

A G E N D A
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

➤ **OPENING**

- **Call to Order**
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

➤ **FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Formal Public Comment – City Council Agenda Protocol

The City of Garden City has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address the City Council on issues of importance. Garden City requires that individuals who desire to formally address the City Council submit a written request form outlining the subject matter that they intend to discuss so that they can be placed on the meeting agenda. Members of the public desiring to be placed on the agenda to present or address matters to the City Council must submit a formal **“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA”** form to the Office of the City Manager at least 10 days prior to the requested City Council meeting date that you wish to speak. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month so the request must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday which constitutes 10 days prior. The request can be done in person, regular mail, fax or e-mail and the speaker should obtain acknowledgement of the request from the City to demonstrate that the 10 day requirement has been met. The request form may be obtained from the Office of the City Manager and on the City’s website www.gardencity-ga.gov. The request should state the name of the individual(s) desiring to be heard and the subject matter to be presented to City Council. Requests may be referred at the discretion of the City Manager, to appropriate staff for mediation prior to being placed on the public agenda. Please be advised the completion of a request form does not entitle the speaker to be added to the agenda.

➤ RECEIPT OF INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Procedure: To best manage this meeting section, any person who desires to address the City Council must sign up using the process outlined on the website where this meeting is advertised. Once recognized by the Mayor, the person will be allowed to speak in accordance with the Informal Public Comment–Speaker Protocols outlined below.

Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Garden City believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. Informal Public Comments are scheduled for a total of fifteen (15) minutes and each person will be limited to three (3) minutes. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. Speakers not heard during the limited fifteen (15) minute period will be first to present their comments at the next Council meeting. The opportunity to address City Council on a topic of his/her choice shall be used by an individual only one (1) time per month. It may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. If a member of the general public would like to address the City Council during the Informal Public Comment portion of the meeting, please respectfully indicate your desire to address the City Council when the Mayor solicits members of the general public to come forward and speak. You will be recognized by the Mayor and asked to come forward to the podium so that you can address the City Council in accordance with the rules outlined herein. Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she will be given three (3) minutes to address the City Council. The speaker should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Informal Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Garden City, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agendized matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to asking factual and clarifying questions of staff, and when appropriate, the Council may consider placing a matter on a future agenda. In addition, it is not reasonable to expect staff to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at a later time.

➤ PUBLIC HEARINGS

Speaking to a Public Hearing Item Protocol

In the interests of time and to ensure fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council and the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record.

Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments to respect City Council's time limits. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed, and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

***PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ZONING DECISIONS BEFORE
GARDEN CITY'S MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF
CITY COUNCIL'S ZONING POWER***

Procedures for Conducting Public Hearings on Proposed Zoning Decisions:

All public hearings conducted by the Mayor and Council on Garden City, Georgia, on proposed zoning decisions shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) All public hearings by the Mayor and Council on zoning amendments shall be chaired by the Mayor.
- (2) The Mayor shall open the hearing by stating the specific zoning amendment being considered at the public hearing and further stating that printed copies of the adopted standards governing the exercise of the Mayor and Council's zoning power and the procedures governing the hearing are available to the public.
- (3) The Director of the City's Planning and Zoning Department shall advise the Mayor and Council of the recommendation of the Planning Commission when applicable.
- (4) The Mayor shall determine the number of attendees who desire to testify or present evidence at the hearing.
- (5) When there is a large number of individuals wishing to testify at a hearing, the Mayor may invoke time limits on individual speakers. In such cases, these time limits shall apply to all speakers. Proponents, including the petitioner or the petitioner's agent requesting the zoning decision, shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and expert opinions; opponents of the proposed decision shall have an equal minimum period of time. The Mayor may grant additional time; provided, however, an equal period of time shall be granted both sides.
- (6) The petitioner requesting such zoning decision, or the applicant's agent, shall be recognized first and shall be permitted to present and explain the request for the zoning decision. Thereafter, all individuals who so desire shall be permitted to speak in favor of the zoning decision.
- (7) After all individuals have had an opportunity to speak in accordance with subparagraph (6) above, those individuals present at the public hearing who wish to speak in opposition to the requested zoning decision shall have an opportunity to speak.
- (8) The Mayor may limit repetitious comments in the interest of time and may call for a show of hands of those persons present in favor of or opposed to the proposed decision.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the Mayor to maintain decorum and to assure the public hearing on the proposed decision is conducted in a fair and orderly manner.
- (10) Once all parties have concluded their testimony, the Mayor shall adjourn the public hearing.

