

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-tem George welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem George said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Devotional & Pledge: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Pro-tem George invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Pro-tem George presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Mayor Holder

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Cory Salley, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. **Absent:** Scott Alison, PED Director & Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director

Presentation of Super Teacher Certificate: Mayor Pro-tem George presented a Super Teacher certificate to Ms. Sue Wales, Teacher at Savannah Christian.

Presentation of Super Student Certificate: Mayor Pro-tem George presented a Super Student certificate to Miss. Brook Eichenlaub, Student at Savannah Christian.

Mayor Pro-tem George said we received no formal requests to address City Council at tonight's meeting.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Pro-tem George opened the floor to receive informal public comment.

Reverend Gary Monroe, 46 Hawkinsville Road, said he felt the City did not have a plan for its future and expressed concerns regarding the threat of the Georgia Ports Authority expanding and the installation of a toll way through Garden City. He said this is information that you all need to check into.

Mayor Pro-tem George asked Reverend Monroe to meet with the City Manager.

Mr. Jimmy Blakey, 141 Azalea Avenue, said I feel threatened by the Ports. He said I am still hearing the noise coming from the Ports. He said I would like to see another community meeting held for updates.

Councilmember Kicklighter said I will speak with the City Manager and Commissioner to see if we can get a meeting scheduled after the first of the year.

City Council Minutes dated 10/15/12: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 10/15/12.

Staff Reports:

In the absence of the PED Director the City Manager presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

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

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

In the absence of the Parks & Recreation Director the City Manager presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager's Updates:

City Manager said at the last City Council Meeting expressed a concern about speeding and truck traffic on Third Street. He said the Police Department looked at the area and we are planning to make the intersection at Third and Davis into a four-way stop along with other traffic calming measures.

City Manager said the resident also expressed another concern about condemned house not being torn down. He said City Council allocated \$20,000 last Tuesday night for the demolition of four condemned houses. He said this resident attended our last Housing Team meeting and is thinking about becoming a member of the Housing Team.

Mayor Pro-tem George along with City Council asked the City Manager to present the list of community enhancement activities/projects that they approved to be done over the next four or five months.

City Manager read the list of community enhancement activities/projects. He said these projects total almost \$400,000 of returning investment to our citizens.

Mayor Pro-tem George said it is not easy running the City and money is limited. He thanked City Council Members and staff for their dedication and efforts.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Capital Improvement Element Annual Update: City Manager said we have for consideration a resolution to adopt the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2012 Annual Update. He said this is an annual requirement for cities with development impact fees. He said even though we have not charged these fees we still have to comply with the annual update requirement.

Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, adopting the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2012 Annual Update.

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

Adjournment: Mayor Pro-tem George thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Approved by City Council: 11-19-12

