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2 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
3 **COUNTY OF FULTON**
4 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-0XX**

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8 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CITY CODE OF**
9 **ORDINANCES, CHANGING THE TIME FOR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS**
10 **AND WORK SESSIONS AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

11 **(Sponsored by Councilman khalid)**

12 **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly
13 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;

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15 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and
16 Council (“City Council”);

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18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.13, the City Council shall meet at
19 least once during each calendar month and hold regular meetings;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend its meeting procedures as set forth
22 herein; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds this ordinance to be in the best interests of the
25 health, safety and general welfare of the City.

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27 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON HEREBY ORDAINS** as
28 follows:

29 **Section 1:** The City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, Title 1, Administration,
30 Chapter 3, Mayor and Council, Sec. 1-3001, Time, place for meetings; open meetings is
31 hereby amended to read as follows:

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33 **Sec. 1-3001. - Time, place for meetings; open meetings.**

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35 a. **Compliance with Georgia Open Meetings Act.** All meetings of the council shall
36 be held in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., the Georgia Open Meetings
37 Act. The Mayor, or presiding officer, shall adjourn all meetings where there is no
38 quorum present within the first thirty minutes of the scheduled start time of the
39 meeting.
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41 b. **Meetings Schedule.** Unless cancelled or rescheduled by a majority vote of City
42 Council, the City Council shall meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every
43 month as follows:

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45 1. **Work Sessions, beginning at 1:00 p.m.;**
46 2. **Executive Sessions, beginning at 4:00 p.m.; and**

47 **3. Regular Sessions, beginning at 5:00 p.m.;**
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- 49 c. **Break Between Sessions.** Unless cancelled or rescheduled by a majority vote of
50 City Council, the City Council shall observe a break from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
51 (between the Executive and Regular Session) to meet with constituents and/or
52 handle personal business.
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- 54 d. **Proclamations and Zoning Hearings.** Unless held otherwise by a majority vote
55 of City Council:
56 1. Proclamations shall be set for the second Tuesday of every month. No
57 member of City Council, including the Mayor, shall be allowed to be the
58 first/lead sponsor or more than one proclamation per meeting. They may
59 however be secondary sponsors on up to seven (7) proclamations per
60 meeting; and
61 2. Council zoning public hearings shall be set for the fourth Tuesday of every
62 month.
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- 64 e. **Endpoint for Meetings.** Unless held otherwise by a majority vote of City Council,
65 no City Council meeting shall run beyond 8:30 p.m. Any unfinished business of
66 any such meeting shall be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled meeting of
67 its type (i.e. unfinished business from a Work Session shall be placed on the
68 agenda of the next Work Session, unfinished business from a Regular Session
69 shall be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Session Meeting).
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- 71 f. **Council Comments.** At the end of Regular and Special Called Meetings, each
72 member of City Council shall have three minutes each to make closing comments
73 and announcements.
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- 75 g. **Preferred Special Called Session Times.** When Special Called Sessions are
76 needed, the first vote shall be for the Special Called Meeting to occur at 1 p.m. on
77 the first Tuesday following the poll, unless said Tuesday is the date of General,
78 Runoff or Special Election Day in which residents of the City of South Fulton are
79 eligible to cast votes.
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- 81 h. **Deference for Elections.** City Council shall not hold any meetings on a General,
82 Runoff or Special Election Day in which residents of the City of South Fulton are
83 eligible to cast votes.

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87 **Section 2.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that: (a)
88 All sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were,
89 upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and
90 constitutional.

91 (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence,
92 clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph,
93 sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. No section, paragraph, sentence, clause
94 or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph,
95 sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

96 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance
97 shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise
98 unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is
99 the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or
100 unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid,
101 unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses,
102 sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance.

103 **Section 3.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby
104 expressly repealed.

105 **Section 4.** The city attorney and city clerk are authorized to make non-substantive
106 editing and renumbering revisions to this Ordinance for proofing, codification, and
107 supplementation purposes. The final version of all Ordinances shall be filed with the clerk.