Standards Governing the Exercise of The Zoning Powers of Garden City's Mayor and Council:

Prior to making a zoning amendment, the Mayor and Council shall evaluate the merits of a proposed amendment according to the following criteria:

- (1) Is this request a logical extension of a zoning boundary which would improve the pattern of uses in the general area?
- (2) Is this spot zoning and generally unrelated to either existing zoning or the pattern of development of the area?
- (3) Could traffic created by the proposed use or other uses permissible under the zoning sought traverse established single-family neighborhoods on minor streets, leading to congestion, noise, and traffic hazards?
- (4) Will this request place irreversible limitations or cause material detriment on the area similarly zoned as it is or on future plans for it?
- (5) Is there an imminent need for the rezoning and is the property likely to be used for the use requested?
- (6) Would the proposed use precipitate similar requests which would generate or accelerate adverse land use changes in the zone or neighborhood?

➤ **Approval of City Council Minutes**

- Consideration of the minutes from the April 20th Pre-Agenda Session and City Council Meeting minutes.

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Resolution – FY2025 Second Budget Amendment:** A resolution to further amend the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the General Operating Fund, Sanitation Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, and Capital Projects Fund; to adjust for the differences between the amended adopted budget and audited expenditures for certain various line items in the city’s budgets.
- **Resolution – FY2026 GDOT Local Road Assistance Supplemental Project (Telfair Road):** A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) application for FY2026 – LRA Supplemental with cover letter and other GDOT required forms for the partial funding of the rehabilitation of Telfair Road; and for other purposes.
- **Resolution – Hazard Mitigation Plan (Chatham County):** A resolution by Mayor and Council authorizing the adoption of the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

➤ **ADJOURN**

SYNOPSIS

**Pre-Agenda Session
Monday, April 20, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: Mayor Campbell called the pre-agenda session to order at approximately 5:30pm and offered the prayer.

Attendees:

Council Members: Mayor Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Michael Bruner, Councilmember Figiel, Councilmember Gwyn Hall, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, and Councilmember Debbie Ruiz.
Absent: Councilmember Richard Lassiter

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Police Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks and Recreation Director; Carlos Navarez, Planning Director; Katie Draeger, Finance Director; Virgil Moore, Public Works Director; Lynnette Hymes, Public Works Executive Assistant; Mack Robert, Fire Marshal; Marth Vallada, Water/Sewer Interim Director; and Tonya Roper, Clerk of Council.

Mayor's Updates

No updates.

City Council Updates

Councilmember Hall announced the attendance by both he and Councilmember Ruiz for the Redcross grand opening ceremony.

Councilmember Ruiz announced she, Councilmember Morris, and Councilmember Hall will attend the District 12 Spring Listening Session on Wednesday, April 22nd.

City Manager Updates

The City Manager announced the date for the Town Hall meeting was previously scheduled for June 29th. The Town Hall meeting has been proposed for rescheduling with attendance by the engineers for July 9th, 6pm in the council chambers.

The City Manager provided an overview of the agenda.

1. Presentations

The City Manager announced there will be community spirit service award presentations.

2. Public Hearings

- a. Receipt of public comment of a text amendment request to revise the wall and fence code in residential and commercial properties.

Planning Commission recommended approval with stipulation on the fence materials with a lengthy discussion held during the April 13th workshop.

- b. Receipt of public comment of a text amendment request to add Apiary(beekeepers) to the Permitted Uses listed in Section 90-47.

Planning Commission recommended approval.

3. Approval of City Council Minutes

Consideration of the minutes from the April 6th Pre-Agenda Session and City Council meeting minutes and April 13th Workshop meeting minutes.

4. Items for Consideration

- a. The ordinance for the text amendment to add Apiary is for first reading, if approved the rules of Council can be suspended to move forward with second reading.
- b. The resolution for the city hall sign is for the purchase of the monument/LED digital sign.
 - I. The City Manager confirmed Councilmember Bruner's inquiry about the monument/LED sign for city hall as a budgeted item.
- c. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem by Mayor Campbell.

Adjournment: Given no other items to discuss, the Mayor and City Council adjourned the pre-agenda session at approximately 5:37pm.

Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: The City Council 5-04-26

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, April 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Councilmember Hall gave the invocation, and Mayor Campbell led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

City Council Members: Mayor Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Bruner, Councilmember Figiel, Councilmember Gwyn Hall, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, and Councilmember Debbie Ruiz.
Absent: Councilmember Richard Lassiter

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Police Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks and Recreation Director; Carlos Nevarez, Planning Director; Virgil Moore, Public Works Director; Marth Vallada, Water/Sewer Interim Director; Veronica Enoch, Governmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives Director; Mack Roberts, Fire Marshal; Lynnette Hymes, Public Works Executive Assistant; Tonya Roper, Clerk of Council; and Kyle Thomas, IT Tech.

