



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Council Meeting
Monday July 15, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:38 pm.

All council members present.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the July 15, 2024, Work Session agenda with the removal of letter b. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. January 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- b. January 16, 2024 Work Session Minutes
- c. February 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- d. February 19, 2024 Work Session Minutes
- e. March 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- f. March 13, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes
- g. March 18, 2024 Work Session Minutes
- h. April 1, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- i. April 10, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve consent agenda. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

- a. **For Discussion** – Klondike Road Sidewalk Project – *City Administrator, Chief Dejarnette*

Chief Dejarnette stated the city was awarded a sidewalk grant by DeKalb County. This grant will allow the city to extend the sidewalk from Main Street just past Magnolia to the city limits. This will help our wheelchair bound citizens and prevent accidents involving pedestrians. There was much discussion and talks about having conversations with the city of Stonecrest to see if there's any interest in connecting the sidewalks.

- b. **For Discussion** – Annexation Ordinance First Read– *Hari Karikaran, Lowe Engineering*

This item was removed from the agenda.

III. Updates and Reports

- **Police & City Administrator Update**

Chief DeJarnette stated the rodeo went very well and the owner would like to come back to the city of Lithonia. The annual Chief's Conference will be next week July 20-26th. The protect our street grant funding has been pushed through and there is \$2 million dollars coming from DeKalb County as an extension of SPLOST.

Awaiting the closing of the purchase of 7005 Swift Street to move forward with a survey.

Calvin Chan is currently out of the country, and we are awaiting his response to the contact we sent over.

- **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Reynolds stated that we are expecting a new historic Marker for Kelly Street by August 2nd. She stated she would like to look into some anti-theft devices.

Renee Miller spoke with the council about an inquiry into the park field rental for the Jerk Festival. She stated that this will be a large, upscale event sponsored by Publix with various vendors and food demonstrations. She stated if approved, the event would be held Labor Day weekend on Sunday September 1st from 1 – 10pm.

- **Councilmember Updates**

Councilmember Wynn asked if we could place a flashing sign at the pedestrian crossing on Max Cleland or some signage.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman asked the council about the door to door distribution of the Lithonia Lookbook. There was much discussion and talks about mailing the lookbook out as well. Mayor Pro Tem Inman also reminded council to continue thinking about the installation of a dog park in the city.

Councilmember Sheppard asked that city staff look into the planters on Main Street and the flowers and foliage in them. She stated that they do not currently look presentable. She also asked if this was a conversation for the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority.

Councilmember Honore stated that business should look to participate in the Jamaican Independence day festival on Main Street.

Councilmember Howard did not have an update.

IV. 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)

V. Adjournment

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

The motion passed 5-0.

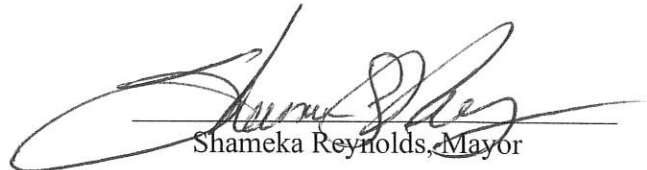
The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Attest:



Ashley Waters, City Clerk





Shameka Reynolds, Mayor