108 **Section 5.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless
109 provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

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111 **Section 6. *Instruction to City Clerk.*** Unless vetoed, the City Clerk is hereby directed
112 to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Department of Community Development and
113 Regulatory Affairs.
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115 The foregoing ORDINANCE No. 2018-xxx, adopted on _____ was offered
116 by Councilmember _____, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded
117 by Councilmember _____, and being put to a vote, the result was as
118 follows:

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122 William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor

123 Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem

124 Catherine Foster Rowell

125 Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs

126 Helen Zenobia Willis

127 Gertrude Naeema Gilyard

128 Rosie Jackson

129 khalid kamau

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132 THIS ORDINANCE adopted this _____ day of _____ 2018. **CITY OF SOUTH**
133 **FULTON, GEORGIA**

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WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

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141 ATTEST:

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MARK MASSEY, CITY CLERK

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147 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EMILIA C. WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

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APPENDIX A
MEETING RUNNING TIMES

Meeting Date	Start Time	End Time	Agenda Pages	Length (Hours: Minutes)
4/29/2017*	10:00 AM	1:07 PM	152	3:07
5/9/2017	5:00 PM	9:18 PM	78	4:18
5/23/2017	5:00 PM	10:34 PM	194	5:34
6/13/2017	5:00 PM	11:23 PM	202	6:23
6/27/2017	5:00 PM	10:26 PM	139	5:26
7/11/2017	5:00 PM	9:40 PM	226	4:40
7/25/2017	5:00 PM	10:35 PM	84	5:35
8/22/2017**	5:00 PM	1:08 AM	176	8:08
9/13/2017	6:00 PM	10:55 PM	148	4:55
9/26/2017	5:01 PM	9:06 PM	78	4:05
10/10/2017	5:01 PM	9:58 PM	221	4:57
10/24/2017	5:00 PM	9:34 PM	111	4:34
11/14/2017	5:04 PM	9:00 PM	132	3:56
11/28/2017	5:02 PM	9:58 PM	163	4:56
12/14/2017	5:03 PM	10:44 PM	138	5:41
1/9/2018	5:01 PM	9:44 PM	118	4:43
1/23/2018	5:00 PM	10:43 PM	136	5:43
2/13/2018	5:01 PM	8:04 PM	396	3:03
2/27/2018	5:00 PM	10:24 PM	247	5:24
3/20/2018	5:00 PM	11:21 PM	258	6:21
3/27/2018	5:00 PM	8:59 PM	270	3:59
4/10/2018	5:01 PM	12:07 AM	160	7:06
4/24/2018	5:00 PM	10:12 PM	213	5:12
5/8/2018	5:00 PM	9:42 PM	90	4:42
6/5/2018	5:02 PM	1:57 AM	293	8:55
6/12/2018	5:00 PM	9:33 PM	97	4:33
6/26/2018	5:00 PM	9:15 PM	206	4:15
7/10/2018	5:01 PM	8:47 PM	81	3:46
7/24/2018	5:00 PM	9:36 PM	348	4:36
8/14/2018	3:05 PM	9:35 PM	307	6:30
8/28/2018	3:02 PM	9:55 PM	275	6:53
9/11/2018	5:06 PM	10:48 PM	233	5:42
9/24/2018	2:00 PM	7:27 PM	191	5:27
10/9/2018	5:00 PM	11:03 PM	321	6:03
10/23/2018	5:00 PM	11:03 PM	285	6:03
11/13/2018	5:00 PM	10:41 PM	287	5:41
11/27/2018	5:00 PM	11:32 PM	1446	6:32
*Inaugural (after prep mtgs)	**Budget Approval	No Special Called Mtgs included	Avg	2017 - 5 hrs 2018 - 5.5 hrs Total: 5:11