Presentations: The Governmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives Director along with Mayor Campbell and Council presented community service awards to honorees; Representative Carl Gilliard, Bishop Eric Mason, Mr. Binit Amin, and the Georgia Ports Authority in recognition of their service to the community in celebration of Georgia Cities Week.

The Governmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives Director stated in addition to our regularly scheduled City Council meeting, we gather here today in observance of Georgia Cities Week. Facilitated by GMA, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Cities Week is an annual statewide event that invites residence to celebrate their city government, community achievements, and the essential services cities provide every day.

In 2025, more than 170 cities across Georgia took part in Georgia Cities Week. Through this week, cities build public understanding, boost civic pride, and depend on working relationships with community and policymakers. It is also an effective way to bridge the gap, allowing cities to educate, celebrate, and encourage. In the past years, Garden City has partnered with local schools to educate students about municipal services and government. This year, we celebrate; this celebration recognizes those who exemplify commitment to community service, compassion, and volunteering.

Representative Carl Gilliard

Councilmember Morris stated it is a deep honor and pleasure to present the community spirit service award to Representative Carl Gilliard. Elected in 2016, Representative Carl Gilliard has represented the citizens of the 162nd District for over a decade which includes a portion of Garden City. In 2009,

he founded Savannah Feed The Hungry, a 501 C3 organization where the mission is to feed, restore, and add dignity to the working poor. Currently, Feeding The Hungry has served over 14 cities and over 1.5 million meals. In 2019, Savannah Feed The Hungry partnered with St. Joseph Candler to open the Empowerment Center in Garden City with the focus on sustainability, the Empowerment Center has helped over 244 with renting and home purchase. The center offers GED classes, continuing education, after school programs, and conflict resolution workshops and seminars. Amid a government shutdown, Savannah Feed The Hungry hosted an emergency food giveaway at Groves Highschool which included me, Natalyn Bates Morris and Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr.

Councilmember Morris stated beyond Representative Gilliard's legislative achievement, Carl has always been approachable. He is dedicated to the community, he listens to the concerns of his constituents and the genuine passion for our community has inspired many, including me. As he embarks on a new chapter, having announced that he will not seek reelection; we want to recognize his incredible journey and the significant strides that he has made for the city.

Councilmember Morris concluded by saying today, we say thank you and it is my honor to present the community spirit award to State Representative Carl Gilliard for your support to those in need and for making a difference in our community.

Representative Carl Gilliard said thank you to the Mayor and Council, the best city council in Georgia. He said there is no place like Garden City, and when State Representative Bob Bryant passed, we had big shoes to fill, as there is no one like the great Bob Bryant. I made sure to stay grounded and keep myself close to the city. It has been a great and exciting opportunity to serve you for 10 years. He continued by saying we could not have done it without you – to the best city in the nation; the Governor always says we're the number one place in Georgia for business and for Georgia the city is the best for doing business in the nation. He finished by thanking Mayor and Council and saying in the words of Pete Liakakis - when man closes one door, God opens another.

Bishop Eric Mason

Councilmember Hall stated the next honoree is Bishop Eric Mason, Sr. – it is an honor to stand before you today as we recognize a man whose life and leadership has made a lasting impact on our community. Since founding Jesus First Christian Community Church in 2002, Bishop Mason has built more than a ministry; he has built a movement rooted in faith, service, and transformation. Through his vision and leadership countless lives have been touched, strengthened, and uplifted. He has dedicated himself to meeting people where they are by serving as an in-reach specialist with a Georgia prison reentry program, a social services specialist, a mentor with Gateway Behavioral Health, and an educator for over a decade.

Councilmember Hall continued by saying these roles reflect not just what Bishop Mason does but who he is – a servant leader with a heart for people. Throughout Savannah and in Garden City Bishop Mason is known for his genuine compassion and commitment to others by mentoring, leading, and teaching while encouraging others.

Each year, Bishop Mason takes time to honor our First Responders and essential City Staff with a luncheon reminding them that their service does not always go unnoticed. This gesture speaks volumes about his character and an appreciation for those who serve. He is truly a bridge builder in the community by bringing people together, fostering partnerships, and helping to improve the quality of life for families and children across Chatham County.

Councilmember Hall finished by saying we pause today to say a well-deserved thank you to Bishop Mason on behalf of Garden City. It is a pleasure to present the community spirit service award to Dr. Mason Sr. for his support of our City staff, our city, and our community. Again, thank you for your leadership, service and dedication.

