



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The City Council Virtual Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Darold Honore, Amelia Inman, Vanneriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd.

II. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

III. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the council meeting agenda for Monday, August 2, 2021; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 5-0.

IV. Public Comments Response

City Administrator Sands will report back on the public comment made by Mr. Kazemde Ajamu of Blackdot Bookstore for the Arts Festival.

V. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

a. June 21, 2021, Work Session Meeting (5:30 pm)

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the June 21, 2021, Work Session meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 5-0.

b. June 25, 2021, Public Hearing Millage Rate (11:00 am)

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the June 25, 2021, Public Hearing Millage Rate meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 5-0.

c. June 25, 2021, Special Called Executive Session for Pending Litigation (12 Noon)

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the June 25, 2021, Special Called Executive Session for Pending Litigation meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore and approved by a vote of 5-0.

d. July 6, 2021, Special Called Situations Restaurant & Lounge, and Premier Restaurant & Lounge (4:30 pm)

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the July 6, 2021, Special Called for Situations and Premiere Restaurant & Lounge's meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 4-0. Councilwoman Howard abstained.

e. July 6, 2021, City Council (5:30 pm)

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the July 6, 2021, City Council meeting minutes, the revised copy sent this evening; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore and approved by a vote of 3-0. Councilwoman Howard and Councilman Dodd abstained.

VI. Presentation

a. Leif Tilden, HBO Productions: Front Exterior of City Hall Filming August 16, 2021

Mr. Tilden proposed a one-hour shoot and closure of one lane for safety purposes, offering

to pay the city \$1,000.00 for the day to film this scene. Additionally, Leif will reach out to businesses on Main Street to inform them of filming and provide a flyer as notification.

VII. Action Item

a. Mr. Leif Tilden, HBO Productions: Lithonia Cemetery Filming August 16, 2021
Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the filming at the Lithonia Cemetery on August 16, 2021; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 5-0.

b. Mr. Leif Tilden, HBO Productions: Front Exterior of City Hall Filming August 16, 2021
Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve using the front exterior of city hall for filming at \$1,000 per day on August 16, 2021; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 5-0.

c. Mr. Leeben McGregor, Reschedule Date: Park Reservation for Funlympics & Kidlympics, Sunday September 12
Councilman Honore motioned for discussion; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard.

Councilman Honore expressed the need for a rescheduling fee. Councilwoman Howard referenced the time of the event should be from 12 noon until 6:00 pm as children have returned to school.

Councilman Honore rescinded his motion and motioned to approve the rental of the park from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

d. Ms. Renae Williams: Hair braiding shop at the Flea Market
Councilman Honore motioned to approve the business license for hair braiding inside of the flea market; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 5-0.

e. First St. Paul Fire Hydrant Allocation
Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the First St. Paul Fire Hydrant Allocation in the amount of \$15,000.00; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 4-0. Councilwoman Inman abstained.

f. Lowe's Engineering: Extent of Service, Sidewalk Assessment, On Call Civil Engineering Services
Councilman Honore motioned for discussion.
City Administrator Sands indicated these are extended services of Mapping (Stormwater), Sidewalk Assessment (Splost \$4,500), and On Call Civil Engineering Services (Splost).
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

~~VI. New Business~~ ~~VIII. Old Business~~

IX. Other Business

a. City Administrator Report
City Administrator Sands will provide a report during the Work Session.

b. Police Department Report

Chief Pollard stated that reports were forwarded by City Clerk Blount prior to the meeting. A new code enforcement person will start next month on a parttime basis at 22 hours per pay period, will work for DeKalb County code enforcement and City of Lithonia. Council needs to know specific days and hours the code enforcement person will work for consistency and prefers to have someone fulltime until things are under control, then resort to parttime, additionally requesting the budget reflects hiring someone fulltime.

Nakkeya King Thompson (resident) at 6921 Born Street expressed a concern to have more patrolling from code enforcement.

c. Mayors Report, Annexation Update, Councilmember District Update

No report for Mayor Reynolds. Councilman Dodd stated there were 20 people on the annexation townhall meeting, with an exchange of excellent questions and answers. Councilwoman Inman provided a reminder of the Lithonia Roundtable on August 19 at 5pm sharp to bridge together community, government, and businesses.

VIII. Executive Session

Councilwoman Howard motioned to go into executive session for litigation at 6:34 pm; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Councilman Dodd motioned to end Executive Session at 7:15 pm; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Everyone on council returned from executive session at 7:18 pm, except for Councilman Honore. Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve what was discussed and to move forward; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 4-0.

IX. Adjournment

Councilman Dodd motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn; the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.