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CITY COUNCIL 6

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15 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ABOUT THE NEW CITY

1. Q: Where will City Hall be located?

A: 5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd, 30336. To save money and focus on more urgent issues, we will continue using existing government buildings for now. Many Fulton County departments like Police, Fire and Zoning we are taking control of are currently housed in the office park at Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

We are also negotiating for office space at the **South Fulton Annex, 5600 Stonewall Tell**, so District 4, 5, 6 & 7 may meet with constituents closer to home. As soon as Mayor & Council's offices are set up, along with staff, email addresses and telephone systems, council members will begin taking appointments to meet with residents.

KHALID will continue to visit local churches and HOAs as often as possible to keep in touch with the citizens of District 6. To Request KHALID attend your Meeting or Event: khalidCares.com/Contact

2. Q: When & where are City Council meetings? Are the meetings public?

A: Meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 7PM. Regular Council Meetings will begin May 9 at the **South Fulton Annex at 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, 30349.**

All meetings are open to the public, including Council Work Sessions, which are currently scheduled for 5PM every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, just before the Council Meetings. Work Sessions are used to debate Issues, but votes on any given issue are only taken at Council Meetings.

You can view Upcoming Meeting Agendas, Previous Meeting Minutes, Resolutions & more at: khalidCares.com/News

Each meeting begins with 30 minutes open for Public Comment. The first few meetings are expected to be filled to capacity, so citizens are encouraged to *arrive early!*

Seniors & disabled citizens are encouraged to **schedule rides with MARTA Mobility by calling (404) 848-5826**. To sign up for this service, please call (404) 848-5389 Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. Trips must be scheduled by 5pm the day before.

Our inaugural City Council meeting was held Saturday, April 29 at 10AM, after our Swearing In Ceremony. At that meeting we took our first steps towards setting up the city, including selecting a City Clerk and Interim City Manager and Attorney; as well as passing resolutions to set up a city bank account. More information on our first acts of cityhood can be found at: khalidCares.com/News

3. Q: I heard the Governor appointed a “Transition Team” to run the City.

A: False. Our city will be “run” by the Mayor and City Council.

Every time a new City is created, the Governor appoints a Transition Commission to prepare recommendations for the City Council on how to transition County services like Fire, Police & Code Enforcement to city control. However, the Transition Commission cannot make any laws, sign any contracts, or enter into any legal agreements on behalf of our city.

4. Q: Will my Taxes go up?

A. *Probably not.* Unincorporated Fulton county has been paying for Police, Fire & our other county services on our own since 2007 (when cities like Sandy Springs & Milton “broke away” and formed their own departments). The *millions* we will receive in Local Options Sales Taxes (see Question 1) will be used to improve these services.

Our City Charter, 2016 GA House Bill (HB) 514, prohibits City Council from raising property taxes more than 1 mil (1/1000th) without a citywide vote. For a \$100,000 house, whose *Assessed Value* is \$40,000, such an increase would total a *one-time*, annual property tax increase of \$40, or about \$3 per month.

Any increase in our sales tax would also require a ballot referendum & a city or county-wide vote.

ALL Senior Homestead Exemptions that currently apply to your county property taxes will transfer to the new City.

By State Law, utility providers like Georgia Power or Comcast are allowed to charged cities additional money to for upkeep of facilities like telephone poles or power stations inside city limits. In the coming months, you will likely see a new charge of a few dollars added to your Gas, Electric, Telephone or Cable bill.

5. Q: What services would the City provide?

A: Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development. The jail, schools and most courts – including Juvenile courts – will remain run by Fulton County. We will have our own Municipal Court to hear violations of city ordinances (e.g. speeding tickets & traffic citations, housing & building code violations).

6: When is all of this scheduled to happen?

A: It has already begun. State law gives us up to 2 years to transition over county services of Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Planning & Zoning to city control. However, our Mayor & Council are working hard to move as many of these programs over as quickly as possible. Hopefully, most of these services will be under city control by the end of 2017, and you will begin seeing improvements in delivery of these services within the next few months.

7. Q: During this Transition Period, what will happen when I call 911? Will anybody come?

A: YES. State law requires Police, Fire & Ambulances services to come when anyone calls 911. State law requires Fulton County to continue providing these services Until the City of South Fulton establishes our own Police and Fire Departments.

You will experience no interruption in service. In fact, in the coming year you should see a decrease in the response time of Police & Fire services for your area, resulting in a decrease to your auto & home/renters insurance premiums in 2018.

8. Q: What is going to happen to my Trash Service?

State Law requires that we run at least three citywide services in order to be officially considered a city. Residents have called for local control of Police and Fire. Mayor and Council are currently looking at Sanitation as the third service to be “municipalized” (taken over by the city).

The fee for citywide trash services would be added to your property tax bill or your monthly rent. Because everyone will be required to pay for trash collection, the monthly cost will likely be less than what you currently pay; and come with additional services like recycling, bulk & yard waste pick up. We also expect to see a big decrease in illegal dumping, since everyone will receive these services.