Bishop Mason said it is a pleasure and an honor to receive this and there is no way that one person can do the work alone as there is always someone else behind the scenes that helps you to remain grounded. Bishop Mason stated forty years ago, I pastored in Garden City at Oak Grove Baptist Church, which was the foundation for my ministry, now I am back in Garden City and have also worked together with Representative Gilliard on different occasions.

Bishop Mason said I want to recognize Elder Gibbon as a strong supporter as we were able to start an operating and functioning minister alliance group along with Mayor Bethune for work within the Garden City community. He continued by saying my stay in Garden City has been pleasant from this wonderful Council; I have had nothing but great support in helping to help people in the community.

Bishop Mason finished by saying we are grateful for all the work that you all have done to help us to be a beacon and a light – wherever you go, whatever you do in this life - if you could touch one somebody then your living won't be in vain and I encourage all of you to do the same.

Mr. Binit Amin

Mayor Campbell said the next award will be given to Mr. Binit Amin. Mr. Amin is a dedicated entrepreneur and community advocate as an owner and operator of several successful businesses in Garden City which include the Marathon Station on Highway 21, a package store, and an extended stay motel. Mr. Amin has employed several residents and has had a significant impact on the local economy and job market.

Mayor Campbell said this young businessman is passionate about giving back to the community and has actively supported several initiatives over the years. For the past four years, Mr. Amin has been a steadfast supporter of our city's annual bicycle giveaway for the annual Christmas tree lighting event held here at city hall. This act promotes healthy living, fosters a sense of community and joy amongst our residents for the holidays. Through his donation and support, Mr. Amin has provided countless bicycles for children and families, ensuring everyone can enjoy Christmas and the freedom and fun that comes with riding a bike.

Mayor Campbell continued by saying I remember the day Mr. Amin came to me eagerly to discuss how he could contribute. Mr. Amin's passion for making a difference was clear and inspiring to see a local businessman very dedicated to uplifting our community. It is this kind of proactive spirit that truly

sets him apart. Mayor Campbell finished by saying, today, we say thank you and present the community spirit service award to Mr. Binit Amin for his generous contributions and for making a difference in the community.

Mr. Amin said without you this would not be possible and I would like to thank each department in the city for helping me with the processes of all of my businesses operating smoothly. Thank you and I appreciate your support.

Georgia Ports Authority

Mayor Campbell said the final award goes to the Georgia Ports Authority. He said it is a treasure to stand here today with the recognition of our esteemed neighbors at the Georgia Ports Authority. Georgia Ports is home to the largest single terminal container facility of its kind in North America. It is comprised of two modern deep-water terminals – the Garden City Terminal and the Ocean Terminal. The Port of Savannah is one of the biggest connected ports in the U.S. to world markets with 39 ship calls per week, 42 stack trains per week, and 14,000 trucks moved daily. The Garden City terminal is the busiest container handling facility in the United States.

Mayor Campbell continued by saying there is movement of millions of tons of containers, cargo, and freight sitting on 6.85 acres at Garden City's terminal – joined by the Port Mason Mega Rail makes it the largest owned terminal intermodal facility in North America.

Mayor Campbell said not only does the Ports contribute to the economic development of this area, but the Port has actively engaged in the housing initiative by prioritizing home repair for existing neighborhoods, residents, and homeowners. The Port engages with nearby port communities through outreach and sustainability initiatives while consistently demonstrating integrity, collaboration, and respect. As part of the GPA's engagement effort, \$6m is being donated to port communities to support more of the local workforce housing initiative.

Mayor Campbell finished by saying this award not only celebrates a company but a partner in our communities' growth. We look forward to many more years of collaboration as we work together for a brighter future for Garden City.

Lee Beckman with the Georgia Ports Authority Team, Pat Richardson, and Leslie Thomas said we are glad to be here as part of our engagement team. Being a good neighbor is something that we always try to be at the Port Authority. There is a lot of activity coming to and from our facilities everyday, so we always strive to do better and to support the community where we live and work; Garden City has been a great partner.

Mr. Beckman continued by saying when he started with the Port Authority, Mr. Bob Bryant was a Councilmember. Mr. Bryant was a good friend and is dearly missed. I am thankful for Representative Carl Gilliard and his representing the community. We look forward to working with Garden City and we appreciate your recognition of our mission.

Ms. Thomas stated to reiterate Representative Carl Giliard and Bishop Mason let us all do good work to be good community people; be God's people.

Mayor Campbell said refreshments will be provided after the conclusion of the Council meeting.

The Governmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives Director said we are very thankful for all of the recipients' efforts and their collaboration with us as a city. This concludes our Georgia Cities Week Community Spirit Awards presentation.

