

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, October 16, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember 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; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator and Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief. *Absent:* Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director.

Resolution, Youth Council Formation: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, establishing the Garden City Youth Council.

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

Induction & Swearing-in Ceremony of the Groves High School-Garden City Youth Council: Ms. Gail Elliott, Teacher and Mr. Timothy Cox, Principal of Groves High School said we are so proud of the young ladies and men selected to serve on the Youth Council.

The City Attorney administered the oath of office to the members Youth Council.

Mayor Bethune said I am glad that the City and Groves could partner together of forming the Youth Council. He said we have a very busy year planned for the Youth Council.

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

Public Hearings:

PC1721 – Ordinance, Manufactured Homes Amendment: Clerk Council said we have for public comment an ordinance, as amended, modifying the characteristics required of manufactured homes before being allowed in R-A and R-2 residential zoning districts; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective dated; and for all other purposes.

Planning Director provided an overview of the manufactured homes amendment.

Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance amendment. There being no comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

PC1722 – Ordinance, Re-establishing City Council Policies & Procedures for Holding Zoning Public Hearings: Clerk of Council said we have for public comment an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Chapter 90, Article VII, thereof to re-establish the policies and procedures utilized by the Mayor and Council at public hearings on proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance and Map; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Planning Director gave an overview of the ordinance.

Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance. There being no comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

PC1723 – Ordinance, Re-establishing Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission Policies & Procedures for Holding Zoning Public Hearings: Clerk of Council said we have for public comment an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended by amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 5, to establish policies and procedures utilized by the City’s consolidated Board of Appeals/Planning Commission at public hearings on matters referred to said Board; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Planning Director gave an overview of the ordinance.

Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance. There being no comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Enmark #260): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Hailey Blakley Grene to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Enmark #260, 4230 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the application. There being no comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage Manager’s License Application (Parker’s #39): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager’s application made by Tanya Grassenmier to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Parker’s #39, 4219 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the application. There being no comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 10/2/17 and the workshop synopsis dated 10/9/17.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning Department’s report.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department’s report.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report.

City Manager Updates and Announcements: City Manager said the debris contractor has completed the first pass of the City. He said some materials are still out there and I will get with the public works director and contractor to get an assessment.

Items of Consideration:

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

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

Second Reading - Ordinance, Manufactured Homes Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance, as amended, modifying the characteristics required of manufactured homes before being allowed in R-A and R-2 residential zoning districts; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective dated; and for all other purposes.

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

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

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Resolution, Disposing of Surplus Office Equipment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, classifying two (2) Mayline Interlocking Steel Plan Files and one (1) Pitney Bowes FastPac Mail Inserting System as surplus property and authorizing the City to dispose of said equipment by auction to the highest bidder after due notice of the sale is given in accordance with O.C.G.A 36-37-6.

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

Resolution, Manufactured Homes Permit Application & Inspection Checklist: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, adopting a permit application and inspection checklist for manufactured homes being located in R-A and R-2 residential zoning districts pursuant to Code Section 50-80 of the Garden City Code.

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

Resolution, Disposing of Abandoned Portion of Eighth Street: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, authorizing the City to sell portions of the abandoned Eighth Street to Deborah Joyner and William Burke.

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

Resolution, Fourth Amendment to Tower Attachment Lease Agreement with Verizon: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, consenting to the execution of a fourth amendment to the Verizon tower lease agreement increasing the leased ground by 45 square feet to accommodate the installation of a generator pad.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application.

Ms. Ann Levett, School Board congratulated the Mayor and Council and Groves High School faculty on the formation of Garden City's first Youth Council.

Mayor Bethune said we are very impressed with the students and we are looking forward to the new Groves High School.

Ms. Levett said I am very pleased with Principal Cox and he has a fine staff working with him at Groves. She said our young people are very talented and smart and we are in good hands going forward.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 11/6/17