

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Monday, June 18, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Opening:** Mr. Gerald Ethridge, First 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: Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter.

**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; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Benny Googe, Public Works and Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief 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. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

**PC1822 – Zoning Map Amendment:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Scott Reeves, Empire Distributors, Inc., representing the property owner of 1101 Chatham Parkway, LLC, to rezone 1101 Chatham Parkway Lot 5 from P-C2 to I-1 for warehousing and wholesale sales and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

Planning Director said the case was scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on June 12<sup>th</sup>, but they didn't have a quorum so we had to reschedule the meeting. According to the laws governing zoning requests the recommendation needs to be given within 30 days so staff recommended the case move forward to the City Council.

Planning Director said the request for the rezoning meets the zoning criteria, therefore, staff recommends approval of the rezoning.

Councilmember Daniel asked, can they operate this type of business in the present zoning? Planning Director replied, the office sales could operate on the front part of the property.

Councilmember Ruiz asked, is this next door to Savannah Christian School? Planning Director replied, the property borders Savannah Christian.

Councilmember Daniel asked, how big is the property? Planning Director replied, it's about five acres.

Mayor Bethune asked, is there anyone to speak in favor?

Mr. Al Javer, 1101 Chatham Parkway #A3 said, where he is proposing to put the business no one has a problem with it.

Councilmember Ruiz asked, what kind of business do you have? Mr. Al Javer replied, it's a distribution company.

Councilmember Tice asked, what are the hours of operation?

Mr. Scott Reeves, General Manager of Empire Distributors Inc., said, we operate 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Daniel asked, have you been in touch with Savannah Christian? Mr. Reeves replied, we spoke with one board member who polled the other board members and they have no issues.

Mr. Reeves said we are outgrowing our current location on Aviation Court. It is difficult for the trucks to maneuver. We operate as a hub for transfer trucks. The semi-trucks deliver overnight and then we have eight box trucks that run delivery routes during the day.

Councilmember Campbell asked, how long have you been at your current site? Mr. Reeves replied, five to six years. He said before Aviation Court we operated on Old Louisville Road.

Councilmember Daniel asked, are you going to have to remove all the trees? Mr. Reeves replied, the trees and overgrowth between us and Savannah Christian would stay, but some of the trees on the back of the property will have to be removed.

Councilmember Daniel said I'm concerned about the children of Savannah Christian School with all the truck traffic. Mr. Reeves replied, the semi-trucks will come in overnight. The only truck traffic during the day would be the box trucks. He said there is already a high volume of truck traffic on Chatham Parkway.

City Attorney asked, will you receive orders onsite? Mr. Reeves replied, our sales representatives operate in the field. He said no one should be coming in to place an order at our office. The sales reps take the orders in the field.

Mayor Bethune asked, is there anyone to speak against the rezoning? No one came forward to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

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

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Shaku Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Mini Mart, 4021 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked, is there anyone to speak in favor or against the application.

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

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously voted to approve the city council minutes dated 6/4/18 and workshop synopsis dated 6/11/18.

**Staff Reports:**

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

Director of Public Works presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of May.

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

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

**City Manager's Updates & Announcements:** City Manager said I have no updates or announcements.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution – 2018 Ford F150 Truck Proposal (Parks & Recreation):** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase contract for the new 2018 Ford-F150 XL pickup truck with O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln Inc., at the purchase price of \$19,595.00 to be funded through in the City's General Fund.

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

**Resolution – Ceiling Fans Proposal (Sharon Park Pavilion):** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase contract with BAF Solutions to sell and install at the City's Sharon Park Pavilion three (3) ceiling fans measuring seven (7') feet in diameter for the purchase price of \$5,724.00 to be funded through the City's General Fund.

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

**Resolution – Bazemore Park Concession Stand Rehabilitation Project:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize Garden City, Georgia, to pursue the rehabilitation and expansion of, the Bazemore Park Concession Stand; to authorize the City Manager and staff to issue a request for proposals from contractors to perform the rehabilitation and improvement work.

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

**Resolution, Town Center Development 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Sales Contract & Addendum to Development Agreement (Roberts Properties, Inc.):** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to approve the Thirteenth Amendment, and to authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the performance of same on the City's behalf.

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

**Resolution, City Council Summer Meeting Schedule:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City Council for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 as follows:

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 2, 2018	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 16, 2018	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 6, 2018	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 20, 2015	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 3, 2018	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 17, 2015	Affirmed

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

**Board of Zoning Appeals / Planning Commission Appointment to Replace Jennifer West:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to appoint Charles Orrel to said Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission to serve the remaining two (2) years of the four (4) year term of Jennifer West who vacated her seat on such body, said four (4) year-term expiring when a successor is appointed by City Council at the first regular Council meeting in January 2020.

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

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Garden City Mini Mart):** Clerk of Council said we have consideration by the Mayor and City Council an alcoholic beverage license application made by Shaku Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Mini Mart, 4021 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

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

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council*

*Accepted & approved by: City Council 7-16-18*