

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Opening:** Mayor Campbell gave the invocation and 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:** James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Yoland Irizarry, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Marth Valada, Water Operations Manager; Virgil Moore, Public Works Manager; Dagny Pariani, WWTP Manager; Gil Ballard, Police Chief; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Robert Wellmaker, Chief Building Inspector; Jonathan Trego, Code Enforcement, and Andrew Guzman, IT Technician.

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

Michael Brunner, 110 Sunshine Avenue, asked the City Council to consider how extending the moratorium would affect businesses regarding their outdoor advertising. He said it was a lengthy process, and it could be almost a year for some of these businesses to get through it.

Given no other speakers, Mayor Campbell closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### Public Hearing

**PC-2-24-1073 – Rezoning Request:** Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Pro Land Investments LLC, represented by agent Franklin McKinney to rezone 439 Telfair Road from R-2 to I-2.

Given there were no speakers, Mayor Campbell closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Lassiter motioned to approve the minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> pre-agenda session, the city council meeting, and the February 12<sup>th</sup> workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

**Mayor's Updates & Announcements:** Mayor Campbell announced that the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program administered by the Georgia Department of Human Services and operated by the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area will be accepting appointments from low-income residents of the City of Garden City on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**Resolution - Subdivision Request (4021 6<sup>th</sup> Street):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution approving a variance from the City’s minimum lot width and square footage requirements for single-family residential lots as they apply to the subdivision by Global Investment Traders, LLC, of a 0.28-acre lot located at 4021 6<sup>th</sup> Street into two (2) single-family lots.

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

**Resolution – Outdoor Advertising Moratorium Extension:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to extend the moratorium barring the issuance of permits for new outdoor advertising or separate-use signs within the city limits for a period of fifty-six days from its original expiration date of February 19, 2024, until April 15, 2024, in order to allow the Planning Commission and City Council sufficient time to consider the proposed amendments to the City’s Code of Ordinances relating to outdoor advertising or separate use signs.

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

**Resolution – Separation Agreement:** A resolution accepting the letter of resignation submitted by City Manager C. Scott Robider and approving the separation agreement between the City and Mr. Robider; authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents and provide an effective date.

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

**Adjournment:** Given no other items to discuss, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 615 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council*  
*Accepted & approved by: The City Council 3/4/24*