



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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- II. Roll Call
- III. Presentations
 1. Parks and Recreation Presentation
- IV. Agenda Items
 2. City of South Fulton 2020 Legislative Agenda Presentation by Andrew Long, A.R. Long Company
 3. Council Discussion on Contract Renewal for Public Works
- V. Executive Session

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate
- VI. Adjournment



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2020 Legislative Agenda

September 2019

Presented by A. R. Long Company

Overview

- I. Fulton Industrial Boulevard (HB 121)
- II. COSF Name Change on Nov. 2020 Ballot
- III. Casinos in Georgia
- IV. Heat-Related Youth Sports Injuries
- V. Short-Term Rental Regulation
- VI. Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)
- VII. EMS licensing
- VIII. Funding for Parks and Recreation
- IX. Solid Waste Transfer Stations
- X. Economic Development Trends

I. Fulton Industrial Boulevard (HB 121)

HB 121 will change the corporate boundaries of the City of South Fulton to include Fulton Industrial Boulevard. This bill passed out of the House and is available to be reconsidered in the Senate this upcoming legislative session.

II. City of South Fulton Name Change on November 2020 Ballot

In order for a question to be added to a city's ballot, it must first be introduced on a bill and passed by Georgia's House and the Senate through the Intragovernmental Coordination Committee and State and Local Government Operations Committee.

For COSF to have a question on the November 2020 ballot for citizens to approve or deny the city's name change, a legislator that represents the city must introduce a bill that proposes for this question to be added to the ballot. It must also be run in the city's paper in a local ad for a week before introduction to the legislature. If then passed by both chambers, it can be submitted to the city clerk to be add to the specified ballot. The bill should specify the exact language that will be used and that without a certain amount of votes the proposed name change will not go into effect.

III. Casinos in Georgia

A. Legislation

Currently, under Art. I, Sect. II, Para. VII of Georgia's Constitution, "the sale of lottery tickets, and all forms of pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling are hereby prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws." Thus, in order for casinos to be permitted in Georgia, the state's constitution must be amended by a

bill passed by a ⅔ vote of the General Assembly and then a vote by Georgia's registered voters.

During the 2019 legislative session, HR 327 and SR 184 were introduced that would submit a ballot question statewide for Georgians to decide whether the constitution should be amended to allow casinos. The ballot question reads as follows:

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to preserve the long-term financial stability of the HOPE scholarship program and to support other scholarship programs through net tax and licensing revenues generated by permitting the establishment of licensed destination resort facilities where casino gaming is permitted?

The accompanying legislation was HR 378 which creates the Georgia Gaming Commission that would regulate all forms of betting, bingo games, raffles, and gambling if the constitutional amendment passes.

IV. Heat-Related Youth Sports Injuries

A. Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee

The Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee was created this past legislative session to study heat-related, cardiac, and other sports related injuries. The study committee has met twice this fall. Below are several recommendations made by speakers to address the issue:

- Training for coaches and sideline staff to be able to better identify symptoms of heat-related illnesses and
- Require infrastructure on fields such as ice baths for school employees to immediately address heat-related illnesses
- Create a maximum wet-bulb globe temperature ("WBGT")
 - The human body can only withstand a certain WBGT before it cannot naturally cool itself and result in hyperthermia
- App that administration and coaches can use to check each individual athlete's relevant medical records, injury history, treatment, that can also immediately connect a physician to the school employees if needed.

B. Georgia High School Association

The Georgia High School Association ("GHSA"), a voluntary organization, provides standards and best practices guidelines for public and private schools to follow. The guidelines are not legally binding, but can be an indication of basic negligence if not followed. GHSA has practice policies for heat and humidity, which covers all sports played in its roughly 450 member schools.

- Guidelines for certain activities and rest breaks correlating with certain temperature ranges
- Having scientifically-approved instruments that measure WBGT that should be utilized once every hour
- Having ice towels and spray bottles filled with ice water available for athletes in “cool zones” to aid the cooling process and cold immersion tubs available for players showing early signs of heat illness

V. Short-Term Rental Regulations

Legislation was proposed last legislative session to define a statewide framework for how short-term rental businesses, like Airbnb and VRBO, should be operated. Currently, cities and counties are allowed to regulate these types of rentals as they see fit, some being more stern or lenient than others. For example, since these businesses sometimes operate like hotels, the City of Atlanta and Fulton County require hosts to pay an annual business license fee and their properties are subject to the county’s hotel motel tax. The proposed legislation would have repealed the city and county regulations.