Informal Public Comment: Given no comments, Mayor Campbell closed this section for informal public comment.

Public Hearings:

TAM-26-0001 – Text Amendment: Receipt of public comment on a request by the City of Garden City for approval of a text amendment to the city ordinance to revise the wall and fence code, especially in residential and commercial properties.

The Planning Director stated this is a public hearing for a text amendment for the wall and fence code ordinance. After multiple variances, the Planning Commission requested for the fence ordinance to be updated to satisfy some of the properties that are longer than usual that doesn't allow front fencing and with other topics including commercial and industrial fencing. This is a revision, and staff wishes to open the request for public comment.

Mayor Campbell opened the floor to those wishing to speak for or against the request. Given no comments, Mayor Campbell closed the public hearing.

TAM-26-0002 – Text Amendment: Receipt of public comment on a request by the City of Garden City for approval of a text amendment to add Apiary to the permitted uses listed in Section 90-47.

The Planning Director stated the requested amendment is add the use into the city for what is known as beekeepers. The request places a permitted use within the code providing zoning requirements and regulations to allow this type of business in the city.

Mayor Campbell opened the floor to those wishing to speak for or against the request. Given no comments, Mayor Campbell closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6th Pre-Agenda Session and City Council meeting minutes and the April 13th Workshop meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed with all voting in favor of the motion.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading – Ordinance – Text Amendment (Apiary): The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances as amended, by amending Chapter 90, Article I to add to Section 90-5 the definition of Apiary, and to add Apiary to the Permitted Uses listed in Section 90-47; which shall be permitted in R-A, R-1, R-2, R-I-N, C-1, C-2, C-2A, C-2A(B&W), I-1, I-2, and M zoning

districts subject to certain conditions; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

The City Manager stated this is a text amendment to add Apiaries to the permitted uses listed in Section 90-47. This amendment is to give beekeepers within the city permitted use.

Councilmember Bruner made a motion to approve on the first reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris.

Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council: Councilmember Hall motioned to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passes without opposition.

Second Reading – Ordinance – Text Amendment (Apiary): The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances as amended, by amending Chapter 90, Article I to add to Section 90-5 the definition of Apiary, and to add Apiary to the Permitted Uses listed in Section 90-47; which shall be permitted in R-A, R-1, R-2, R-I-N, C-1, C-2, C-2A, C-2A(B&W), I-1, I-2, and M zoning districts subject to certain conditions; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Bruner made a motion to approve the ordinance on the second reading. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion; the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

Resolution - Stewart Signs Procurement Agreement (City Hall Municipal Complex Sign): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by Mayor and Council authorizing the purchase of an Atlas outdoor monument/LED digital sign from Stewart Signs for the Garden City City Hall/Municipal Complex; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund; providing for an effective date; and for other lawful purposes.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion; the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment: Mayor Campbell announced his appointment for Mayor Pro-Tem is Councilmember Hall.

Councilmember Hall stated he is honored and grateful to accept the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for Garden City, Georgia. He said I appreciate the trust that you have placed in me, and I promise to serve this position, to be dedicated, to be committed, and to work for the betterment of Garden City so that we can move our city forward – thank you again, and I do accept this nomination.

Adjournment: Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bruner and passed without opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 5-04-26*

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO FURTHER AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND, SANITATION FUND, WATER/SEWER FUND, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND; TO ADJUST FOR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE AMENDED ADOPTED BUDGET AND AUDITED EXPENDITURES FOR CERTAIN VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE CITY'S BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the FY2025 Budget for the General Fund, Sanitation Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, and Capital Projects fund of un-audited revenue and expenditures was approved by resolution on March 2, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, auditors with the City's auditing firm, Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC, required the City to accrue four (4) invoices received in 2026 for services provided in 2025, back to the fiscal year 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, in regular session assembled, do approve an second amendment to the FY2025 Budget for the General Fund, Sanitation Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, and Capital Projects Fund to accurately reflect the differences between the amended revenues and expenditures and the audited revenues and expenditures as of December 31, 2025, with respect to each of the City's various departments as set forth on the attached Exhibit "A."

ADOPTED BY the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, this ____ day of May, 2026.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor

RECEIVED AND APPROVED this ____ day of May, 2026.

