



**CITY OF FORT VALLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 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: Juanita Bryant, Jimmy Barnes, Alonzo Allen, Marvin Crafter, LeMario Brown and Carla Gowen were present.

City Administrator, Raphel Maddox was present.

City Attorney, Lashonda 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 served as recorder.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 4:35P.M.

INVOCATION- Bishop Jamie Johnson, James Temple Miracle Impact Ministry

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

a. Motion to approve the agenda with any necessary changes.

i. Motioned- Bryant

ii. Seconded- Crafter

iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

1. Motion Carries.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the minutes represented for the month of August.

i. Motioned- Bryant

ii. Seconded- Allen

iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting- August 6th, 2020
2. Administration Committee- August 6th, 2020
3. Public Works Committee- August 13th, 2020
4. Finance Committee Meeting- August 13th, 2020
5. 2017 CDBG Bidder Project- August 13th, 2020
6. Work Session- August 18th, 2020
7. Regular Council Meeting- August 20th, 2020
8. Called Meeting- August 25th, 2020

Councilperson Carla Gowen and Jimmy Barnes entered the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Corrected Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Property Tax for City of Fort Valley
- b. The replacements for the vacant seats at Fort Valley Utility Commissions will be sworn in tonight.
- c. Updated numbers on COVID for Peach County is as follows:
 1. 635 positive cases
 2. 100 hospitalizations
 3. 20 deaths
- d. Martin Moseley and others agree there is no need to enforce mask mandates.
- e. Peach County High School have a game tomorrow night. They have been following the CDC Guidelines.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month

- i. Public Works Department- Marcus Smith
- ii. Public Safety Department- Dianne Brown

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to accept the Ordinance for a Broadband Community.
 - a. Motioned- Crafter
 - b. Seconded- Barnes
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.

Mayor- Remove funding for the Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce from the agenda. We will handle it like we do all other funding requests that come to us.

2. Motion to accept bid for all properties and highest bidders be notified.
 - a. Motioned- Crafter
 - b. Seconded- Allen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous

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 - i. Motion Carries.
- 3. Motion to table Incentives Pay for Officers Advanced Certifications until we get an amount.
 - a. Motioned- BryantMotion died for a lack of a second.

Motion to table Incentives Pay for Officers Advanced Certifications until it goes back to Public Safety Committee.

- b. Motioned- Crafter
 - c. Seconded- Barnes
 - d. All In Favor- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Crafter, Gowen
 - e. Abstained- Brown
 - f. Opposed because it didn't include all other departments- Bryant
 - i. Motion Carried.
- 4. Motion to transfer property F05B 096 to the Development Authority.
 - a. Motioned- Gowen
 - b. Seconded- Allen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries
- 5. Motion to remove Freeport Taxes from Fort Valley.
 - a. Motioned- Gowen
 - b. Seconded- Barnes
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries
- 6. Motion to create an Economic Development Department.
 - a. Motioned- Crafter
 - b. Seconded- Barnes
 - c. All In Favor- Barnes, Brown, Crafter, Mayor
 - d. Opposed- Allen, Gowen, Bryant
 - i. Motion Carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Personnel Committee- LeMario Brown (no report)

Public Works Committee- Juanita Bryant

Finance Committee- Jimmy Barnes

Public Safety Committee- Carla Gowen

Administration Committee Meeting- Councilman Allen (no report)
Economic Development Committee- Marvin Crafter

Motion to appoint Henry Howard to fill the vacancy on the council.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Brown

Motion died.

Motion to accept Marvin Crafter's resignation.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Gowen
3. All In Favor- Barnes, Bryant, Gowen, Brown, Mayor
4. Recused- Allen
 - a. Motion Carries.

Motion to appoint Henry Howard to fill the vacancy on the council.

1. Motioned- Bryant

Motion died for a lack of a second.


Motion to advertise for City Council Vacancy At Large.

1. Motioned- Allen
2. Seconded- Gowen
3. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Fort Valley Utility Commissions Board Members.

Mr. Steve Linsey- Oath of Office

Mr. Marvin Crafter- Oath of Office

Motion to Adjourn

Scakajawea Wright, City Clerk