VI. TSPLOST

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a sales tax used to fund projects proposed by county and municipal governments. SB 369 authorized counties to consider a SPLOST for transportation purposes (TSPLOST). On November 8, 2016, Fulton County residents voted to approve a 0.75-cent sales tax for transportation purposes. Funding from this initiative can be spent only on transportation improvements, such as roads, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and other transportation-related purposes included in the legislation.

The sales tax started on April 1, 2017, and was designated to last only 5 years and end on March 30, 2022 or when the maximum amount of \$655 million is reached.

A Citizen’s Oversight Council, comprised of an appointed individual from each city, was created to oversee the program’s progress and implementation.

Each city within Fulton County is solely responsible for managing and implementing their approved project list.

In order to ensure “continuity” with SPLOST projects, there will need to be a vote on the 2020 general election that would allow the county and city residents to vote and approve the sales tax for another predetermined period of time.

VII. EMS Licensing

Currently, under O.C.G.A. § 31-11-1 first responders are limited to transporting only in life-threatening situations or by orders of a licensed physician or when a licensed ambulance cannot respond. If passed, HB 236 would allow first responders of municipal fire departments to engage in emergency medical transportation of patients. Fire departments don't have the same profit motives as private EMS companies which prevents effective emergency services from being carried out, this bill also provides a way for them to be compensated for services.

HB 236 was introduced this last legislative session to amend this code section to allow for a licensing process for emergency medical transportation, thusly allowing anyone who is licensed to contract with licensed ambulance providers to supplement the first responder's coverage of such geographical area. The bill was assigned to the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, but was not placed on the committee's calendar to be heard.

It is currently considered to be tabled until the 2020 legislative session.

A. Previous Rules and Regulations

GA Rules and Regulations 290-5-30, relating to licensure of ambulance services, was repealed in 2016. It was repealed by the Department of Public Health when it became a separate Department in 2011. This section was renumbered and is now under 511-9-2.

O.C.G.A. §31-2A-6 gives the Department of Public Health the authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to safeguard and promote the health of the people, which puts licensing such services under their domain and thus something they are able to regulate as well.

VIII. Secure Funding to Renovate Existing Recreation Centers

The Recreational Trails Program ("RTP") is a federal grant program funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered at the state level by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"). The purpose of the RTP is to provide funding for trail construction and trail education as well as to maintain such trails and trail-related facilities identified in, or the specific goal of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Eligible applicants include qualified local governments, authorized commissions, and state and federal agencies. Nongovernmental entities with IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status may apply for education funds only.

In order to receive this funding, all eligible applicants must submit a pre-application online. The window for applying for a grant under the 2019-2020 funding cycle is September 1, 2019 - November 17, 2019. Successful pre-applicants will be notified to complete a second-level application by April of 2020.

RTP total funding for this current cycle is \$3,000,000. For single use and diverse trail grant applications, the maximum funding assistance is \$200,000.

IX. Solid Waste Transfer Station

Currently, the Environmental Protection Division does not require solid waste transfer stations to be formally permitted and have permit-by-rule provisions that, if met, presume the station to be permitted. All local ordinances must be met for the Permit-by-Rule to be valid. Although EPD does not verify compliance with local ordinances prior to acknowledging a Permit-by-Rule application, if EPD becomes aware of a violation of local codes, the operation will be considered non-compliant with the Permit-by-Rule and will be notified by EPD that they are handling solid waste without a permit.

Further, EPD has best management practices listed online for these facilities to operate under to be considered in compliance with their Permit-by-Rule. Some counties have local regulations for these types of facilities to follow as well, otherwise they will be considered a nuisance per se.

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Good morning Mayor and Council,

On Friday the City and our registered lobbyist received a request from the South Fulton delegation for our 2020 legislative agenda. Leveraging the same process as 2019, staff has collaborated with our lobbyist to identify areas of need expressed by both staff and Council. Additionally, the pre-package provides details and an overview on "items to watch" that may impact our City including, but not limited to, Casino legislation and short term rentals. The proposed mode of operation is as follows:




- September 30, 2019 transmit draft legislative agenda to South Fulton City Council
- October 3, 2019 Council transmit legislative priorities to AR Long & Co
- October 7, 2019 Legislative Agenda a part of Council Work Session and approved as part of regular agenda
- Date TBD by South Fulton Delegation – City present agenda for discussion and consideration (similar to last year e.g. State Capital))
- Date TBD Public meeting to discuss priorities for 2020 legislative priorities (similar to last year e.g. Paschal's)

Please note: AR Long & Co. is copied on this correspondence and will be reaching out to your respective offices for continued support throughout this process.

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Regards,

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