

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 3, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Pastor Bruce Campbell, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor 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; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator, Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Ron Alexander, Planning Director. *Absent:* Corbin Medeiros, Interim Fire Chief and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road, said I have several issues. First, I would like to know about getting CAT service in the Old Louisville area. Second, there is a tractor trailer parking next to my neighbor's house and there is a guy on a motorcycle coming down Heidt from Old Louisville that is speeding.

Mayor Bethune said the City Manager is going to provide information under the City Manager Updates on the CAT service.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the information public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 3/20/17 and workshop synopsis dated 3/27/17.

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of March.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of March.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of March.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of March.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I recently provided the City Council information via an email about CAT's expansion in Garden City. He said we met with CAT representatives on March 21, 2017 and CAT's plan is to expand its service countywide. He said they are looking to fund the CAT service expansion via sales tax money. He said they are putting together legislation for multi-year sales tax. He said the millage would rollback each year the sales tax is in place. He said we met again this morning with representatives from CAT and they confirmed their plans are still to expand their service countywide and that sales tax is the proposed route of funding. He said House Bill 604 is working through the General Assembly this year and next year. He said I will share this information with Mr. Hodges and he can research House Bill 604. He said CAT will come back to get our input on the routes for Garden City as they put their proposal together.

Mayor Bethune said CAT will use the sales tax money to expand their service and fund operations.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, PC1708 Zoning Map Amendment (1405 Telfair Road): 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-2" to a zoning classification of "I-2" certain property owned by Elizabeth Humphries, Erskine Kessler, Nancy Kessler, and William Moore at 1405 Telfair Road, Garden City, Georgia; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, PC1708 Zoning Map Amendment (1405 Telfair Road): Clerk of Council read the second 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-2" to a zoning classification of "I-2" certain property owned by Elizabeth Humphries, Erskine Kessler, Nancy Kessler, and William Moore at 1405 Telfair Road, Garden City, Georgia; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution – Georgia Cities Week: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to recognize April 23-29, 2017 as Georgia Cities Week and to encourage all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

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

Resolution – Chatham Parkway Bid Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to award a contract to R.B. Baker Construction, Inc., for the performance of the contract work for the rehabilitation and repaving of Chatham Parkway in the amount of \$2,940,528; and to authorize the City Manager to engage the services of the necessary professional consultants to perform the related construction inspection services at the estimated cost of \$155,000, for a total project cost of \$3,095,528; and to authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts for the contract work and the construction inspection services in the name of the City.

City Manager said Chatham Parkway has been in need of repair for several years. He said the City Council identified Chatham Parkway as a project in the current SPLOST cycle. He said this is a joint project between the City and GDOT. He said GDOT has committed \$1 million to put with our \$2 million to address the needs of the road. He said the project is scheduled to start in a few weeks and will take about one year to get done. He said there may be some inconvenience during the project.

Mayor Bethune said the City Manager had a very big hand in the project and thanked him for his work.

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

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.