



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Work Session Meeting
Monday April 21, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:41 pm.

All members of the council were present at the time of roll call.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Wynn to approve the April 21, 2025 work session agenda replacing item A under discussion items with Georgia Works and removing item B. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items

- a. For Decision – The Good Daughter Filming Request – Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

Production member for the film “The Good Daughter” requested to film at Henry’s Funeral Home with a base camp location in the Wayfield parking lot May 6th- 8th.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the filming request for “The Good Daughter”. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. For Decision – Police Car - Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette presented the information regarding the purchase of an additional police vehicle. The cost of the vehicle with upfitting would total \$18,000.00 for a 2018 Charger.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the purchase of the 2018 charger for \$18,000. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

- a. For Discussion – Georgia Works – Mayor Pro Tem Inman

Mayor Pro Tem Inman gave an update on the ride along clean up hosted by Georgia Works. She stated was very successful and there is a big difference in the cleanliness of the city lately. She stated she would like to begin a public awareness campaign and possibly a code enforcement town hall to be held on an annual basis. She stated that help from the Public Works Department would also be great. Councilmember Howard commended the Public Works Department for their work and efforts lately and inquired about the possible purchase of nice new trash cans to be placed on some of the major streets in the city. Also asked if we could incorporate DeKalb County in the purchase and placement of the trash cans.

- b. For Discussion – Upcoming Event Request – Renee Miller, Enigma Events

This item was removed from the agenda.

- c. For Discussion – Amphitheater Upgrades – Darold Honore, Councilmember

Councilmember Honore stated that there is a upcoming concert at the amphitheater and that the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority would like to complete some upgrades to the awning, broken cement, gutters and some pressure washing to the sitting areas.

- d. For Discussion – Tree Removal – Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

There was much discussion about troubled trees located throughout the city and concerns about them falling or becoming a larger concern in the near future. Chief Dejarnette stated he would speak with the Public Works Department and begin identifying some of the areas of concern in the upcoming weeks.

- e. For Discussion – Dog Park Design – Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the civil engineering design being completed by Lowe Engineering. He stated that the design would include pushing back the curb, repairing the manhole and installing an accessible ramp at the dog park location. He stated the design would include sidewalks and curbing and that Arabia Mountain will be providing signage and dimensions for the trail.

- f. For Discussion – City Event Equipment – Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator

Chief Dejarnette provided quotes for the golf karts requested for city events. There was much discussion on possible restroom trailers being purchased for events as well. Council requested that a quote be prepared for a 4 seater golf kart and a 6 seater golf kart.

VI. Executive Session (If Necessary)

VII. Updates and Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds gave a reminder about the upcoming dinner while at the GMA conference in Savannah with our sister city, Stonecrest.

b. City Administrator Report

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the parking lot and stated that the designs should be completed soon and that we should be breaking ground in June. He stated that there is a meeting scheduled to further discuss the housing authority concerns and that ARC will be working to complete the city's comprehensive plan over the next few months.

Officer Roseberry, Code Enforcement Director gave a brief update on the ongoing cases in the city. She also stated that she is working with DeKalb County to provide help to seniors in the area who need it.

c. Police Update

d. Councilmember Update

Mayor Pro Tem Inman stated that she would like a townhall with Georgia Works, Code Enforcement and the Public Works department.

Councilmember Sheppard thanked everyone for their help with Bruce Street Day.

Councilmember Wynn stated that she had a rotting tree concern she would like the public works department to take a look at.

Councilmember Honore provided an update on an upcoming concert hosted by the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority at the Amphitheater on June 5th.

Councilmember Howard stated she would like the city to look into some beautification efforts like landscaping and planting trees in some areas.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

ATTEST:

Ashley Waters, City Clerk



Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds

