

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Opening: Reverend Gary Monroe gave the invocation, and Mayor Bethune led the City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, 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; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Jon Bayer, Public Works Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police, and Chris Snider, Systems Administrator.

Formal Public Comment

Presentation of the SR 21 Access Management Report: Aimee S. Turner, Traffic Department Manager from the Core of Engineers, presented an overview of the SR 21 Access Management Report. She stated that the study's goal is to improve safety along the Highway 21 corridor. She said we finished the study in April 2022 and are now finalizing the report. Based on the survey and public forums, she said that some of the main concerns were pedestrian traffic and train traffic. She stated that a short and long-term improvement plan had been created for Highway 21 based on safety and funding. She said some of the improvements mentioned in the study are installing smart signaling to include signals to improve freight traffic, installing more transit stops to expand bus service, streetscaping, and revamping the pedestrian bridge. She stated that Highway 21 has a large amount of existing right-of-way that a lot can be done in. She noted that the project application process starts on June 2, 2022, with the submittal deadline being September 23, 2022.

Mayor Bethune stated that the conceptual plan looked good. He noted that the City Manager would work on getting the City's application in. Ms. Turner said she would be happy to assist Scott with the application process. She said that getting letters of support from GDOT and other government agencies or officials will help to further the city's application.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Campbell motioned to approve the pre-agenda session minutes and city council meeting minutes from April 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

City Manager's Report: The City Manager stated that he had no updates or announcements to report.

Items for Consideration

Ordinance, Zoning Text Amendment (RV services & trailer sales in mix-use districts): The Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend paragraph 66A of Section 90-47 (B) to permit the repair of trucks, manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and trailers in mixed-use (M) zoning districts within the City

conditioned upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals; to amend paragraph 72A of Section 90-47 (B) to permit recreational vehicle sales in mixed-use (M) zoning districts within the City conditioned upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Since the vote was not unanimous, Mayor Bethune stated that the second reading would be held at the next council meeting.

First Reading - Ordinance, Stop Sign Intersections: The Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Code Section 78-8 and Article VI of Appendix B, which is incorporated therein by reference, to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling north, east, and west at the intersections of Nelson Avenue & Azalea Avenue and Talmadge Avenue & Old Louisville Road; to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling east, north, and south at the intersections of Camellia Avenue & Azalea Avenue; Lee Avenue & Redmond Avenue, and Varnedoe Avenue & Russell Avenue; to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling in all directions at the intersection of Varnedoe Avenue & Rommel Avenue.

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

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

Second Reading - Ordinance, Stop Sign Intersections: The Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Code Section 78-8 and Article VI of Appendix B, which is incorporated therein by reference, to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling north, east, and west at the intersections of Nelson Avenue & Azalea Avenue and Talmadge Avenue & Old Louisville Road; to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling east, north, and south at the intersections of Camellia Avenue & Azalea Avenue; Lee Avenue & Redmond Avenue, and Varnedoe Avenue & Russell Avenue; to provide for stop signs for traffic traveling in all directions at the intersection of Varnedoe Avenue & Rommel Avenue.

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

Resolution, Major Subdivision Request (CenterPoint Logistics Park): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution approving the final major subdivision plat for the subdivision of a 72.81-acre tract located at 0 Travis Field Road into seven lots owned by CenterPoint Kahn Garden City LLC.

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

Resolution, Moratorium (Industrial Rezoning): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution imposing a moratorium for a period not to exceed six (6) months on the re-zoning of any property to an industrial zoning classification or district while the city considers changes to its zoning ordinances.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion. The City Attorney stated that the heading read by the Clerk was incorrect. The City Attorney said that the Clerk would need to read the revised heading of the resolution and the motion amended. He provided the Clerk with a revised resolution to read into the record.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to amend the motion to read the heading of the revised resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Clerk of Council read the revised heading of a resolution imposing a moratorium for a period not to exceed six (6) months on the acceptance of applications for the re-zoning of any property to an industrial zoning classification or district while the City considers changes to its zoning ordinances.

Councilmember Tice motioned to approve the revised resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

Resolution, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to approve the use of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, allotted to the City under the American Rescue Plan Act, for the replacement of lost public sector revenue for funding government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic; to claim the standard allowance of up to \$10 million, not to exceed the total amount of the City's fund allocation, for identifying the City's revenue loss to the United States Treasury Department; to authorized and direct the City Manager and Finance Director to take such administrative steps as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this resolution and to provide all compliance activities and reporting as required by the United States Treasury Department to document compliance with the regulations which are issued on the use of such funds.

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

Resolution, Purchase Proposal - 2022 Ford Regular Cab Truck for Parks & Recreation: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution approving the proposal of O.C. Welch Ford of Hardeeville, South Carolina, to sell the City one 2022 Ford F-150 4x2 regular cab truck at the price of \$28,540.00, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or purchase order for the vehicle.

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

Resolution, Purchase Quotes – Lawnmowers for Parks & Recreation: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution approving the price quotes from area lawn machinery vendors for the purchase of a new John Deere Z293M ZTrak Zero Turn Mower from Blanchard Equipment Company at the price of \$10,893.48 and the purchase of a new Exmark Lazer, E Series Zero Turn Mower from Andy's Lawn Machinery at the cost of \$10,995.05.

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

Resolution, Quitclaim Deed for the Unopen Portion of Kisan Drive: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution approving the request made by Lighthouse Baptist Church for quitclaim conveyance from the City for the unopened Kisan Drive right-of-way accessing Kisan Plaza from Dean Forest Road.

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

Adjournment: There being no other agenda items to discuss, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: City Council 5-16-22