A single provider for trash collection also means everyone in your area will have the same trash day; which means less heavy trucks driving down & tearing up our streets; and no more wondering if your neighbor’s trash can has been left on the curb for pickup, or just left on the curb for days.

We hope to have a Request for Proposal (RFP) ready by Summer 2017 for sanitation companies to bid to provide us these services, with service beginning by Fall 2017. If you want to recommend or warn us about your current sanitation provider, please contact KHALID at: khalidCares.com/Contact

9. Q: Where can I submit my suggestions for the new city?

A: Please visit khalidCares.com/Contact to offer any questions or suggestions you have for our new city. However, please be mindful that we cannot accomplish anything without a workforce. Our first priority is setting up offices and hiring city worker/transferring county workers to our city.

10. Q: Where can I apply for a job with the city?

A: The strong City Council-City Manager form of government mandated by our city charter, [HB 514](#), allows our Mayor to make only five appointments, all of which must be approved by the City Council:

- City Manager
- City Clerk
- City Attorney
- City Treasurer
- Chief Judge for the Municipal (City) Court

All other department heads -- including the Chiefs of Police, Fire, Heads of Public Works, Planning & Zoning and Human Resources -- are hired & managed by Our City Manager. Before we can hire any full-time employees, we must first set up a bank account & Human Resource department, so we process the transfer of county employees, the hiring of new employees, and ensure that everyone can be paid and access health benefits. We must also set up a website to post jobs and receive resumes & applications. This processes have already begun with the selection of our Interim City Manager, Ruth Jones. Please sign up to my email list at khalidCares.com/News for updates on this process.

11. Q: Will the City control the Public Schools?

A: No. Public schools will continue to be administered by the Fulton County School System, just like children in Sandy Springs, Milton & John's Creek. However, as with schools in those area, our city will be able to use local funds to augment the services currently provided at schools in our city limits. Councilmembers have already begun meeting with local principals to get their input on how the City of South Fulton can best help its schools. If you have any ideas or resources to contribute to this effort, please contact KHALID at: khalidCares.com/Volunteer

12. Q: Has there been any consideration to changing the name of the city?

A: Yes. It would confuse people if we were to start calling it something else at this time. However, the City Council is taking suggestions for a new city name. Legally, our city was created by an act of the State Legislature (2016 GA House Bill 514), and it will take another act of our Legislature to change it.

Georgia's State Legislature will reconvene in January 2018. Our goal is to decide on a new name before the end of the year, so we can submit it to the legislature January 2018, and begin using it as soon as it is approved. You can submit your questions for our City's Name or Motto to: khalidCares.com/Contact.

13. Q: Where did this City come from? Why did we need to become a City?

A. For years, Atlanta communities have been “incorporating” into cities so citizens could have more local control over their government and how their tax dollars were spent. As of 2007, South Fulton was the *only* unincorporated (not a city) area in Fulton County.

A charter for a new City of South Fulton was written in the Georgia Legislature (2016 Georgia House Bill 514), and a question was put on the ballot in the November 2016 Election. Nearly 60% of South Fulton County residents who voted in the November 2016 Election voted Yes for “cityhood.”

Why did we need to become a City?

- 1) MONEY. As explained in Question 1, we are entitled to receive 1 cent of our \$0.0775 cents sales tax to run our area. As Unincorporated Fulton County, we were not allowed to collect the 1 cent of Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) because we had no city to speak of, so this money has been given back to Fulton County. Since our last cityhood vote in 2007, we have given away \$322 Million to Fulton County, which should have all been spent in our area on our residents.
- 2) Local control. Instead of being represented by Fulton County Commissioners that do NOT live in our area, the new city of South Fulton will have “seven” Council Members & Mayor that live in our area. They will decide how the tens of millions of our tax dollars are spent, and will be accountable to us directly.

14. Q: Is a City of South Fulton financially viable?

A: Yes. Unincorporated Fulton County currently funds all its current activity and has \$500,000 surplus. Beyond our \$80 million budget, we will now receive an estimated **\$20+ Million annually** in Location Option Sales taxes (L.O.S.T.) – the 1 cent of sales tax that we used to give back to Fulton County's General Fund before we had our own city. A study conducted by Georgia State University in 2014 confirms this. View it at khalidCares.com/News

15. Q: What are the boundaries?

A: At 107 square miles, the City of South Fulton will be metro Atlanta's 2nd largest by land area (second only to Atlanta, at 132 square miles); and the third largest by population. Though our northern most point can be found north of I-20, in the Adamsville area near Fulton Industrial Boulevard, our city is essentially everything south of I-20 that was not previously part of a city (i.e. East Point, College Park, Hapeville, Union City, Fairburn, etc.)

Though our City Council districts differ in land area, each contains roughly the same amount of people (12,500), so the vote of each council member represents an equal proportion of residents.

District 6, Old National, is the most densely populated of the 7 districts. View District 6 and Citywide Maps at khalidCares.com/News in the green *South Fulton 101* section.