

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, April 15, 2024 – 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 to the flag.

Roll Call:

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 Bowles, Interim City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; and Veronica Enoch, Executive Assistant.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to amend the agenda to add the State of Georgia’s Revocable License Agreement for approval so it doesn’t delay the new Gym Complex project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed without opposition.

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

Mr. Dedrick Cody gave an update on the Chatham County Area Transit activities. He stated that the new micro-lift is operational and can be utilized by all residents of Chatham County. Councilmember Morris asked if there was a cost. Mr. Cody replied that he didn’t think there was a cost but would check and get back to Councilmember Morris.

Ms. Sonya Jackson, Chatham County Tax Commissioner, gave an update. Councilmember Morris commented on the changes in the tag office. MS. Jackson said they would like a satellite tax office in Garden City.

Ms. Lorraine, a Chatham County Commissioner District 7 candidate, addressed the City Council and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

Public Hearings

PC-3-24-1077 – Zoning Map Amendment Request: Receipt of public comment on a request by Robert L McCorkle, III, to rezone 5231 Ogeechee Road from R-A to I-1. Ogeechee Road from C-2 to I-1 and Ogeechee Road from C-2 to I-1 for proposed use as a general office/warehouse and cross-dock facility for SAIA LTL freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking. *The petitioner requested a continuance until the May 14th planning commission meeting. The Planning Commission granted the petitioner’s request.*

PC-3-24-1078 – Zoning Text Amendment Request: Receipt of public comment on a request by the City of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise Chapter 90, Article VI, pertaining to signs, for the purpose of revising the provisions thereof regarding the limitations, safeguards, and controls for the location of outdoor advertising or separate use signs. *The Planning Commission tabled the zoning text amendment for further study at a future workshop.*

Councilmember Morris made a motion to continue the public hearings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Morris motioned to approve the minutes from the April 1st pre-agenda session, city council meeting, and the April 8th city council workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Items for Consideration

Second Reading – Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (5524 Silk Hope Road): The Clerk of Council read the second reading of 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 adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Tice seconded the motion. Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Lassiter, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Ruiz, Councilmember Tice, and Mayor Campbell voted in favor, with Councilmember Daniel opposing.

Mayor Campbell stated that the ordinance passed on the second reading.

Resolution – Axon Police Body Cameras & Vehicle Cameras: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign on behalf of the City the lease/purchase agreements with Axon Enterprises, Inc., for police body cameras and police vehicle cameras.

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

Resolution – Outdoor Advertising Moratorium: 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 from April 15, 2024 to June 3, 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 Lassiter voted to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

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

Adjournment: Given no other items on the agenda to discuss, the Mayor Called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ruiz motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed without opposition.

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

Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 5/6/24