TONYA ROPER, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"

| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Description | 2025 Amended | 2025 2nd Amendment | \$ Change | % Change |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund Operating Revenue | 16,990,378 | 16,990,378 | - | |
| Operating Revenues | 16,990,378 | 16,990,378 | - | |
| Appropriation of Prior Year's Fund Balance | - | - | - | |
| Total Revenues | 16,990,378 | 16,990,378 | - | 0% |
| Operating & Capital Expenditures | | | | |
| Legislative | 535,975 | 535,975 | - | |
| Executive | 771,653 | 771,653 | - | |
| Information Technology | 1,337,357 | 1,337,357 | - | |
| Finance | 257,194 | 257,194 | - | |
| Human Resources | 279,879 | 279,879 | - | |
| Municipal Court | 454,486 | 454,486 | - | |
| Police | 6,306,468 | 6,306,468 | - | |
| Emergency Management | 7,798 | 7,798 | - | |
| Public Works | 1,444,863 | 1,444,863 | - | |
| Senior Center | 300,820 | 300,820 | - | |
| Parks & Recreation | 1,135,280 | 1,135,280 | - | |
| Planning, Zoning & Building | 938,278 | 938,278 | - | |
| Operating & Capital Expenditures | 13,770,051 | 13,770,051 | - | |
| Transfer Out to Fire Protection Fund | 2,833,579 | 2,833,579 | - | |
| Transfer Out to Sanitation Fund | - | 10,256 | 10,256 | |
| Total Expenditures | 16,603,630 | 16,613,886 | 10,256 | 0% |
| Net Surplus (Loss) | 386,748 | 376,492 | | |

| SANITATION FUND | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| Description | 2025 Amended | 2025 2nd Amendment | \$ Change | % Change |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | 629,334 | 629,334 | - | |
| Operating Revenues | 629,334 | 629,334 | - | |
| Transfer In from Stormwater Fund | - | - | - | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | - | 10,256 | 10,256 | |
| Appropriation of Prior Year's Net Position | - | 10,739 | 10,739 | |
| Total Revenues | 629,334 | 650,329 | 20,995 | 3% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | 592,937 | 650,329 | 57,392 | |
| Total Expenses | 592,937 | 650,329 | 57,392 | 10% |
| Net Surplus (Loss) | 36,397 | - | | |

EXHIBIT "A"

| WATER/SEWER FUND | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Description | 2025 Amended | 2025 2nd Amendment | \$ Change | % Change |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | 5,085,762 | 5,085,762 | - | |
| Operating Revenues | 5,085,762 | 5,085,762 | - | |
| Appropriation of Prior Year's Net Position | 829,496 | 836,756 | 7,260 | |
| Total Revenues | 5,915,258 | 5,922,518 | 7,260 | 0% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Wastewater Treatment & Collection | 2,003,202 | 2,010,462 | 7,260 | |
| Water Treatment | 375,816 | 375,816 | - | |
| W/S Distribution, Billing & Repair | 3,536,240 | 3,536,240 | - | |
| Operating & Capital Expenses | 5,915,258 | 5,922,518 | 7,260 | |
| Transfer Out to General Fund | - | - | - | |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | |
| Total Expenses | 5,915,258 | 5,922,518 | 7,260 | 0% |
| Net Surplus (Loss) | - | - | | |

| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (New Gym Rec. Complex) | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Description | 2025 Amended | 2025 2nd Amendment | \$ Change | % Change |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Interest Revenues | 655,766 | 655,766 | - | |
| Long-Term Debt Issued | - | - | - | |
| Offering Premium on Bonds | - | - | - | |
| Operating Revenues | 655,766 | 655,766 | - | |
| Appropriation of Prior Year's Fund Balance | 9,305,004 | 9,318,681 | 13,677 | |
| Total Revenues | 9,960,770 | 9,974,447 | 13,677 | 0% |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | |
| Recreation Building & Improvements | 9,960,770 | 9,974,447 | 13,677 | |
| Total Expenditures | 9,960,770 | 9,974,447 | 13,677 | 0% |
| Net Surplus (Loss) | - | - | | |

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-LRA SUPPLEMENTAL, TOGETHER WITH A COVER LETTER AND OTHER GDOT-REQUIRED FORMS FOR THE PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE REHABILITATION OF TELFAIR ROAD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) administers the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) program to assist local governments in improving and maintaining the public road system; and,

WHEREAS, GDOT is offering local governing authorities additional, one time, Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration grants with 0% match from monies which have been allocated by the Governor and the State legislature from the amended fiscal year 2026 budget; and,

WHEREAS, based on Garden City's population and total non-state route centerline miles, the City is eligible to receive \$150,279.85 from the State allocation of the Local Road Assistance Administration grant monies with no cash match being required; and,

WHEREAS, Garden City has identified Telfair Road, a critical heavy freight corridor within the City, as a priority for infrastructure investment through full depth reclamation; and,

