

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Scott George and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, Interim City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Building Safety Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director and Blake Hodge, Fire Chief.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

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

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 2/16/15 and the Workshop Synopsis dated 2/23/15.

Staff Reports:

Planning Zoning & Building Director presented the cases scheduled on the agenda to go before the Planning Commission/Board of Appeals at the March 10th meeting.

Councilmember George asked if the dwellings referenced in PC1505 are homes. Planning, Zoning & Building Director said they are multi-family apartments.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the petitioner in PC1503 was not putting in enough landscaping. Planning, Zoning & Building Director said there is a lot that is landlocked and he is using the landscaping on that lot as a buffer. He said he may need to put more landscaping along the front to tie in the landscaping.

Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune asked do we know when the job study is going to be finished. HR Director said they should be finishing up this month.

Information Technology Director presented the Information Technology Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune said the seniors enjoyed the computer education class. He said they are looking forward to you coming back to teach another class.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's monthly status report.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the Alamo was working. Public Works Director said it is working we have been shorthanded so I haven't had anyone to operate it.

Councilmember Cody asked the Public Works Director if he had heard anything on the light. Public Works Director said we are looking into it.

Councilmember Tice said the spray painter is at it again. She said they are spray painting signs and telephone poles. Public Works Director said we will look into it.

Parks & Recreation presented the Parks & Receptions Department's monthly status report. He said the seniors are thankful for the new van. He said they will using the van to go to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon March 23 and March 25. He said the City's Annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held March 28th at Sharon Park.

Councilmember Cody thanked the Parks & Recreation Director, City Manager and IT Director for the computers installed at the Cooper Center.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I have no updates tonight.

Items for Consideration:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (BP 21): Mayor Holder said we have for consideration an alcoholic Beverage License application made by Kirankumar Amin to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at BP 21, 4319 Augusta Road, Garden City.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application.

Resolution, FY2014 General Fund Budget Amendment: Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the FY14 General Operating Fund Budget to adjust for the differences between the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the City's various budgets.

Mayor Holder said the budget resolutions are basically a housekeeping items.

City Manager said the general fund expenditures increased 1% and the revenue is 14% higher than originally projected in the FY2014 adopted budget. He said we are looking at a surplus of approximately \$800,000. He said these numbers are preliminary and are subject to verification by the auditor.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, FY2014 Enterprise Funds Budget Amendments: Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the FY14 Budgets for the four enterprise funds; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenses for certain of the various line items in the budgets of the four different enterprise funds (i.e. Water/Sewer, Stormwater, Fire Protection and Sanitation).

Councilmember George asked if the stormwater fee stays in the stormwater fund or can it be used by other funds.

City Manager said the public works department uses the stormwater fees to maintain and improvement the city's stormwater system. He said the money is specifically used for stormwater activities.

Councilmember Bethune said I have seen public works crews replacing culverts. City Manager said we routinely work with property owners to replace culverts that are obstructing the stormwater flow.

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

Resolution, FY2014 SPLOST Fund Budget Amendment: Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the FY14 SPLOST Fund budget; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenses for certain of the various line items in the SPLOST fund budget.

City Manager said we are looking at approximately a surplus of \$448,000 in the SPLOST Fund. He said we do have some monies owed to Chatham County for the Library infrastructure. He said nevertheless we will roll over some of the surplus monies.

Councilmember George asked when the next loan payment was due for City Hall. City Manager said the interest payment is due May 1st and the bigger loan payment is due November 1st. He said the next big payment out of the SPLOST Fund will be to the County for the Library infrastructure. He said we should have more than adequate funding to cover the payment to the County and the City Hall loan payments.

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

Mayor Holder asked if there was anything else.

Councilmember Bethune reminded everyone of the Beautification Committee's Clean Sweep this Saturday.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Approved by City Council: 3/16/15