

A G E N D A
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

➤ **OPENING**

- **Call to Order**
- **Invocation by Pastor Clay Johnson, Parkway Church of Christ**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- **GCFD Promotions as follows:**
 - Sgt. Anthony Brannen to the rank of Lieutenant
 - Sgt. Michele Johnson to the rank of Lieutenant
 - Firefighter Carl Gregory to the rank of Sergeant
 - Firefighter Mark Sullivan to the rank of Sergeant
- **Life Safety Award:** Presentation of the Life Safety Award to Sgt. Carl Gregory, Firefighter Ronald Hendry and Firefighter Nicholas Martin in recognition of their life saving actions at a call on November 17, 2016.

➤ **RECEIVE INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Garden City believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. Informal Public Comments are scheduled for a total of fifteen (15) minutes and each person will be limited to three (3) minutes. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. Speakers not heard during the limited fifteen (15) minute period will be first to present their comments at the next Council meeting. The opportunity to address City Council on a topic of his/her choice shall be used by an individual only one (1) time per month. It may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. If a member of the general public would like to address the City Council during the Informal Public Comment portion of the meeting, please respectfully indicate your desire to address the City Council when the Mayor solicits members of the general public to come forward and speak. You will be recognized by the Mayor and asked to come forward to the podium so that you can address the City Council in accordance with the rules outlined herein. Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she will be given three (3) minutes to address the City Council. The speaker should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Informal Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Garden City, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agendized matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to asking factual and clarifying questions of staff, and when appropriate, the Council may consider placing a matter on a future agenda. In addition, it is not reasonable to expect staff to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at a later time.

The City of Garden City has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address the City Council on issues hear issues of importance. Garden City requires that individuals who desire to formally address the City Council submit a written request form outlining the subject matter that they intend to

➤ **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS** – *No public hearings*

Speaking to a Public Hearing Item

In the interests of time and to ensure fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council and the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record.

Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments to respect City Council's time limits. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

➤ **Approval of City Council Minutes**

➤ **Consideration of City Council Minutes dated 12/5/16 and Workshop Synopsis dated 1/9/17.**

➤ **Staff Reports**

- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Human Resources
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Information Technology
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Public Works

- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Parks & Recreation
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Planning, Zoning & Building
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Director of Water Operations
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Chief of Police
- Receive 2016 Year-End Report from Fire Chief
- City Manager Updates

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Planning Commission / Board of Zoning Appeals Nominees:** City Council will present nominees for consideration to replace Danny Nelson on the Planning Commission / Board of Zoning Appeals.
- **City Official Appointments:** Consideration of confirming the following City Official appointments:
 - James P. Gerard as City Attorney
 - Tom Edenfield as Municipal Records Court Judge
 - Billy Earl Tomlinson as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
 - James P. Gerard as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
 - Doug Andrews as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
- **Ordinance – Combined Public Utility System:** An ordinance to amend Chapter 82, Article 1, of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, so as to add Fire Protection Services to the City's combined public utility system created pursuant to Code Section 82-1; to except Fire Protection Services from those services in the combined public utility system which may be terminated by reason of non-payment of City utility bills pursuant to Code Section 82-6; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
- **Resolution – Setting of Municipal Election Qualifying Fee for 2017:** A resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that notice be given to the citizens of Garden City, Georgia, that the qualifying fee for the Office of City Council Member shall be \$108.00 for the upcoming general election in November 2017.
- **Resolution – Appointment of Election Duties & Notification of Qualifying Period for 2017:** A resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that the Board of Elections of Chatham County, Georgia, perform all duties as municipal superintendent of elections in Garden City, Georgia, with the exception of the qualification of candidates which shall be the responsibility of the Clerk of Council, and that the Chatham County Board of Registration further perform the duties of absentee ballot clerk; Qualifying for the offices of City Council Member will take place at Garden City City Hall commencing August 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. and ending August 24, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.
- **GDOT Memorandum of Understanding – Brampton Road Connector Utilities Relocation:** Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Garden City, Georgia, to commence

the design work associated with the relocation of the City's water and sewer utilities, and coordinate with the GDOT.

➤ **ADJOURN**