

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018 – 5:30 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 Kicklighter, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor. *Absent:* Pam Franklin, HR Director.

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

Dr. Tonya Howard Hall, Port Wentworth, Georgia, gave her qualifications as candidate for the School Board District 8 seat and asked City Council for their support.

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

Public Hearings:

PC1808, Rezoning Request: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive comment on a request by Yash Desai representing J. Garden City, LLC, property owner, to rezone 4820 Augusta Road from C2 to C2A. PIN 6-0013-04-041.

Planning Director said Mr. Desai is requesting to rezone the property from C-2 to C-2A. He said Mr. Desai plans to put a convenience store and three tenant spaces on the property.

Mayor Bethune asked if the petitioner meets all the requirements. Planning Director replied, yes he meets all the rezoning requirements.

Ms. Silva Swan, Varnedoe Avenue, said my property backs up to this property. She asked City Council not to give the C-2 zoning, but give it the B&W zoning for beer and wine only. She said do not go with the zoning for pure alcohol, because it would open it up for anything to go in. She said if you have to vote, please go with the B&W zoning.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1808.

PC1810, Zoning Text Amendment Request: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Vinay Patel, property owner, to amend the code of ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90 Sec. 90-47(67) to allow for the permitted use of a pest control business in an M zoning district.

Planning Director said Mr. Patel is requesting a text amendment to allow for the permitted use of a pest control business in an M zoning district. He said the text amendment was drafted by the City Attorney. He said this is not a ruling on any specific case.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the zoning text amendment, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1810.

PC1811, Rezoning Request: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Simon Phillips, property owner to rezone 4805 Old Louisville Road and O Burdette Street from R-A to I-1. PIN 6-0925-03-007; 6-0925-03-006.

Planning Director said Mr. Phillips is requesting to rezone 4805 Old Louisville Road and O Burdette Street from R-A to I-1 for commercial contracting use. He said the property meets the criteria and the rezoning would have no adverse effect on the surrounding properties.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the zoning text amendment, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1811.

PC1812, Ordinance Amendment: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90, Article VII thereof, to establish a procedure for making requests for reasonable accommodation in land use, zoning, and development regulations as found and contained in the City's zoning code; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Planning Director said this is to establish procedures for land use. He said the City Attorney drafted the ordinance to include further verbiage.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the zoning text amendment, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1812.

PC1813, Ordinance Amendment: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90, Article VII thereof, to require the holding of a special public hearing when a proposed zoning decision is sought to locate or relocate a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for the treatment of drug dependency; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Planning Director said this is for action needed to outline the special hearing requirements requires by law. He said the City Attorney drafted the ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the zoning text amendment, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1813.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 4/2/18 and the workshop synopsis dated 4/9/18.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning Departments Report for the month of March.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works/Water Operations Department's Report for the month of March.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked the Public Works Director to look into restriping Smith Avenue.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Report and Code Enforcement's Report for the month of March.

Chief of Police introduced Officer Scot Robider as the new Code Enforcement Supervisor. Mayor Bethune said he has heard nothing but good from the residents in regards to the new Code Enforcement Supervisor.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Report for the month of March.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said we had a good crowd at the Town Meeting last Thursday. He said another Town Meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on April 24th at City Hall.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, GCCVB Appointment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to appoint Ed Chapman, Owner/Operator of Bahama Joes to replace George Mingledorf as one of the Mayor and Council's representatives on the Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority for the remainder of Mr. Mingledorff's term running from January 1, 2018 through the first regular council meeting in January 2020.

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

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 22-28, 2018 as Georgia Cities Week and to encourage all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

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

Resolution, Surplus Vehicle & Equipment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to classify as surplus property for discarding as salvage or non-serviceable (1) JCB Backhoe and (1) Ford Crown Victoria by auction to the highest bidder.

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

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 5/7/18