



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–WORK SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Work Session Virtual Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Amelia Inman, Vanneriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd. Darold Honore later joined the call. Diane Howard was absent.

II. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

III. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the agenda for the August 16, 2021, Work Session meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Councilwoman Howard requested to add letter b. Police Car Contract, under Old Business.

IV. Public Comments (Limit 2-minutes per person)

There were no Public Comments.

V. Presentation (Limit 3-minutes per person)

a. Mr. Robert Milner – 20th C-Fox, The Resident 8/24-8/26 filming underneath the bridge located on Max Cleland Blvd from Center Street to Swift St.

The Production Team has decided to go in a different direction for this particular shoot. This show shoots until April of 2022, with likelihood of returning to film within the City of Lithonia.

b. Ms. Chinara Aklilu–LifeLink of Georgia, National Minority Donor Awareness Month

During National Minority Donor Awareness Month, national organ donation organizations elevate the need for more organ, eye and tissue donors within multicultural communities, provide donation education, encourage donor registration, and promote healthy living and disease prevention to decrease the need for transplantation. National Minority Donor Awareness Month is another important effort to promote the positive messages that are necessary for minority communities to make the decision for organ, eye and tissue donation.

VI. Action Item

- ~~a. Mr. Robert Milner – 20th C-Fox, The Resident 8/24-8/26 filming underneath the bridge located on Max Cleland Blvd from Center Street to Swift St.~~

VII. New Business

No New Business

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VIII. Other Business

a. City Administrator Report

Banners were installed (34 total) down Main Street, however, were not staggered, to obtain an additional 34 banners the cost would be \$3,080.50. Met with Lowe's Engineers on Thursday, walked down to city property line on Main Street, there are blind spots at Main/Parkview, at Main/Klondike a 3-way stop will work. A traffic study was recommended starting at Sterling

Villa Apartments, speed limit should be 25 m.p.h., cost to install strips would be \$1,500.00 at Main/Max Cleland, the truck route was discussed, Bill Johnston's (Zoning Administrator) proposal was provided to council and must be revisited. Discussion took place regarding the stream. Code Enforcement Officer was sworn in on Friday, work schedule is forth coming. For the Marijuana Ordinance a consensus is needed on the fee. Covid cases 229% increase from previous 14-days. Annexation postcards were mailed out on Friday.

Councilman Honore asked for follow up on the time ordinance. Lathaydra stated that the ordinance is connected to the Zoning Ordinance which requires a public hearing, separate noise ordinance from form-based code, will look into regulating the business hours with the attorney.

Councilwoman Inman suggested that a summary sheet of code, with procedures, and fees are listed on the web site for the public.

Councilwoman Wynn is recommending that a fence is placed around the stream as a walkway, focal point, and to clean the debris.

Councilman Dodd stated that DeKalb County has not lifted their restrictions. Lathaydra will follow up with DeKalb.

b. Police Department Report: Code Enforcement

Chief Pollard indicated a few code issues were followed up on. There were 9 additional reserve officers sworn in on Friday.

Councilwoman Inman inquired about cost for cleaning up vacant homes.

Councilman Honore suggested placing a flat fee and voting at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Wynn agrees with Councilwoman Inman, indicating that \$1,200.00 was discussed at a previous meeting.

Councilman Dodd suggested looking at what landscape companies charge and add cost to that.

c. Annexation Update

Councilman Dodd stated the next town hall is scheduled for August 25 from 7-8pm.

d. Mayors Report, ~~Councilmember District Update~~

Mayor Reynolds expressed excitement regarding the annexation to make a better Lithonia. Asking that all citizens and city hall administration return to masking up within the city.

Councilman Honore stated the LDDA is working on a meet and greet with business owners. Additionally inviting council to a properly disposing of the American flag ceremony on Saturday at 10:00 am at Kelly Park.

Councilwoman Inman provided a reminder of the Roundtable Discussion on Thursday at 5pm for residents and businesses, asking for council involvement, additionally mentioning Wind Up Friday at the Amphitheatre.

Councilwoman Wynn indicated that Pine Mountain citizens are anxiously waiting on the “Keep Your City Clean” signs.

Councilman Dodd expressed appreciation for the annexation efforts.

VI. Executive Session (None)

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 6:17 pm.