

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Holder presided. **City Council Members:** Scott George, Mayor Pro-tem, Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Formal Public Comment:

Garden City Community Housing Team - Ms. Sharon Bethune, GICH Vice President and Ms. Jessica Auner, GICH Secretary presented an overview of the Housing Team's activities and projects over the past two years.

Mayor Holder said we appreciate the Housing Team's hard work and what you all do for the community.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (El Fogon Katracho) - Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Maria L. Altamirano to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), beer and/or malt beverages at El Fogon Katracho, 1550 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the alcoholic beverage license. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 12/2/13 and the city council workshop synopsis dated 1/13/14.

Staff Reports:

Zoning Administrator presented the Planning & Zoning Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology & Building Maintenance Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's 2013 Year-end Report.

Director of Public Safety presented the 2013 Year-end Reports for the Police Department, Code Enforcement and Fire Department.

City Manager Update: Acting City Manager said there is no finance report, because staff is closing out 2013. He said the financial report will be presented at an upcoming workshop in February.

Acting City Manager said the million dollar paving project for Commerce and Export came in under budget. He said 60% was DOT Grant funding and the other 40% was funded by SPLOST.

Items for Consideration:

Mayor Pro-tem Designation - Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to confirm the designation of Councilmember At-Large Scott George as Mayor Pro-tem.

President of Council Appointment – Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Don Bethune to serve as President of Council.

Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Member Reappointments – Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to reappoint the following Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Member's term of service:

- Billy Jackson, Resident (4) year term of service
- Rick Grace, Business Owner (4) year term of service
- Danny Nelson, Business Owner (4) year term of service
- Garland Saunders, Developer (4) year term of service

Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Kim Tice –

Upon motion by Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to table the appointment of an individual to serve the remainder of Kim Tice's (4) year term of service on the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals.

City Officers Appointments - Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to make the following appointments:

- James P. Gerard to serve as City Attorney
- Tom Edenfield to serve as Municipal Records Court Judge
- Doug Andrews to serve as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
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Alcoholic Beverage License Application (El Fogon Katracho) - Mayor Holder said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application by Maria L. Altamirano to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), beer and/or malt beverages at El Fogon Katracho, 1550 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Maria L. Altamirano.

Resolution -Bid Award for Azalea Avenue & Pipkin Avenue Waterline Improvements Project – Mayor Holder read a resolution to award the bid to the lowest bidder Rickertson Construction Company at the bid amount of \$329,938.90, and that a contract for the performance of the contract work be awarded to such bidder for the construction of the water line improvements along Azalea Avenue, Ronnie Avenue and Pipkin Avenue.

Acting City Manager said the Azalea Avenue and Pipkin Avenue area was one of the areas identified four years ago as having water pressure problems. He said this project will increase the capacity of the water lines. He said this is the first project that has been awarded that will be funded by the GEFA money we received last year.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the bid award resolution.

Councilmember Scott briefed everyone on the activities of the Keep Chatham County Beautiful and the Garden City's Beautification Committee.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

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