



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Council Meeting
Monday March 3, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:38 pm.

Councilmember Sheppard and councilmember Honore were absent at the time of the roll call; all other members of council were present.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the March 3, 2025, council meeting agenda with the addition of letter D under new business for Georgia Works Clean Up and moving the public hearing to after new business. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

V. Public Hearing

- a. For Decision* – 6824 Church Street Variance Request- Bill Johnston, *Planning and Zoning Director*

Bill Johnston, Planning and Zoning Administrator, gave a report on the variance request submitted for 6824 Church Street. He suggested approval of the variance request regarding the required and proposed setbacks of the property and the number of parking spaces required.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the variance request for 6824 Church Street. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. New Business

- a. For Decision* – Side Effects Restaurant Bar & Grill – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette clarified the ticket sales versus charging at the door for entry as this was a concern at the previous meeting. He also clarified that the owners have been made aware of and agreed to the hours of operations.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the business and alcohol license for Side Effects Bar Restaurant Bar and Grill. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. For Decision – “The Good Daughter” Filming Request - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette introduced the filming crew and discussed the dates, times and locations for filming. They also identified and clarified the camp location for the production crew.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the film request for “The Good Daughter”. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. For Decision – Dog Park Tree Removal Quotes – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette provided information and three (3) quotes for three (3) trees identified at the dog park for removal and stump grinding. There was some discussion about whether the removal of the trees was necessary or whether they could remain there.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to table the decision on the tree removal until the March 17, 2025, meeting. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. Updates and Reports

- a. Mayor’s Report
- b. City Administrator Report

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the restructuring and savings he’s been able to secure. He also stated that there have been several reimbursements received from the state’s grant program. He stated that the city of Lithonia now officially owns 7005 Swift Street and will be moving forward with plans for demolition and progress towards a new city parking lot.

- c. Police Update
- d. Councilmember Updates

Mayor Pro Tem Inman stated that she is currently getting the dates and times together for her upcoming roundtable meetings.

No other updates are given.

VIII. Executive Session (If Necessary)

Motion - made by Councilmember Howard to enter Executive Session for Real Estate. Councilmember Wyn seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

No action taken.

IX. Adjournment


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

Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.


Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds

ATTEST:


Ashley Waters, City Clerk



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