

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, May 17, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Spilliards offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. Members of Council: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Cory Salley, Assistant Finance Director.

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.

Mayor Holder said we have members of the Boy Scouts, Troop 8 from Hunter Army Air Field in the audience tonight observing our council meeting.

Request to Address City Council, Michael Gaster: Mr. Michael Gaster addressed City Council on his qualifications for candidacy for the Georgia State Senate District 2 in the upcoming November election.

Mayor Holder said the presentation of the 2009 Audit is postponed until the June 21, 2010 meeting of Council.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 5/3/10.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's Monthly Status Report.

Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

Finance Director presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.
IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.
Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.
Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.
Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.
Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.
Police Chief presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager said we will hold an Open House on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to give the Southbridge residents an opportunity to stop by City Hall and meet the City's Department Heads and City Council and ask any questions that are important to them.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Supplemental Appropriation FY09 General Fund: Clerk of Council read a resolution to approve a supplemental appropriation from fund balance to cover the shortfall of revenues and overage of expenditures in the FY09 General Operating Fund in the amount of \$929,674; and to amend the FY09 General Operating Fund to adjust for the differences between the previously amended budget and presently projected revenues and expenditures for the General Fund Budget.

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

First Reading, 2010 Irrigation Systems & Outdoor Watering Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend section 5-1032 of said code to provide for new limitations on outside watering during non-drought periods; to require rain sensing devices for automatic irrigation systems; to provide for the granting of variances from certain provisions of code section 5-1032 in hardship cases; to provide for methods of enforcing said code section; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the 2010 Irrigation Systems & Outdoor Watering ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Shuman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the 2010 Irrigation Systems & Outdoor Watering Ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading, 2010 Irrigation Systems & Outdoor Watering Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend section 5-1032 of said code to provide for new limitations on outside watering during non-drought periods; to require rain sensing devices for automatic irrigation systems; to provide for the granting of variances from certain provisions of code section 5-1032 in hardship cases; to provide for methods of enforcing said code section; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the 2010 Irrigation Systems & Outdoor Watering Ordinance on the second reading.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted: June 7, 2010