



**CITY OF LITHONIA**  
**MINUTES– Work Session Meeting**  
**Monday December 16, 2024 @ 5:30 pm**

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

The meeting began at 5:31 pm.

Councilmember Sheppard was absent at the time of roll call. All the other members of council were present.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the December 16, 2024, work session meeting agenda with the addition of Tamika Churchill with DeKalb Landbank as discussion item A, adding public comments after the approval of the agenda, and removing discussion item d. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**IV. Public Comments**

Charlene Anderson 2580 Wiggins Street – Thanked Councilmembers for their involvement in the PTSA and thanked city administrator Donald Dejarnette for his participation in the Resource center. She expressed concerns about the paving and broken sidewalks on Wiggins Street, the Wiggins Street parking lot and the presence of loose dogs in the area.

**V. Discussion Items**

- a) **For Discussion** – DeKalb County Landbank – *Tamika Churchill, DeKalb County Landbank*

Tamika Churchill introduced herself to the council and stated that she is looking forward to working on their mission and goal for affordable housing renovation and economic development in the city of Lithonia and throughout the county.

- b) **For Discussion-** City of Civility Resolution – *Ashley Waters, City Clerk*

Ashley Waters, City Clerk, gave the council a brief explanation of the city of civility resolution. She stated that the resolution will be brought back before them for a vote in January.

- c) **For Discussion** – GMA Retirement Plan – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette gave an overview of the GMA Retirement Plan and it's renewal. He requested that a vote be taken because of the short period of time available to execute and return it to Georgia Municipal Association.

**Motion-** made by councilwomen Howard to approve the GMA Retirement Plan renewal. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

There was some confusion as to an item that was left off the agenda and not added during the approval of the agenda. Because of the time restraints, the council agreed to hear this item and vote on an event to be held at Lithonia Park. This item had been before the council several times and after some discussion and clarification, the city council agreed to hold a vote so that the event organizers could begin their planning process.

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the Igloo event on May 3, 2025 from 3-10pm at Lithonia Park. Councilmember Howard seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

d) **For Discussion** - City Clean Up - *Steve McCoy, Georgia Works*

Steven McCoy of Georgia Works gave a presentation to the council and explained the work the organization does in surrounding areas as well as around the state of Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Inman asked that the council consider hiring Georgia Works in the future to assist with City clean ups.

## 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, 4) Cyber Security*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Honore to enter Executive Session for Real Estate. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to exit Executive Session and return to the regular council meeting. Councilmember Howard seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0.**

## VII. Updates and Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds stated the Winter Wonderland was a success and thanked those who were involved including the Virtual Realty Truck that participated. She asked the council about their interest in hiring an event planner for the events held and hosted by the city in the future. Mayor Reynolds thanked the DeKalb County Land bank and the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority for their participation in the meeting tonight. She welcomed the Director of Code Enforcement back, Officer Roseberry.

Councilmember Wynn mentioned she had concerns about the sidewalks and paving near her home and the DeKalb County easement. She also informed Code Enforcement about concerns with her neighbor appearing to combine two lots and also some truck parking concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman had a couple questions for Code Enforcement and reminded everyone about the Toy Drive.

Councilmember Honore stated that he liked the picture received that showed Conyers Downtown area and stated that he would like to see something like that in our downtown area.

Councilmember Howard asked about parking on the bricks near the old city hall. She mentioned the truck parking issue had been resolved on Center Street and it looks better. She also mentioned that there is a toy drive box located at the DeKalb Senior Center for donations.

### VIII. Adjournment

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

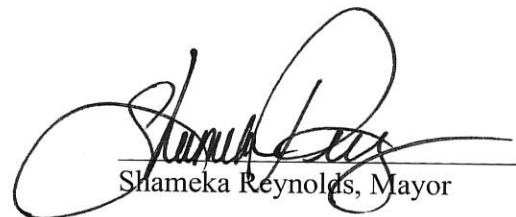
**Motion passed 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Attest:

  
Ashley Waters, City Clerk



  
Shameka Reynolds, Mayor