

MINUTES

City Council

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 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 Natalyn Morris, and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Councilmember Debbie Ruiz (Vacation) and Councilmember Lassiter (Traffic).

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council and Chris Snider, Systems Administrator.

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

David Warren, 65 Azalea Avenue, expressed concerns about the speed bumps being too high and asked if the City could replace them with rubber speed bumps.

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

Public Hearings

Charter Amendment - City Council Salaries: Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing to receive comments on an ordinance amending the Charter for the City of Garden City, Georgia, to increase the monthly salary of City Councilmembers from \$500 to \$1,000 while increasing the Mayor's monthly salary from \$800 to \$1,300.

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

PC2325 – Zoning Procedures Law (HB 1405): Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing to receive public comments on an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, and the Zoning Ordinance to bring the ordinances in compliance with changes to the zoning procedures law implemented by the HB 1405 (Georgia Laws Act 881).

Andrew Chase Rosen, expressed concerns about House Bill 1405. The City Attorney gave an overview of the changes in the zoning procedures law in House Bill 1405.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Campbell closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (La Favorita Mexican Grocery): Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing to receive comments on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Giovanni Lares to sell beer and/or malt beverages at La Favorita Mexican Grocery, LLC, 1550 Dean Forest Road, Garden City.

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

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Tice motioned to approve the minutes from the June 5th pre-agenda session, the city council meeting, and the June 10th workshop.

City Manager's Report: The City Manager had no updates.

Items for Consideration

Ordinance – Charter Amendment (City Council Salaries): The Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance amending the Charter for the City of Garden City, Georgia, approved April 19, 1973, as amended, to increase the monthly salary of City Councilmembers from \$500 to \$1,000 while increasing the Mayor's monthly salary from \$800 to \$1,300; to acknowledge the proper advertisement of notice of intent to amend the Charter of Garden City, Georgia; to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of said ordinance; to authorize the Clerk of Council to attest signatures and affix the official seal of the City as necessary; to provide for severability; to repeal inconsistent ordinances; to provide for an effective date.

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

First Reading – Ordinance, Zoning Procedures Laws (HB 1405): The Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, and the zoning ordinance to bring the ordinances in compliance with changes to the zoning procedures law implemented by HB 1405 (Georgia Laws Act 881).

Councilmember Daniel motioned to approve the ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed without opposition.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to suspend the council rules and hold the ordinance's second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Second Reading – Ordinance, Zoning Procedures Laws (HB 1405): The Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, and the zoning ordinance to bring the ordinances in compliance with changes to the zoning procedures law implemented by HB 1405 (Georgia Laws Act 881).

Councilmember Daniel motioned to adopt the ordinance on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed without opposition.

Resolution – CHA Consulting, Inc., Professional Services Agreement (New Recreation Complex): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for professional services, including a cost budget and time schedule, with CHA Consulting, Inc., to provide architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, permitting, bid selection, and construction administration for the new multi-purpose recreation complex on the City-owned Haynes Elementary School site off of US Highway 80 in Garden City, Georgia.

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

Resolution – P/8 Strategic Garden City, LLC Dedication of Right of Way for Intersection Improvements: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, to accept the dedication by P/8 Strategic Garden City, LLC, of right of way between Dean Forest Road and Old Dean Forest Road for use in connection with traffic improvements constructed by P/8 Strategic Garden City, LLC, at the intersection of Dean Forest Road and Pine Meadows Drive pursuant to that September 18, 2020, development agreement by and between P/8 Strategic Garden City, LLC, and Garden City, Georgia, in connection with the development of a 61.2-acre tract by P/8 Strategic Garden City, LLC, on the southeast side of Old Dean Forest Road approximately 290 feet northeast of Interstate 16.

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

Resolution – Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2023: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council to set the Ad Valorem tax rate of Garden City for the fiscal year 2023.

Councilmember Tice motioned to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Tice, and Mayor Campbell voted in favor, with Councilmember Lassiter and Councilmember Morris opposed.

Resolution – City Manager’s First Amendment to Employment Agreement: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to approve the first amendment of the employment agreement between the City and Scott Robider, City Manager.

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

Resolution – City Council Summer Meeting Schedule: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2023.

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

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (La Favorita Mexican Grocery): Consideration of an alcoholic beverage license application made by Giovanni Lares to sell beer and/or malt beverages at La Favorita Mexican Grocery, LLC, 1550 Dean Forest Road, Garden City.

Councilmember Daniel motioned to approve the alcoholic beverage license application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Adjournment: Given that no other items were on the agenda, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 7/17/23