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**Councilwoman Helen Willis Focuses on Community Engagement with Chat and Chew**



**(City of South Fulton, GA – January 28, 2020)** City of South Fulton Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis focused on her continued commitment to community engagement during a Chat and Chew meeting Monday.

During the event, officials from the city’s police; fire; and parks, recreation and cultural affairs departments provided updates for residents.

“This event was an opportunity for residents to ask questions, receive updates in an intimate setting,” said Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis.

Fire Rescue Department Battalion Chief Tim Rohner told residents the department is providing free smoke detectors. Each homeowner can receive two battery-operated detectors. Rohner also spoke briefly about two new engines put into service Monday and the 17 new firefighter recruits that will join the department once they complete training.

Tony Phillips – director of parks, recreation and cultural affairs – talked to the crowd about the acquisition of the Southwest and South Fulton Arts Centers the city recently acquired from

Fulton County. Police Chief Keith Meadows spoke about the police department's focus on traffic control and implementing stronger safety measures to reduce traffic accidents to improve driving behavior throughout the city.

Starting this week, the department will partner with the Georgia State Patrol in Operation Thunder, where 50 Georgia State Troopers will assist officers in setting up hot spots areas to arrest distracted drivers or give citations to individuals who drive over the speed limit.