

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, May 21, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Pastor Bruce Campbell 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: Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter and Councilmember Ruiz.

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

Public Hearings:

PC1814, Rezoning Request: Mayor Bethune then opened the hearing receive public comments on a request by Jay Mauping representing Sam Spencer, property owner to rezone 266 Alfred Street from C-2A to I-2 for truck tire repair use.

Planning Director stated that SOS Tire & Auto, a current business located at 115 Kicklighter Way, initially requested to rezone from C-2A to I-2 but I-2 was not approved. He said the rezoning was approved under I-1 instead of I-2. The City Manager asked if the property will have a driveway allowing passage to Alfred Street, and the Planning and Zoning Director replied that it would.

Sam Spencer, 106 East 56th Street, stated that he is the owner of SOS Tire & Auto and the business is currently located at 115 Kicklighter way. He stated that he has worked with the company for 44 years and that the company currently employs 45 employees. Mr. Spencer stated that Garden City is growing and so is the industry of his business. Mr. Spencer commented that his company provides maintenance and other services for trucks that are going in and out of the Georgia Port Authority on a daily basis. He said that the plans for new construction will include a 2,000 square foot building consisting of 16 drive-through work bays with 15 foot eaves as well as a brick facing on the Alfred Street side of the building. Mr. Spencer estimates that the additional construction will bring opportunity for 10 to 15 additional employees.

The Mayor and Councilmember Tice voiced their concern of containers and/ or vehicles being stored on the property. Mr. Spencer reassured them that the business does not consist of storing such items, and with the new construction they will have a more consistent flow for vehicles being provided services.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1814.

PC1815, Rezoning Request: Mayor Bethune then opened the hearing receive public comments on a request by Continental Heavy Civil Corp., to rezone 433 Telfair Road from R-2 to I-2; 0 Telfair Road (PIN 6-0737-01-004A) from R-A to I-2; 0 Telfair Place (PIN 6-0737-01-014) from P-I-2 to I-2 and 0 Telfair Place (PIN 6-0737-01-006) from R-2 to I-2 from office use, storage of materials, and metal fabrication.

Planning Director stated that Continental Heavy Civil Corporation does a lot of contract work for Georgia Port Authority, and the company's current location is on Telfair Road. He said the company wants to expand for storage purposes. The Planning Director also stated that the lots being requested for rezoning are the remaining residential lots in this particular area.

Ryan Purvis, 525 Telfair Road, stated that the company has been in the area for almost 9 months and that they have recently been awarded more contract work with the Georgia Port Authority. He said their plans are to expand the current worksite to support several current and future projects. City Manager asked if he was aware of the storm water issues surrounding the property. Mr. Purvis he was well aware of the storm water issues and they were currently in the process of taking steps to mitigate the issue.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing for PC1815.

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

There being no further questions or comment, Mayor Bethune closed the informal 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 05/07/18 and the workshop synopsis dated 05/14/18.

Staff Reports:

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

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

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

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

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager stated that the work at the Waste Water Plant was coming along. He said that a representative from the fabrication company will be onsite soon to conduct testing and to get the equipment operational.

Items for Consideration:

There were no items for consideration.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:35p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Jennifer Scholl, Executive Assistant (Stand-in for Clerk of Council)
Accepted and approved by: City Council 6/4/18