

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell 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; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Captain Mack Roberts, Fire Department. Absent: Corbin Medeiros, Interim Fire Chief; Benny Googe, Public Works Director

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

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road said I am concerned about the CAT, is there any update? Mayor Bethune said there is no update.

Mr. Leonard Hodges said can you have the Housing Team look at cleaning up the Old Louisville and Hedit area?

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

Public Hearing:

PC1711, Rezoning Request: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Randal Giles, owner, to rezone 0 Telfair Place; PIN 6-0737-02-003B, 0 Telfair Place; PIN 6-0737-02-005, 531 Telfair Road; PIN 6-0737-02-009, 0 Telfair Road; PIN 6-0737-02-010, and 0 Telfair Road; PIN 6-0737-02-011 from R-2 to I-2.

Planning Director said Mr. Giles is requesting to rezone the properties on the corner of Telfair Place and Telfair Road. He said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning. He said the rezoning is compatible with the zoning of the surrounding properties on the land use map and future land use map.

Mr. Randy Giles, 201 Jones Street, Tybee Island, said I operate a business in the Telfair area and I recently recombined all the PIN numbers of the properties to be rezoned to I-2 so I can market the properties.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 5/1/17 and workshop synopsis dated 5/8/17.

Staff Reports:

IT Director presented the IT Department's report for the month of April.

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's report for the month of April.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's report for the month of April.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of April.

Mayor Bethune said Sgt. Meyers wrote over 101 DUI citations. He said job well done to keep them off the street.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of April.

Councilmember Tice thanked the firefighters who went to Waycross to help with the fire.

City Manager's Updates: City Manager thanked the staff for the efforts they put forth on the night of the tornado. He said it was a team effort to help the folks affected by the tornado.

Items for Consideration:

Second Reading - Ordinance, Town Center Enterprise Zones: Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to provide for the creation and regulation of enterprise zones pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-88-1; to provide certain exemptions or advantages for qualifying businesses and service enterprises and residential developments within the enterprise zone; to create an enterprise zone; to provide an effective date; to repeal all ordinance in conflict herewith and for other purposes.

Special Projects Coordinator said the Enterprise Zone ordinance will allow the City to provide economic development incentives through municipal property tax and development fee abatement for up to 10 years in specific areas of the City. She said for a business to qualify it has to create five or more jobs. She said this ordinance establishes the first Enterprise Zone at the Garden City Town Center. She said this first zone area is bordered to the west by Dean Forest Road/Highway 307 and to the north by the Raspberry Canal and on the south by Sunshine Road. She said the designated Enterprise Zone target areas will encourage private businesses to invest, reinvest and rehabilitate in the specified geographic areas as per the ordinance. She said the ordinance is effective immediately however potential businesses cannot take advantage of the proposed incentives until after January 1, 2018.

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

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

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 6/5/17