

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., and Councilmember Hall gave the invocation.

Attendees

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

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell, Interim City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Virgil Moore, Public Works Manager; Marth Vallada; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Robert Wellmaker, Building Inspector; Jonathan Trego, Code Enforcement; and Andrew Guzman, IT Technician. Absent: Dagny Pariani, WWTP Manager. Absent: Mike Dick, Fire Chief.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Campbell opened the floor to receive comments from the audience. Given no speakers, Mayor Campbell closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes from the March 19th pre-agenda session, city council minutes, and the March 25th workshop, as well as the executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Items for Consideration:

Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (5524 Silk Hope Road): The Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to annex certain property owned by 1143 & 1145 Dean Forest Road, LLC., and located at 5524 Silk Hope Road, Savannah, Georgia, into the City of Garden City, Georgia, pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 36, Article 2, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (The 100% Method); to rezone said property to a “R-2” zoning classification.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Lassiter, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Tice, and Mayor Campbell voted in favor, with Councilmember Daniel and Councilmember Ruiz opposed.

Mayor Campbell stated that the second reading of the ordinance would be held at the April 15th city council meeting.

Resolution – FY2024 Staffing Level Amendment (General Fund): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the FY2024 adopted budget staffing level of the General Fund to provide for a full-time Planning & Economic Development Director in the City’s Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

Councilmember Morris motioned to adopt the resolution. 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 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 4/15/24