



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Council Meeting
Monday July 1, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:34 pm.

Councilmember Wynn was not present at roll call. All other members of the city council were present.

Councilmember Wynn arrived at 5:43 pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the July 1, 2024, council meeting agenda. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

III. 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 by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk. via email to 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.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

a) For Decision – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget – Chief Dejarnette

Motion – made by Councilmember Honore to approve the fiscal year 2025 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

b) For Discussion – LifeLine Animal Project – Chief Dejarnette

Lifeline Animal Project gave a presentation to the council on the services they provided in conjunction with DeKalb County's Animal Rescue services.

c) For Decision – Rancho 2 Family Rodeo Event – Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette introduced the Rancho 2 Family Rodeo to the council. He stated they are requesting to hold their yearly event at Lithonia Park. He stated the event would be held July 6th from 2 – 10 pm and it is family friendly. They would need to rent both lower fields and will be providing security for the event. This will be an actual rodeo.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the Rancho 2 Family Rodeo Event. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

d) For Decision – Event on Main Street – Maxine Young

Maxine Young gave a presentation to the council and requested the use of Main Street to host a Jamaican Independence Day Celebration. The event would be held on August 4th from 1-9 pm and will require the closure of Main Street for several hours. There will be vendors, back to school supplies and this event will be family friendly.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the Jamaican Independence Day Festival on August 4th. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

e) For Decision – Upcoming Events – Renee Miller, Enigma Events

Renee Miller with Enigma Events presented the city council with the plan and schedule of several upcoming events.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard approved the Truck and Tunes Back To School event to be held July 20th. Mayor Pro Tem Inman Seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the 2025 events held on a federal holiday weekend may end at 10 pm instead of 8 pm. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

f) For Decision – Max Cleland & Stone Mountain Street Repair – Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette presented the council with quotes to repair the ongoing issue at Max Cleland Blvd and Stone Mountain Street. He stated this repair would be funded by SPLOST I funds.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the vendor PKS to handle the repair on Max Cleland and Stone Mountain Street. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

g) For Decision – Max Cleland & Bond Street Repair - Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette presented the council with quotes to repair the issue at Mx Cleland and Bond Street. He stated that this repair would be funded by SPLOST funds.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve PKS to repair the issue at Max Claland Blvd. and Bond Street. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

h) For Decision – Annexation - Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette informed the council of 6 properties looking to annex into the city of Lithonia by the 100%. He stated with the council's approval that Lowe Engineering would begin the next steps in the Ordinance process.

2546 Rock Chapel
2536 Rock Chapel
7050 Pine Mountain Road
7085 Railroad Street
7081 Luther
7074 Pine Mountain Road

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve Lowe Engineering to process with the ordinance process for annexation. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

i) For Decision – Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Stonecrest - Chief Dejarnette

Chief Dejarnette presented the council with an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Stonecrest to provide additional police services. These services include city buildings, parks, and extra security. There will be two full-time officers and reserve officers sparingly.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Stonecrest. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Updates and Reports

- Police Department Update
- City Administrator Update
- Mayor's Update

Mayor Reynolds informed the council Leo Morton, a beloved citizen of Lithonia, has passed away. His services will be held tomorrow at 11:00 am at Union Missionary Baptist Church. She also stated she is looking to contact someone with DeKalb County to do a presentation on property tax collections.

- Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Wynn stated she was thankful for Officer Kyle Jone's help and also the help of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman stated she enjoyed the GMA Convention. She stated that learned that the mayors and council members can take part in retirement benefits and looks forward to bringing it to the council in the near future to discuss.

Councilmember Sheppard stated the Resource Center free lunch meals have been very successful and a back to school event is possible. STEM trainers are coming in soon to begin their work and Lithonia High School has also reached out to be a part of the center's efforts.

Councilmember Honore stated the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a concert soon.

Councilmember Howard stated she enjoyed the GMA conference.

VII. 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 Howard to go into Executive Session for personnel and real estate. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to exit executive session. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Attest:



Ashley Waters, City Clerk





Shameka Reynolds, Mayor