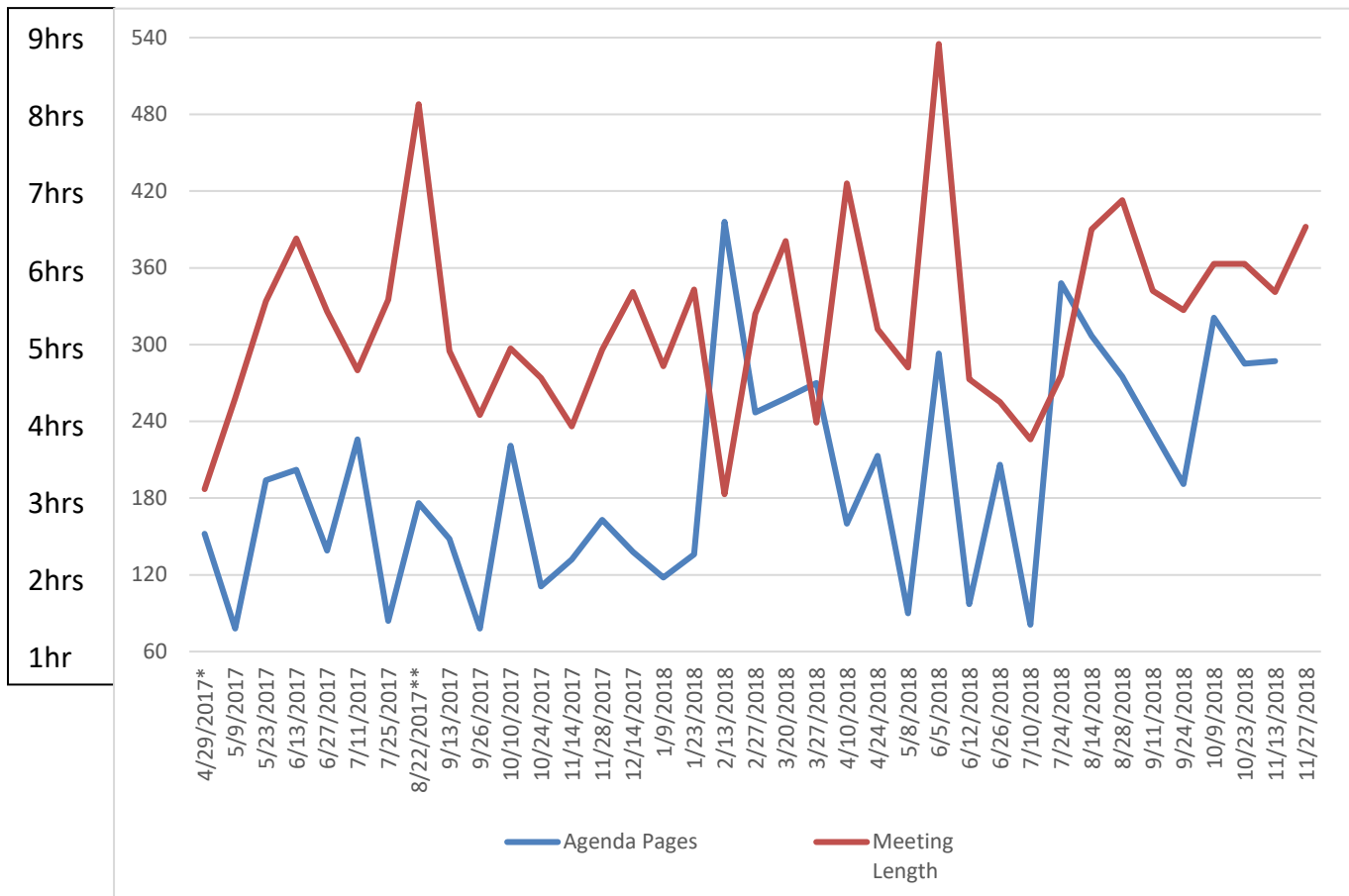
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APPENDIX B MEETING RUNNING TIMES vs. PAGES



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