

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Opening:** Pastor Eric Mason, Jesus First the Community Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. City Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Rosetta Cody, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz, and Councilmember Kim Tice.

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

**Public Hearings:**

**PC1914, Rezoning Request (49 Old Louisville Road):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive comment on a request by Robert Aber, property owner to rezone 4912 Old Louisville Road from C-2 to I-1.

Planning Director said Mr. Aber is requesting to rezone his property from C-2 to I-1, which is consistent with the future land use zoning map for the area. Staff recommends approval. The Planning Commission heard the request at its June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and recommends approval.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the rezoning request. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**PC1915, Rezoning Request (Dean Forest Road Parcels):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone all parcels north of Old Louisville Road to the Railroad track from C-2 to I-1; 222 Dean Forest Road, 220 Dean Forest Road, 218 Dean Forest Road, 216 Dean Forest Road, 210 Dean Forest Road, 206 Dean Forest Road, 204 Dean Forest Road, 214 Dean Forest Road, and 212 Dean Forest Road.

Planning Director said these property owners approached the City requesting to rezone their properties from C-2 to I-1. All property owners signed letters requesting the rezoning. Staff evaluated the request and found that the requested zoning is consistent with the future land use map zoning for the area. Staff is recommending approval. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning request.

Mayor Bethune said this group of home owners is surrounded by industrial and commercial zoning. Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the rezoning request. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**PC1916, Rezoning Request (2614 Highway 80):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive comment on a request by Judy Roundtree, property owner to rezone 2614 Highway 80 from R-1 to C-2.

Planning Director said the property owner is requesting to rezone her property from R-1 to C-2. Staff evaluated the request and found that the requested zoning is consistent with the future land use map zoning for the area. Staff is recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked Ms. Roundtree why she was requesting the rezoning. Ms. Roundtree replied that a Dollar General was going in on the property beside her.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak for or against the request. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 6/3/19 and the workshop synopsis dated 6/10/19.

Mayor Bethune said I overlooked the informal public comment section. He said I'm going to open the floor to receive informal public at this time.

Ms. Morris said I live on Priscilla D. Thomas Way. She said the train has been stopped on the track since 5:08 p.m. and it is now 6:23 p.m. She said it seemed like they were getting better about not blocking the tracks, but it looks like they are starting back up again. The train is blocking Priscilla D. Thomas Way, but it cleared the Big Hill Road track. I'm asking if we can get assistance with the train blocking the track on Priscilla D. Thomas Way. I'm concerned that emergency responders would not be able to get to the residents if needed.

Mayor Bethune said the City Manager is contacting the CSX and we'll let you know something before the meeting is over.

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

**Staff Reports:**

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

Public Works Supervisor 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:**

Special Projects Coordinator said we held a public meeting the other night to share information about the proposed Highway 80 recreation complex with the Sharon Park and Woodlawn Communities and to hear their feedback and questions. CHA Consulting provided an overview of the property and showed images of similar projects. We had residents write down their questions and comments regarding the project. These questions and responses were submitted to CHA. As we move forward, we will be working with three possible designs for consideration. Nothing has been decided. The next meetings are scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Garden City Gym. We invite as many resident as possible to attend these meetings. We want to hear from the community.

Councilmember Cody said this is not a done deal. I'm concerned children will have a problem getting there. Children in Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Daniel's districts want have a problem, but they would have a problem coming from my district. Councilmember Campbell said either way it goes there would be a travel issue.

Mayor Bethune said I would like to encourage everyone to come to the meetings to give feedback.

**Items for Consideration:**

**First Reading, Ordinance – GDOT Speed Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend section 78-3 and articles I and II of Appendix B which is incorporated therein by reference, to ratify and re-designate the speed limits for streets or portions of streets within the City.

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

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

**Second Reading, Ordinance – GDOT Speed Ordinance:** Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend section 78-3 and articles I and II of Appendix B which is incorporated therein by reference, to ratify and re-designate the speed limits for streets or portions of streets within the City.

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

**Resolution – CSX Facility Encroachment Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a facility encroachment agreement between the City and CSX Transportation for the pipeline running along Nelson Avenue and crossing Bishop Avenue and the CSX right-of-way crossing for the conveyance of raw/treated sewage.

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

**Resolution, Police Vehicles Proposal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the proposal of Butler Dodge to sell to the City four (4) Dodge Chargers for the amount of \$91,089.00 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or purchase order for the vehicles.

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

**Resolution, Police Mobile Radar Trailer Proposal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the price quote of MS Martin Enterprises, Inc., to sell to the City (1) Decatur OnSite 300 MX mobile radar trailer for the amount of \$8,490.00 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or purchase order for the radar trailer.

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

**Resolution, Police Portable Radio Replacement Proposal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the proposal of Savannah Communications to sell to the City forty-one (41) replacement portable radios and accessories for the price of \$223,540.47 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or purchase order for the radios.

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

**Resolution, RedSpeed Services Agreement:** A resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with RedSpeed Georgia, LLC, for the implementation and operation of an automated traffic enforcement safety device program with respect to speeding violations within certain school zones in the City in accordance with Chapter 78, Article II, of the City Code; authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City; and for other purposes.

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

**Resolution, Payroll Services Proposal:** A resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to negotiate a service agreement with ADP, LLC, for payroll processing and a service agreement with AppColony, Inc., for the furnishing of a software program to be used for employee scheduling, time tracking, attendance, and communications, and for other purposes.

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

**Resolution, City Council Summer Schedule:** A resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City Council for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

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

Mayor Bethune asked for an update on the train blocking the tracks. City Manager said the Yard Master said it was a mechanical problem with the train. The train is gone now. Mayor Bethune said I wish that CSX would be proactive and let us know when this is happening so we can let the emergency responders know in case of an emergency.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

*Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council  
Accepted and approved by: City Council 7/15/19*