



**CITY OF LITHONIA**  
**MINUTES– City Council Meeting**  
**Monday February 19, 2024 @ 5:30 pm**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting began at 5:30 pm. Mayor Reynolds, Councilmembers Howard, Honore, and Sheppard were all in attendance. Councilmembers Inman and Wynn were absent.

Councilmember Inman arrived at 5:44pm.

**II. Moment of Silence**

Councilmember Howard lead a prayer instead of a moment of silence.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the February 19, 2024, Work Session meeting agenda with stated changes. Councilmember Honore seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**IV. Discussion Items**

- a. For Discussion – “The Heathen” Film – Nicole Pemberton

Nicole Pemberton did not attend the meeting.

- b. For Discussion – Lithonia Amphitheater Scout Hut Request – Dawn Massey, LDDA

Dawn Massey with the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority presented ideas for improvements to the amphitheater. She stated that improvements would include a new stage and renovations to the scout hut. She stated she hopes to have all of these things completed before the season starts.

- c. For Discussion – 2501 Park Drive Rezoning Ordinance First Read – Ashley Waters, City Clerk

Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator, noticed an error in the ordinance. City Clerk, Ashley Waters stated she would bring the ordinance back before the city council for the first read once the correction has been made.

- d. For Discussion – 6853 and 6859 Magnolia Street Rezoning First Read – Ashley Waters, City Clerk

City Clerk Ashley Waters read the preamble to the Ordinance for 6853 and 6859 rezoning.

- e. For Discussion – Resolution for Necessity for the Urban Redevelopment Agency – Ashley Waters, City Clerk

Ashley Waters, City Clerk, presented the Council with the resolution for necessity for the Urban Redevelopment Agency. She explained that this resolution would come back to council for a vote in the month of March for a vote.

- f. For Discussion – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette presented the Council with the amendment to the zoning ordinance. The amendment would remove the clause that requires there to be a planning commission and allow the council to continue to act as the zoning commission.

- g. For Discussion – SPLOST I Projects – Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette spoke with the council about the SPLOST I funds remaining in the transportation category. He stated that he is currently speaking to the council about possibly utilizing those funds by transferring it to the Facility Improvements category as all transportation projects listed for SPLOST I were completed in previous years. Chief Dejarnette explained that the City's attorney's office is currently looking into the transfer capabilities and will keep the city informed of any updates.

- h. For Discussion – SPLOST II Bond – Ed Wall, Bond Attorney

Attorney Ed Wall presented the option of a SPLOST Bond to the city council. He explained the process of securing the bond, interest rates, fees, and closing procedures and requirements. The Council will have time to review the documents and make a decision at next month's council meeting.

- i. For Discussion – Tiny Home Ordinance – Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator

Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator, gave a presentation on a draft Tiny Home ordinance. He provided information on ideal regulations that should be included in the ordinance if the city adopts it. There was some discussion about lot sizes and the difference between tiny homes and accessory dwellings. Bill Johnston offered to have a tiny home workshop to clarify any question the citizens or city council may have.

## **V. Updates and Reports**

- a. Police Department Update

Major Kyle Jones provided an update of the recent activity in the city as well as the current initiatives being put in place by the police department to deter robberies and truck traffic.

b. City Administrator's Update

Donald Dejarnette, City Administrator, provided an update on the Police Grant and new police vehicles that should arrive this week.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds thanked council for all their hard work and introduced Nikki Davis, president of the Lithonia Housing Authority. Mayor Reynolds also mentioned the Bruce Street fundraiser and asked that everyone support their efforts.

d. Council Member Updates

Councilmember Inman talked about the Lithonia Lookbook and her hopes to create a monthly or quarterly lookbook to distribute to citizens to keep them informed of events happening in the city.

No other updates given.

**VI. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

*(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to enter Executive Session for personnel. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**Motion-** made by Council Member Sheppard to approve the elimination of the fifth Public Works position and split half of the salary among the remaining Public Works employees. Council member Howard seconded.

**Motion approved 4-0.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Sheppard to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

**The motion passed 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Attest:



Ashley Waters, City Clerk



Shameka Reynolds, Mayor