

CITY OF LITHONIA MINUTES—SPECIAL CALLED VIRTUAL MEETING FY2022 Budget and Masonic Lodge Covid Funding for Repairs Monday, September 27, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Special Called Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Amelia Inman, and Ric Dodd. City Accountant Keesha McGurn was present. Darold Honore later joined the call. Vanerriah Wynn was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

III. Discussion

a. FY2022 Budget

Councilman Inman motioned to approve the 2% salary increase for Public Works and the Police Department, excluding the salary for Chief Nathan Pollard to remain the same, a \$1.00 increase per hour for Ms. Faye Brantley and Ms. Robinette Blount, and an increase of \$3,500 for Ms. Lathaydra Sands which will bring her to \$55,000, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

b. Masonic Lodge Covid Funding for Repairs

Councilwoman Howard inquired about remaining Covid funds available for the remaining repairs to continue the project, and to be specific with the order of what should be accomplished next (bathrooms, floors, ceilings, walls, paint, and HVAC). City Accountant Keesha McGurn indicated that \$42,000 is remaining in the bank, with some remaining expenses that have not been entered. City Administrator Sands indicated that \$26,000 for signs is included in the remaining \$42,000. Councilwoman Inman asked about remaining Splost Funds, City Administrator Sands will email the updated numbers to council tomorrow. Councilwoman Howard asked how the Covid money was overspent, it was stated that covid funds were transferred when paying out the lawsuit. Councilwoman Howard expressed concern that the funds need to be returned as for its original purpose in accountability of government protocol.

Mayor Reynolds suggested that the Masonic Lodge topic is placed on every agenda in continuance of moving the project forward. Additionally plans to speak with Sharon who sits on the Housing Authority Board to inquire about deeding the parking lot area over to the city.

IV. Executive Session (NONE)

V. Adjournment

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 4-0.