



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Work Session Meeting
Monday February 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:36 pm.

Councilmember Sheppard was absent at the time of the roll call; all other member of council were present.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the February 17, 2025, work session meeting agenda with the replacement of letter C with Paychex Contract. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

V. Action Items

- a. **For Decision** – Side Effects Restaurant and Lounge Business and Alcohol License – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Motion – made by Councilmember Honore to table the decision for the approval of Side Effects Bar & Grill. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

- b. **b. For Decision** – Culture Restaurant and Lounge - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve Culture Restaurant and Lounge. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

- c. **c. For Decision** – Paychex Contract – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Motion – made by councilmember Honore to approve the paychex contract. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

d. **d. For Decision** – Police Cars - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the Surplus of police cars. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Public Hearing

Citizens interested in commenting on the public hearing portion of the meeting may comment in person. You may also submit your comment in writing to cityclerk@lithoniacity.org by 2 pm the day of the Public Hearing to be read into the record at the meeting. If you choose to submit your comment in writing, please include your full name, address, the item you are speaking about and if you are for or against it. When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, address, and relationship to the case. There is a ten (10) minute time allotment for each item per side during all public hearings. Only the applicant may reserve time for rebuttal.

a. **For Decision** – House Bill 581 - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Motion – made by councilmember Howard to open the public hearing. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

No one spoke for or against.

Chief Dejarnette provided an overview of House Bill 581 and the options available to the council.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to close the public hearing. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the Resolution to out of House Bill 581. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Discussion Items

a. **For Discussion** – Cities Week – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

There was some discussion about the events the council would like to hold during Cities Week, April 20th – April 26st 2025 which included a movie night, Candy/Food truck, and Bingo night.

VIII. Updates and Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Charlene Anderson thanked the council for the sponsorship of the students to visit the capital.

b. City Administrator Report

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the upcoming ARC visits and updating of the comprehensive plan, the closing of the purchase of 7005 Swift Street, Dog Park consultation with Avondale Estates, and the appraisal of 6975 Main street (the old post office).

c. Police Update

d. Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Howard gave an update about the Seniors visit to the capital.

Councilmember Honore gave an update from the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority and their upcoming plans and events.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman stated she will be selecting dates for the Lithonia Roundtable Quarterly Discussions.

Councilmember Wynn informed the council of an opportunity to have a custom bench made and placed in the city.

IX. Adjournment

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

Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Attest:


Ashley Waters, City Clerk




Mayor Shameka Reynolds