WHEREAS, the Telfair Road project is currently under design by Kimley-Horn and is projected to be let for bids in the third quarter of 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for the Telfair Road project is approximately \$875,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to apply for 2026 LMIG Supplemental funding, a/k/a Local Road Assistance (LRA) funding, in the amount of \$150,279.85 to be combined with standard 2026 LMIG funds and local funds (the City's General Operating Fund and the City's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund) to fully finance the Telfair Road project; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that utilizing LRA funding for the rehabilitation of Telfair Road will save local tax dollars for other priorities of the City; and,

WHEREAS, before the LRA funds are distributed to the City, GDOT requires the City to, among other things, pass a resolution approving and authorizing the chief elected official to execute (1) the GDOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application for Fiscal Year 2026 – LRA Supplemental, (2) a cover letter that includes the completion status of LMIG grants for the 2025, 2024, and 2023 fiscal years; and (3) a Certificate of Compliance with Annual Immigration Reporting Requirements/No Sanctuary Policy/Federal Law Enforcement Cooperation, all such documents being substantially the same as those which are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Garden City approves the rehabilitation of Telfair Road for GDOT’s Local Road Assistance (LRA) supplemental funding in the amount of \$150,279.85 and, in connection therewith, authorizes the Mayor to execute (1) the GDOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application for Fiscal Year 2026 – LRA Supplemental, (2) a cover letter that includes the completion status of the last three fiscal years’ LMIG grants; and (3) a Certificate of Compliance with Annual Immigration Reporting Requirements/No Sanctuary Policy/Federal Law Enforcement Cooperation, all such documents being substantially the same as those which are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit 1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 GDOT LRA funds in the amount of \$150,279.85 shall be combined with standard 2026 LMIG funds and local funds (the City’s General Operating Fund and the City’s Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund) to fully finance the Telfair Road project improvements.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, this ___ May, 2026.

TONYA ROPER, Clerk of Council

RECEIVED AND APPROVED this ___ day of May, 2026.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor

EXHIBIT 1

Revised 2/18/2026

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT
GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 LRA Supplemental
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Bruce Campbell (Name), the Mayor (Title), on behalf of City of Garden City (Local Government), who being duly sworn do swear that the information given herein is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Local Government swears and certifies that it has read and understands the LMIG General Guidelines and Rules and that it has complied with and will comply with the same.

Local government further swears and certifies that it has read and understands the regulations for the Georgia Planning Act (O.C.G.A. § 45-12-200, et seq.), Service Delivery Strategy Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20, et seq.), Immigration Sanctuary Policies; prohibition; penalties (O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23), and the Local Government Budgets and Audits Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-81-7 et seq.) and will comply in full with said provisions. Local government further swears and certifies that the roads or sections of roads described and shown on the local government’s Project List are dedicated public roads and are part of the Public Road System in said county/city. Local government further swears and certifies that it complied with federal and/or state environmental protection laws and at the completion of the project(s), it met the match requirements as stated in the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) (O.C.G.A. § 48-8-240).

Further, the local government shall be responsible for any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications, work and other services furnished by or on behalf of the local government pursuant to this Application (“Loss”). To the extent provided by law, the local government further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the DEPARTMENT and the State of Georgia from all suits or claims that may arise from said Loss.

If the local government fails to comply with these General Guidelines and Rules, or fails to comply with its Application and Certification, or fails to cooperate with the auditor(s) or fails to maintain and retain sufficient records, the DEPARTMENT may, at its discretion, prohibit the local government from participating in the LMIG program in the future and may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the LMIG funds. Furthermore, if in the estimation of the DEPARTMENT, a project shows evidence of failure(s) due to poor workmanship, the use of substandard materials, or the failure to follow the required design and construction guidelines as set forth herein, the Department may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the allocated LMIG funds or prohibit local government from participating in the LMIG program until such time as corrections are made to address the deficiencies or reimbursement is made. All projects identified on the Project list shall be constructed in accordance with the Department’s Standard Specifications of Transportation Systems (Current Edition), Supplemental Specifications (Current Edition), and Special Provisions.

Local Government:

(Signature)

Bruce Campbell (Print)
Mayor / Commission Chairperson

(Date)

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E-Verify Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This ____ day of _____, 20____.
In the presence of:

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAL (required):

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL (required):

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
ANNUAL IMMIGRATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/
NO SANCTUARY POLICY/FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

By executing this document, the undersigned duly authorized representative of the Local Governing Body, certifies that the Local Governing Authority:

- 1) has filed a compliant Annual Immigration Compliance Report with the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts (“GDA&A”) for the preceding calendar year required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-4(b), or has been issued a written exemption from GDA&A from doing so;
- 2) has not enacted a “Sanctuary Policy” in violation of O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23(b); and,
- 3) is in compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 35-1-17 et seq. regarding its obligation to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement authorities to deter the presence of criminal illegal aliens.

