



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Work Session Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:34 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman, Councilmember Wynn, Councilmember Honore, and Councilmember Howard were all present at the time of roll call.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the October 21, 2024, work session meeting agenda. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discussion Items

a. For Discussion- Georgia Conservation Voters – *Jesus Rubio*

Jesus Rubio with Georgia Conservation Voters, the statewide environmental nonprofit that advocates for the usage of renewal energy and environmental protections gave a presentation and introduced Timothy Sheldon Jr with Georgia Bright and Capital Good Fund. They provided information about their respective programs and the qualifications to participate in the solar program offered in DeKalb County currently.

b. For Discussion – Brenda Lee Strickland Realty – *Shon Sales, Brenda Lee Strickland Realty*

Shon Sales gave a presentation about a possible development at 2515 Park Drive.

c. For Discussion – Park Fees and Event Scheduling – *Ashley Waters, City Clerk*

Ashley Waters, City Clerk was unable to attend the meeting but there was much discussion about the future use of the Lithonia Park area, event rental, hours of events, and fees associated events held at the park.

d. For Discussion – Center Street Truck Parking – *Councilmember Diane Howard*

Councilmember Howard asked Chief Dejarnette about the truck parking taking place on Center Street. Code Enforcement Officer Brooks explained that he spoke with the owners of the property and the steps being taken to remove any trucks, cars, and trash left at that location.

e. **For Discussion** – Dog Park/Off Leash Area – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette provided the council with an update on the dog park area location at Johnson and Council Street. He spoke about the possible extension of the Arabia Mountain Trail from Council Street Down to the Wiggins Street parking lot and invited member of the council to meet with him at the property to discuss their ideas, thoughts and concerns involving to project.

f. **For Discussion** – Wiggins Street Parking Lot - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the purchase of the property located on Swift Street in conjunction with the Wiggins Street parking lot. Chief Dejarnette also invited members of the council to meet with him at the location of the Wiggins Street parking lot to discuss their ideas, thoughts, and concerns for the renovation of the current parking lot.

g. **For Discussion** – Amphitheater Upgrades - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette asked that members of council meet with him at the Lithonia Amphitheater to discuss their ideas, thoughts and concerns regarding a renovation. There was some discussion about the location of new bathrooms and the current awning creating drainage issues.

V. 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, 4) Cyber Security

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to enter Executive Session for Real Estate and Personnel. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to exit Executive Session and return to the regular council meeting. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Adjournment

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

Motion passed 4-0.

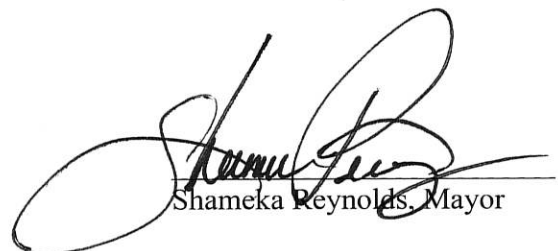
The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Attest:


Ashley Waters, City Clerk



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Shameka Reynolds, Mayor