



**CITY OF LITHONIA  
MINUTES– WORK SESSION MEETING  
Monday September 5, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

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

The meeting began at 5:50 pm.

Councilmembers Howard, Inman, and Wynn were all present. Mayor Reynolds was present via the phone.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Reynolds requested that the Minute Approval be tabled until the next meeting. She asked that SPLOST II to be moved to letter A under Action Items and to move all Action Items first.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the agenda with stated changes. Councilmember Inman seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. June 12, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes
- b. June 20, 2023 Budget Hearing
- c. June 20, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes
- d. July 17, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes
- e. August 7, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes
- f. August 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

**V. Public Comments**

*Citizens wishing to make a public comment may do so in person. Citizens may also submit public comments via email to [cityclerk@lithoniacity.org](mailto:cityclerk@lithoniacity.org) by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk. All members of the public wishing to address the City Council shall submit their name and the topic of their comments to the city clerk prior to the start of any meeting held by the City Council.*

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**VII. Public Hearings**

*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](mailto: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.*

## **VIII. Action Items**

### **a. For Decision – SPLOST II IGA and Bond Resolution– *Alicia Thompson***

City Attorney Alicia Thompson explained the recent SPLOST II calculations and final numbers. She stated that the city of Lithonia would receive 3,069,920.00 over the next six (6) years and that there was now a wide array of opportunities open to allocate these future funds. She gave a brief explanation of the three (3) Resolutions that were up for decision, the approval of the amount and spending categories, the bond referendum, and the intergovernmental agreement with DeKalb County.

City Clerk, Ashley Waters, read the preamble to the Resolution to approve the amount and funding categories.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Inman to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Howard seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

City Clerk, Ashley Waters, read the preamble to the Resolution to authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Inman to approve the Resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

City Clerk, Ashley Waters, read the preamble to the Resolution authorizing the Bond Referendum.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the resolution authorizing the Bond Referendum. Councilmember Inman seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

### **b. For Decision – Special Exception Permit Annette Radford - *Chief Dejarnette***

Annette Radford gave a brief presentation of the awning she wanted to place in front of her restaurant business located on Main Street. There was some discussion about the size and exact placement of the awning.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the Special Exception Permit for Luxor Lodge/ Annette Radford. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

**c. For Decision – Land Development Fee Schedule – *Chief Dejarnette***

**This item should be for discussion.**

Chief Dejarnette explained that the city of Lithonia does not currently have a Land Development Fee Schedule and that he is working with Lowe Engineering and the City Attorney to bring one to the City Council for adoption and approval.

**IX. Discussion Items**

**a. For Discussion - Entertainment District – *Chief Dejarnette***

Chief Dejarnette gave a brief presentation on a possible Entertainment District located in Downtown Lithonia. He stated that he is currently in contact with another city that has implemented something similar and had great success with it. He stated that this was just something for the Council to think about and he will return with additional details on the possibilities soon.

**X. Updates and Reports**

**a. Police Department Report**

**None.**

**b. Mayor's Report**

Bruce Street basketball Courts are almost done. Night Basketball is still on by the City of Lithonia.

**c. Council Member Updates**

Councilmember Inman asked about an update on the Police Grant. Chief Dejarnette provided her with the latest information provided to him.

Councilmember Howard voiced concerns about the train horn and how loud it is coming through the City of Lithonia. She asked Chief Dejarnette to look into any options the city has to get the train horn lowered.

**XI. 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)*

**XII. XI. Adjournment**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.



Mayor Shameka Reynolds

Attest:



City Clerk