

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, October 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Hall gave the invocation, and Mayor Campbell led the City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Council Members: Mayor Bruce Campbell, Mayor Pro-tem Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Gwyn Hall, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz, and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Virgil Moore, Public Works Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Marth Vallade, Water Operations Director; Gill Ballard, Police Chief; and Andrew Guzman, IT Administrator.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Campbell opened the floor to receive public comment.

Dedrick Cody, Chairman of the Chatham Council Area Transit (CAT), reported on CAT's latest activities and events. He said they will install new bus stops and complete policy updates in the next few months. He said they are also looking at new ideas and invocations to improve the transit system.

Councilmember Morris asked if they would replace any existing bus stops with new ones because some of the bus stops in Garden City need replacing. He said that existing bus stops would be evaluated, and improvements would be made if required.

Since there were no other speakers, Mayor Campbell closed the informal public portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Lassiter motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, pre-agenda session and city council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Items for Consideration

Resolution – Property Acquisition Contract (95 Main Street): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a sales contract on behalf of the City to purchase from Chapel-in-the-Gardens Presbyterian Church a certain parcel of land having an address of 95 Main Street for the intended future use of constructing a fire station.

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

Write-off of 2016 -2017 Utility Accounts Receivables Deemed Uncollectible: Consideration by the Mayor and City Council of authorizing the write-off of the 2016-2017 utility accounts (bad debt) totaling \$55,077.85 that staff has identified as outside of the statute of limitations of recovery (older than six years) and therefore deemed uncollectible.

Councilmember Morris motioned to approve the write-off of the 2016-2017 utility accounts receivable deemed uncollectible. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

Adjournment: Given no other items to discuss, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: The City Council 11/6/23