As an ongoing condition to receiving funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Local Governing Body shall continue to remain fully compliant with O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-4, 36-80-23 and 35-1-17 et seq. for the duration of time the subject agreement is in effect.

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Bruce Campbell

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Mayor

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Date

May 22, 2026

Mr. Jeremy Barwick
Georgia Department of Transportation
District 5 Office
204 N. HWY 301
Jesup, Georgia 31546

RE: Garden City 2026 LRA Application

Dear Mr. Barwick,

The purpose of this letter is to transmit Garden City's requested 2026 LMIG Supplemental project application in the amount of \$150,279.85 and to confirm that our previous LMIG projects for years 2023 and 2024 are complete.

Proposed Projects- 2026 LMIG-Supplemental

The City's 2026 LRA program consists Full Depth Reclamation to Telfair Road along a heavy freight corridor. The project is estimated cost approximately \$875,000. Local funds and 2026 LMIG funds will be used to fully fund the project. The project is under design with Kimley Horn and is expected to be let for bids in Q3 2026.

Projects Status - 2025 LRA

The City's 2025 LRA proposed Full Depth Reclamation to East Telfair Place along a heavy freight corridor. The project is estimated cost approximately \$750,000. Local funds and 2025 LRA funds will be used to fully fund the project. The project is under design with Kimley Horn.

Proposed Status - 2025 LMIG

The City's 2025 LMIG proposed Full Depth Reclamation to West Telfair Place along a heavy freight corridor. The project is estimated cost approximately \$600,000. Local funds and 2025 LMIG funds will be used to fully fund the project. The project is under design with Kimley Horn.

Project Status- 2024 LMIG

Garden City's 2024 LMIG program consists of milling, patching, and resurfacing of Chatham Villa Drive, Olmstead Place, Jasper Drive and Salt Creek Road. The final project cost for the 2024 LMIG project is \$416,014.83 and all work is complete. A copy of Garden City's 2024 LMIG project information including cost and supporting documentation is on file at the City.

Project Status- 2023 LMIG

Garden City's 2023 LMIG program consisted of milling, patching, and resurfacing of Third Street and Sixth Street in the Rossignol Hill Subdivision. The final project cost for the 2023 LMIG project is \$301,255.66. A copy of Garden City's 2023 LMIG project information including cost and supporting documentation is on file at the City.

The City very much appreciates our partnership with GDOT and we look forward to working on additional projects in the future. Please contact me with any questions regarding the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Campbell , Mayor

Previous Grant Completion Status (for FY 2026 LRA Supplemental)

| Fiscal Year | Grant Type | Percent Complete (%) | SFE Submitted (Y/N) | Comments |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| 2026 | LMIG | 0 | N | Project Under Design. Anticipate Let Q3 2026. |
| 2025 | LRA | 0 | N | Project Under Design. Anticipate Let Q3 2026. |
| 2025 | LMIG | 0 | N | Project Under Design. Anticipate Let Q3 2026. |
| 2024 | LRA | 100 | N | All work Complete. SFE will be submitted Q2 2026. |
| 2024 | LMIG | 100 | N | All work Complete. SFE will be submitted Q2 2026. |
| 2023 | LMIG | 100 | Y | |
| 2022 | LMIG | 100 | Y | |
| | | | N | |

For the FY 2026 LRA Application: Please complete and attach this page with your Signature Page.

1. Grant Type: (LMIG or Local Road Assistance 'LRA')
2. Percent Complete: (0% - 100%)
3. SFE Submitted: For grants that are 100% complete, indicate whether the Statement of Final Expenditures (SFE), with supporting documents, has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, by a "Y" for yes or a "N" for no.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF
THE CHATHAM COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Chatham County and its municipal governments are subject to the effects of natural and human-caused hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia to fulfill this obligation in order that the jurisdiction will be eligible for federal and state assistance following a declared disaster for a hazard event affecting the County; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County and its municipal governments have completed a comprehensive review of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and have updated said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 in accordance with requirements of 44 CFR Part 201 and guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia desires to implement strategies to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks and the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-caused hazards that may impact the jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia hereby:

1. Adopts the *Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (2026 Update)* in its entirety, including all appendices, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Commits to the implementation of mitigation actions identified in the Plan, as appropriate, and to continued participation in the regional hazard mitigation planning process.
3. Agrees to review, maintain, and update the Plan in accordance with the requirements of 44 CFR Part 201 to ensure continued eligibility for federal and state hazard mitigation funding.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor

Attest: TONYA ROPER, Clerk of Council

(Seal)