

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 4, 2020 – 6:00 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 Pro-tem Kicklighter led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Council Members:** Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Scott Robider, City Marshal, Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Cliff Ducey Parks and Recreation Director.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Daniel made a motion to approve the city council minutes dated 4/20/20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

**City Manager Report:** City Manager stated that the monthly reports for the HR Department, IT Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department were included in the agenda packet.

City Manager gave an overview of the plan to reopen city hall on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager stated that the Department of Public Health will offer mobile COVID-19 testing in the Groves Parking lot on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The testing is by appointment only.

**Items for Consideration**

**Resolution, Camellia – Azalea Drainage Project:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$22,500.00 for preliminarily addressing the damage to the Camellia/Azalea Avenue drainage pipeline system through the hiring off a camera contractor to take videos and photos of the internal condition, the retaining of a vacuum truck contractor to remove debris currently within the pipeline, and the engagement of Maxwell Reddick and Associates to survey the pipeline system and develop plans and specifications for the repair and/or replacement of the damaged drainage components.

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

**Resolution, Police Surplus Vehicles:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to classify six (6) police vehicles as surplus property and to authorize the Police Department to dispose of said vehicles.

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

**Resolution, AVENU Discovery/Recovery Business Tax Agreement Renewal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City to renew its occupational tax revenue enhancement agreement with Avenu Insights & Analytics LLC for the recovery of occupational tax revenue from businesses in the City not on the City's current occupation/tax registration list.

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

**Resolution, AVENU Revenue Administration Service Agreement Renewal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City to renew its agreement with AVENU Insights & Analytics LLC for the provision of tax administrative services with respect to occupational tax, hotel/motel tax, mixed drink excise tax, and other taxes designated by the City.

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

**Resolution, Herty AMDC Sewer Use Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City to enter into a new five-year agreement with Georgia Southern University, Herty Advanced Materials Development Center (AMDC) for the receipt, treatment, and disposal of pre-treated industrial wastewater into the City's Water Pollution Control Plant.

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

**Resolution, Qualawash Holdings LLC Sewer Use Agreement:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City to enter into a new five-year agreement with Qualawash Holdings LLC for the receipt, treatment, and disposal of pre-treated industrial wastewater into the City's Water Pollution Control Plant.

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

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the meeting to receive public comment.

Ms. Tracy O'Connell, candidate for superior court judge addressed city council on her qualifications and asked for their support.

Ms. Donna Williams, founder of on S2S Facts, Inc. a nonprofit organization addressed city council on the objective of the organization to unite girls ten and older from all backgrounds through bridging the gap of diversity, encouraging community engagement, and embracing empowerment.

Mayor Bethune asked the City Manager to ask Officer O'neal to reach out to Ms. Williams about getting the Youth Council involved to help.

There being no one else wishing to address city council, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further items to be discussed, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:53 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council*  
*Accepted & approved by: City Council 5/18/20*