



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Work Session Meeting
Monday March 18, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:43 pm. Mayor Reynolds and Councilmembers Inman, Sheppard, and Honore were all present.

Councilmembers Wynn and Howard were absent.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the March 18, 2024 Work Session agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Public Comment Responses

V. Discussion Item

- a) **For Discussion** – Magnolia Street Rezoning 2nd Read – Ashley Waters, City Clerk

Ashley Water, City Clerk, gave the second read for 6853 and 6859 Magnolia Street rezoning.

- b) **For Discussion** – 7526 Conyers Street Rezoning – Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator

Bill Johnston, Zoning administrator gave an overview of the 7526 Conyers Street rezoning request. He stated the zoning request is asking to be zoned C-1 Commercial from the current R-60 Single Family Residential. He also explained that the property had been zoned C-1 Commercial in the past. There was much discussion among the council about the effects this rezoning could have on the neighboring residents and how it could affect trucks coming in and out of the city of Lithonia.

- c) **For Discussion** – Tiny Home Workshop – Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator

Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator, explained accessory dwellings, tiny homes, and the difference between them. He answered questions from the city council about what a tiny home community would look like in the city of Lithonia and explained that the council could prepare an ordinance to allow tiny homes and he would request feedback from other jurisdictions on their tiny home ordinances and regulations.

- d) **For Discussion** – 592 Lounge Proposal – Donald Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette provided the council with details of the proposal from 592 Lounge. He included some of the details regarding the lease and option to purchase, the parking proposal, as well as some of the terms listed in the proposal. City Council asked the Chief Dejarnette provide the city's attorney's office with the letter of intent and proposal for review.

e) **For Discussion** – City Hall Renovations – Donald Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator, provided the council with quotes and proposals for the renovations at City Hall for review and discussion. There was some discussion about flooring options, an additional restroom, and carpet replacement. The council also asked that city staff ask for reviews from the contractors previous jobs.

f) **For Discussion** – Lithonia High School Football Team – Donald Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette explained the needs of the Lithonia High School Football team and asked the council to consider options and possibilities for the city of Lithonia to support them. There was some discussion about using ARPA funds remaining to donate to the booster club. The council asked that city staff consult the city's attorney and DeKalb County about options.

g) **For Discussion** – Police Grant – Donald Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette gave the council an update on the police grant progress and contracts. He explained the contracts with individuals associated with the resource center and program and explained that there will be a 14-day reimbursement on all invoices submitted to the state. He stated that payroll for the resource center will be floated for 14 from the city to ensure payment in a timely manner.

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)

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to go into Executive Session for real estate. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to exit Executive Session and return to the work session. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Adjournment

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

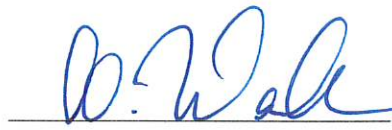
The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Shameka Reynolds, Mayor

Attest:



Ashley Waters, City Clerk

