

**Ashburn City Council Meeting
Thursday, April 6th, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Sandra Lumpkin, Councilmembers Howard Jordan, James Burks, Rhonda Walker, Tommy Bateman, and City Attorney Tommy Coleman

Guest: Police Chief Cliff Jordan, Captain Richard Purvis, Albert Shepard, Andrea Pierce, Ben Baker, Commissioner Brad Calhoun, James Davis, Interim Fire Chief Jamie Turner, and John Burgess

City Manager Sedric Carithers informed the Council on the walk thru on the D.O.T. Projects that are ready to close which are the TE Project and the Streetscape Project. The Carlos Avenue Project will be completed as soon as the lights are installed.

Councilmember Burks stated that the Council would get reports from the Chamber when Mrs. Zorn was here and the Council is not getting them now. He said he had several complaints about the Fireant Festival not treating people right and fair who wanted to be a vendor in the festival. City Manager said he had complaints also. Mayor Lumpkin said that was not correct and they could set down with the festival committee and find out how it is handled.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Bateman to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 2017 Council Meeting. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Walker, Jordan

Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Burks to adopt the Resolution recognizing April 23-29, 2017 as Georgia Cities Week. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Walker, Jordan

Motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Jordan to adopt the Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement on an annual basis with the Turner County Board of Commissioners. Ayes: Bateman, Walker, Burks, Jordan

Councilmember Walker informed the council about citizens in Ashburn wanting to name the new park Veterans Park. Councilmember Jordan said he also had calls from citizens about naming the park and he would like it named Ashburn Community Park. Councilmember Burks also agreed with Ashburn Community Park as it is for all citizens. Mayor Lumpkin stated that Ashburn already has a veteran's park and she said it should be for all people. Motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Jordan to name the Park Ashburn Community Park. Ayes: Jordan, Burks Nay: Walker, Bateman. Mayor Lumpkin voted to name the Park Ashburn Community Park to break the tie.

Councilmember Walker also stated that she would like signs made to be installed coming into the City for the Turner County High School Ladies State Basketball Championship. City Manager said he would take care of the signs.

Citizens had inquired about a Liquor Store in the City. Attorney Tommy Coleman told the Council that a petition would be required with 35% of the registered voter's signatures and submitted to the Election Superintendent before it could be put on the ballot in November. The City can not be involved in promoting the petition.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Burks to leave Regular Session at 6:40 p.m. ad enter into Executive Session as per O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b)(2) Personnel
Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Jordan, Walker

Regular Session reconvened at 6:55 p.m. with a motion by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Burks to adjourn. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Walker, Jordan

City Clerk

Approved this 4th day of May 2017

Mayor