

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 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 Campbell offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder led City Council 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, Acting City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; and Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** *Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council*

Agenda Amendment: Upon a motion to amend by Councilmember George and seconded by Council Member Tice the agenda was amended to include an item to adopt the minutes from the Executive Session held on April 14, 2014 to discuss a personnel matter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive 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.

Formal Public Comment: No formal public comment requests to speak were on the agenda.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember George, Mayor Holder asked if there was any discussion. Council member Bethune stated that he was misquoted in the minutes and asked for the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 4/7/14 be amended to reflect his proper quote. City Council then voted unanimously to approve the amended City Council Meeting Minutes dated 4/7/14, Workshop Synopsis dated 4/14/14 (corrected from 4/14/17), Retreat Synopsis dated 3/10/14, and Retreat Synopsis dated 3/11/14.

Staff Reports:

Receive Monthly Status Report from Water Operations Director.

Councilmember George asked that the Water Operations Director and Acting City Manager provide details regarding the design concept and construction program for the Azalea Avenue water line and drainage project. Acting City Manager stated that the drainage improvements and street repairs were necessary to ensure that the long term stability of the new road and shoulder section. Installation of a pipe system in the existing ditch and placement of new asphalt was the design approach utilized to address long term stability issues that were considered.

Receive Monthly Status Report from Director of Public Safety.

Council member Bethune asked if the ladder truck was back in service, Chief Lyons stated that it was back in service. Councilman Bethune asked if the City had budgeted for any house demolition and Chief Lyons stated that no funds had been budgeted so any action to demolish a derelict house would need to be approved by the City Council.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said he only had one update and it was regarding the resolution for HGBD to perform a Concept Study for the Chatham Parkway & Telfair Area. He stated he would give the update when that item came up during Items for consideration.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, HGBD Concept Study Agreement (Chatham Parkway & Telfair Area) - A resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, to enter into an agreement with Hussy, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, Inc., Consulting Engineers, for professional engineering services in connection with improvements under consideration for Chatham Parkway and surroundings; to authorize the City's Acting City Manager to execute a proposal and agreement for said services; and for other purposes.

Acting City Manager stated that the City's SPLOST 6 funding allocation includes approximately \$2.9 million to rehabilitate Chatham Parkway. He also noted that the City Council agreed with his recent suggestion that we assess the opportunities related to expanding the project work to address known transportation related issues associated with Telfair Place and Telfair Road. Those issues include road improvements, drainage improvements and the need to install a traffic signal at the Telfair Place/Chatham Parkway intersection. He stated that HGBD was to be hired to assist the City with development of a concept design for the entire Telfair area as well as construction cost opinion data for the overall project concept. He closed by saying that it is the City's intent to utilize the information generated by HGBD to solicit funding assistance from GDOT and/or Chatham County with regard to the overall project concept.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

*Transcribed by: IT Director and Acting City Manager
Approved by City Council: 5/5/2014*