

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Pastor Gary Johnson, Woodlawn Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comments and/or questions from the audience. There being no comments or questions, 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 the city council minutes dated 6/5/17 and workshop synopsis dated 6/12/17.

Staff Reports:

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

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

Chief of Police presented the Police Department and Code Enforcement's activity reports for the month of May.

Mayor Bethune said Council receives a weekly crime report from the Police Department. He said I always see on the report where cars have been broken into and that the cars were left unlocked by the owner.

Chief Lyons said the individuals leave valuables out in the open in the cars with the car unlocked. He said a lot of the vehicle break-ins could be prevented if people would lock their cars and not leave valuables laying out in the open.

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

City Manager Updates: City Manager said we put out a press release today to remind folks that construction on Chatham Parkway is scheduled to begin this week weather permitting. He said we are encouraging folks to seek alternate routes due to the construction.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Constantine Road Dedication - Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to accept conveyances of William Hugh Stephens, Jr., Thomas M. Dunn, Larry A. Shuman, Judy M. Shuman, John A. Usher, Mark R. Usher, and Alan D. Usher, for portions of Constantine Road described in the deeds evidencing such conveyances (less and excepting the 0.14 acres conveyed to ECP Garden City, LLC), and hereby dedicates such portions of Constantine Road, together with the above-described right-of-way

property strip derived from the portions of Tracts B, C, and D, of the Lovell Tract which the City owns, for the maintenance of a public right-of-way named Constantine Road whose use by the public shall be regulated by the City pursuant to State laws and City Ordinances.

City Attorney said this is a condition of the sales contract with the developer. He said the City is required to accept the dedication of Constantine Road. He said we got the original developer to deed interest to the City, and the property owners, and the City to make a sixty (60') foot public right-of-way named Constantine Road.

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

Resolution, City Council Summer Meeting Schedule – Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the City Council for the period of July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 3, 2017	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 17, 2017	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 7, 2017	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 21, 2017	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 4, 2017	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 18, 2017	Affirmed

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

Resolution, City Manager Performance Review & Employment Modification – Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to document completion of the City Manager’s recent annual performance evaluation which resulted in amendments to the existing Employment Agreement and to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Mayor Bethune said we done the City Manager’s evaluation. He said Ron originally was our Deputy City Manager and was promoted to City Manager a couple of years ago. He said he has done a good job for Garden City. He said the finances have been better than they have ever been. He said he stayed here during the Hurricane and has been working on the paperwork for reimbursement from FEMA. He said in order to get reimbursed for our expenses from the Hurricane the paperwork has to be just right. He said the City’s finances are so good that we can borrow money and get it. He said due to Ron’s work we received funding from GODT for the Chatham Parkway project. He said the Town Center Development project is moving forward with Ron’s efforts. He said Ron was instrumental in the future Groves High School and Mercer Middle School project. He said Ron is always responsive to my needs and requests.

City Council thanked the City Manager for his work.

City Manager thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He said I appreciate all the support you give me and I'm excited to be a part of it.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: City Council 7/17/17