



**CITY OF LITHONIA**  
**MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**Lithonia Middle School**  
**Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

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- I. **Call to Order by City Clerk**  
The City Council Organizational Meeting was called to order by Interim City Clerk, Robin Blount at 7:23 pm.
  - II. **Opening Prayer – Dr. Marvin Crawford, First Saint Paul A.M.E. Church**  
Opening Prayer was offered by Dr. Marvin Crawford, First Saint Paul A.M.E. Church.
  - III. **Star Spangled Banner – Ms. Neena Lee Weans**  
Star Spangled Banner song was performed by Ms. Neena Lee Weans.
  - IV. **Administration of Oath of Office**  
The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Tunde Akinyele, Chief Judge, Lithonia Municipal Court to Council Member-Elect Darold P. Honore, Jr., Council Member-Elect Vanneriah Wynn, and Mayor-Elect Shameka S. Reynolds.
  - V. **Presentation of Mayor and City Council – Roll Call**  
Presentation of Mayor and City Council to the public and the official Roll Call was made.
  - VI. **Mayor’s Comments**  
Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds provided comments.
  - VII. **Special Presentation**  
A special presentation was made by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds and Council Members who presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Public Service to former Mayor Deborah A. Jackson.  
  
State Senator Tonya Anderson, and State Representative Doreen Carter provided comments.
  - VIII. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**
    - a. **Special Called FY2020 Budget Discussion – Monday, December 16, 2019**  
Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the minutes for the special called FY2020 budget discussion meeting on Monday December 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 5-0.
    - b. **Work Session – Monday, December 16, 2019**  
Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the minutes for the work session meeting on Monday December 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.
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**IX. Agenda Action Items**

**1. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

Councilman Dodd motioned to elect Amelia Inman as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**2. Resolution No. 20-01-01 to allow for appropriate levels of spending pending adoption of budget for Fiscal Year 2020**

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-01-01 to allow for appropriate levels of spending pending adoption of budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**3. Resolution No. 20-01-02 to change signatories on city bank accounts**

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-01-02 to change signatories on city bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**4. Re-Appointment of Lithonia Municipal Judges**

**Chief Judge, Tunde Akinyele**

Councilwoman Howard motioned to re-appoint Judge Tunde Akinyele as the Chief Judge for the Lithonia Municipal Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Associate Judge, Mary Lee Davis**

Councilwoman Inman motioned to re-appoint Judge Mary Lee Davis as the Associate Judge for the Lithonia Municipal Court. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**5. Appointment to Lithonia Downtown Development Authority**

Councilman Dodd motioned to remove past Councilmember Fred Reynolds as a member of the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**X. Council Comments**

Each Council Member provided comment to show public appreciation.  
The City acknowledged that light refreshments were provided.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Dodd motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard; the motion was approved by a vote 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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