

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 6, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Pastor Susan Thisell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Don Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Corbin Medeiros, Interim Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator, Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

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

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 2/20/17, Workshop Synopsis 2/13/17 and Workshop Synopsis dated 2/27/17.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report.

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

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report.

**City Manager Updates:** City Manager said I have no updates to present to Council at this time.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Ordinance – Zoning Amendment (1140 & 1136 Dean Forest Rd):** Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone from a zoning classification of "R-1" to a zoning classification of "C-2" certain property owned by Gerald Odum and Freida M. Odum at 1136 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia; to rezone from a zoning classification of "R-I-N" to a zoning classification of "C-2" certain property owned by McAllaster Financial, LP, at 1140 Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Kicklighter and Councilmember Ruiz voted in favor with Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Tice and Mayor Bethune opposed. Mayor Bethune said the motion fails.

**Resolution – FY2016 General Fund Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2016 General Fund 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.

City Manager said the year-end (FY2016) budget amendments are needed to recognize the unanticipated response and recovery expenses the City incurred from Tropical Storm Hermine and Hurricane Matthew in fiscal year 2016.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to amend the FY16 General Fund budget.

**Resolution – FY2016 Enterprise Funds Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2016 budgets for the four enterprise funds (Water/Sewer, Fire Protection, Stormwater, and Sanitation); 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.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to amend the FY16 budgets of the four enterprise funds.

**Resolution – FY2016 SPLOST Fund Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2016 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.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to amend the FY16 SPLOST fund budget.

**Resolution – Internal Controls Policy & Procedures:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to adopt an Internal Control Policy and Procedures Manual designed to promote sound financial management practices in the handling and use of public funds.

City Manager said the auditor recommended the City adopt a formal written internal control policy and procedures to enhance the financial management oversight. He said decision was made to put together a policy that would provide staff a clear understanding of the internal control procedures.

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

**Resolution – Roberts Properties Fifth Amendment to Sales Contract:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Sales contract between the City and Roberts Properties, Inc., and to authorize the City Manager to execute same on the behalf of the City; to execute and deliver any and all documents or agreements reasonably required to consummate the transactions outlined therein; and to perform any and all further acts which the City Manager shall deem necessary or appropriate in his discretion to effectuate the terms thereof.

Mayor Bethune asked the City Manager to give a timeline for the development. City Manager said the developer will present the detailed engineering and architectural plans to the Planning Commission for review at the May 9, 2017 meeting. He said the design work will then progress forward with permits, etc., most likely being issued by the fourth quarter of 2017.

Mayor Bethune thanked the City Manager, City Attorney and Special Projects Coordinator for their work on the agreement. He said I think we have a good plan.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council  
Accepted & Approved by: City Council 3/20/17*