ownership-Section 14-1 , Section 5.1

Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Seconded-Councilman David Morrill
All in favor Motion carried.

Chapter 54 -Schools

Offenses Against School Safety

Motion -Councilman Alonzo Allen
Seconded-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
All in favor Motion carried.

Chapter 54 Police Operations

Administration, Enforcement, Violation and Penalties

Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Seconded-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
All in favor Motion carried.

Chapter 62-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision

Sec. 62-4 -Juvenile curfew.

Sec. 62-14.-Loitering and juvenile curfew (Hotels, Motels, Extended Stay Hotels, Truck Stops).

Sec. 22-328. Rules for wins between Customers and Business Owners, Managers, and Employees of Class B COAM City Approved Locations.

Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Seconded-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
All in favor Motion carried.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to give City of Fort Valley Retirees a COLA raise.
Motion-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
Second-Councilman Alonzo Allen
Recused-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Nay-Councilman David Morrill
Motion carried vote of 5/2.
2. Resolution to authorize \$30,000.00 to be spent from the Sanitation Fund for the purpose of repairing the pump in the Stormwater Vacuum Truck.

Motion -Councilman Alonzo Allen
Second-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
Opposed by Councilman David Morrill
Motion carried by vote 6/1.

XI. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

1. Police Department-Chief Evans presented a plaque to Mayor and Council "Crime Rate Down by 47% In Fort Valley."
2. Fire Department-Chief Woodard
3. Public Works Department-Mr. Walter Johnson
4. Economic Development-Mr. James A. Woods, Mr. Gary Lee and Code Officer-Ms. Rhonda Walker

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION-No

Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
Second-Councilman Alonzo Allen
All in favor Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-8:00 pm.

- No Second Motion.
- o Motion Failed.

6. Resolution of Mayor and Council to organize an event to celebrate The FVSU Wildcats winning in the Inaugural Florida Beach Bowl.
 - Motion -Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
 - Second Motion-Councilman Henry Howard
 - o All in favor Motion carried.

XI. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

- XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Motion at 7:40 PM.
- Motion Councilwoman Laronda Eason
 - Second Motion-Councilman Henry Howard
 - o All in favor Motion carried.

Meeting Resumed.

Action-Three motions by way of resolutions.

Motion to rehire Mr. Kendrick asap for employment.

Motion-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant

Second Motion-Councilman Henry Howard

Discussion followed.

Send Mr. Kendrick a letter saying his position is open tomorrow.

Amendment to the motion.

Councilwoman Juanita Bryant

Motion by way of resolution to rehire Mr. Vernon Kendrick effective Monday, January 22, 2024.

Yae-Vote-4

Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilman Henry Howard, Councilwoman Laronda Eason,

Councilwoman Sandra B. Marshall

Opposed-Vote-3

Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilwoman Carla Gowen.

Motion carried Yae-4/Nay-3

Motion by way of resolution to terminate within the next 30 days the employment contract of City Administrator Mr. James Woods according to the Charter.

- Motion -Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
- Second Motion- Councilwoman Laronda Eason
 - o Yae-Vote-4
 - Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilman Henry Howard, Councilwoman Laronda Eason, Councilwoman Sandra B. Marshall.
 - o Opposed-Vote-3
 - Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilwoman Carla Gowen.
 - Motion carried Yae-4/Nay-3

Motion to terminate, not renew the contract of City Attorney Quinton Washington, of Washington Dreyer & Associates.

- Motion-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
- Second Motion- Councilman Henry Howard
 - o Yae-Vote-4
 - Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilman Henry Howard, Councilwoman Laronda Eason, Councilwoman Sandra B. Marshall.

VIII. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

- Public Works Department- Marium Harris
- Fire Department- Sgt. Ian Lindsey
 - o Brandon Walker promotion to Lieutenant position.
 - o Alexander Pryor promotion to Assistant Chief position.
- Police Department-Sgt. Raines
 - o Also received Merits Award from Chief Evans for his courageous rescue of an elderly female from a burning house located on Persons St.
 - o Ofc. Scott received the Community Service Award the 5th highest in the agency for participation in 15 city events.
- Administration Department-Code Enforcement Rhonda Walker
 - o For outstanding job of Code Ofc. And working administratively compiling cases for Judge and working hand in hand with Economic development to improve the city's appearance and also an intricate part in helping the Police reduce crime.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT- City Administrator, James A. Woods-None

- Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
 - o Motion to reinstate Mr. Vernon Kendrick, give him back pay and pay his attorney fees,
 - o Second Motion-Councilwoman Laronda Eason
 - Discussion followed.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to appoint Ginikki Crafter as a Core Board Member to the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority Board to serve the remaining 3 years of a 4-year term of the vacant seat.
 - Motion- Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
 - Second Motion-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
 - o All in favor Motion carried.
2. Resolution of Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract of the Municipal Court Judge.
 - Motion- Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
 - Second Motion-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
 - o All in favor Motion carried.
3. Resolution to adopt the Urban Redevelopment Plan.
 - Motion- Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
 - Second Motion- Councilwoman Carla Gowen
 - o All in favor Motion carried.
4. Resolution of Mayor and Council to review the City Administrator James A. Woods' Contract.
 - Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
 - No Second Motion.
 - o Motion Failed.
5. Resolution of Mayor and Council to approve the contract of Quinton Washington, Washington, Dryer & Associates.
 - Motion- Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt

- Opposed-Vote-3
 - Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilwoman Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilwoman Carla Gowen.
 - Motion carried Yae-4/Nay-3

Motion to adjourn the Meeting.
Motion-Councilwoman Laronda Eason
Second Motion-Councilwoman Bryant
All in favor motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURED-9:00 PM.