

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Pastor Ashely Randall, Garden City United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Attendees:

City Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr., Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter. Mayor Bethune stated that Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter is under the weather tonight.

Staff Members: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks/Recreation Director; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief and Scott Robider, City Marshal.

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

Pastor Randall stated that he just got back from Washington DC where he was lobbying on the behalf of the ONE Campaign for Global Vaccination ordinances for the delivery of vaccinations to children all around the world.

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

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Vikram S. Shah to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at the Pump & Go, 4820 Augusta Road, Garden City.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the application. There being no one to speak for or against the application, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage Manager's Application: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager's application made by Helen B. Edenfield to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at the Pump & Go, 4820 Augusta Road, Garden City.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the application. There being no one to speak for or against the application, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Daniel made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated 2/17/20 as amended and the Workshop Synopsis dated 2/24/20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

Staff Reports:

City Manager presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month February.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of February.

Recreation Director presented the Parks and Recreation Department's report for the month of February.

City Manager's Updates and Announcements: City Manager stated that he did not have any updates or announcements to report.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone tract "A" of Lot 14, Dogwood tract, Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia, measuring 4.314 acres, and more commonly known as 702 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia, owned by Prit Pritya, LLC, from its present zoning classification of "C-2A" to an "I-2" zoning classification.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to deny the zoning map amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed with Councilmember Lassiter in opposition.

Resolution, FY2019 Year-End Budget Amendment – General Fund: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2019 General Operating Fund Budget to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the various line items in the City's General Fund Budget.

Councilmember Daniel made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution, FY2019 Year-End Budget Amendments – Enterprise Funds: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2019 budgets for the four Enterprise Funds (Fire Protection Fund, Stormwater Fund, Sanitation Fund and Water/Sewer Fund); to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the various line items in the budgets of the four different Enterprise Funds.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Resolution, FY2019 Year-End Budget Amendments – SPLOST Fund: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2019 SPLOST Fund budget; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the various line items in the SPLOST Fund budget.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Resolution, FY2019 Year-End Budget Amendments – Special Revenue Funds: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2019 budgets for the three Special Revenue Funds (Confiscated Assets Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, & Tourism Fund) ; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the various line items in the budgets of the three different Special Revenue Funds.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Resolution, GMA Master Lease Supplement for 2020 Police Vehicles: Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and put into effect one or more Lease Supplements pursuant to the Master Lease dated as of April 21, 2003, with Georgia Municipal Association, Inc, for the purchase of (6) Dodge Durango SSV vehicles plus the cost of equipping same, estimated to be \$300,000.00.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

Resolution, ClearWater Solutions Contract Amendment: Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City, Georgia, to amend its service contract with ClearWater Solutions, LLC, to include the provision of Code Enforcement and Stormwater Inspection Services to be performed by qualified personnel; to authorize the City Manager to execute the service contract amendment for such services.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed with Councilmember Morris in opposition.

Resolution, Convention Visitors Bureau Joint Appointment: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council to reappoint Patt Gunn and Ed Chapman to the Garden City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority to serve as voting members thereof from the effective date of this Resolution until their respective successors are appointed within 45 days of the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council in January 2023.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Convention Visitors Bureau Councilmember Appointments:

- Councilmember Lassiter appointed Lena Harris
- Councilmember Morris appointed Rochelle Ferguson
- Mayor Bethune on behalf of Councilmember Kicklighter appointed Curtis Faircloth

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Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager's Application: Consideration by City Council to approve an alcoholic beverage license manager's application made by Helen B. Edenfield to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at the Pump & Go, 4820 Augusta Road, Garden City.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

There being no further items to discuss, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council adjourned at approximately 6:26 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: City Council 3/16/20