



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–SPECIAL CALLED VIRTUAL MEETING
Film Permit: Mr. Todd Williams, The Makse Agency
Thursday, February 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Special Called Meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Vanerriah Wynn, and Yolanda Sheppard. Darold Honore joined the call during discussion. Amelia Inman was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 3-0.

III. Presentation

a. Todd Williams, The Makse Agency

Todd stated that his goal is to shoot a small impact music video production for 3-4 hours, he is a native to Lithonia, and appreciates the forum that was created at the last minute.

Council Response:

Councilwoman Howard confirming street use for 3-4 hours, music video, and asked what streets would be blocked. Todd's response, Main Street between Swift leading up to the cigar lounge, starting at 11 pm.

Councilman Honore confirming late night Thursday until Friday morning, wants to ensure that everyone on Main Street is informed and there will be police presence. Todd's response, talked to Luxor Lounge to cater for the crew, also using Salt & Pepper for fog.

Mayor Reynolds asked to hear the song. Todd's responded that he could send the video link separately via email to the City Clerk, not sure it can be heard if he played it from his device and would be using a personal blue tooth speaker which is battery operated.

Councilwoman Wynn concerned about the volume of the music and how it could impact the residential community, is there anything in place for that. Todd's response was the sound would be controlled and does not foresee there would be an echo, **planning to wrap at 2:00 am.**

Councilwoman Sheppard had the opportunity to attend video shoots, agrees that the sound can be controlled, attended some where the entourage was out of hand, informed Todd to be aware that they are in a small city so as soon as you wrap can you assure there will be no lingering. Todd's response was yes and that he can assure that he would be using wrist bands to distinguish the filming crew. Councilwoman Sheppard asked about lighting if there will be super bright lighting, the need to be cognizant of that because of the elderly population. Todd's response was that lighting would face the train tracks and not the city therefore the lighting would not cast past the train tracks.

Councilwoman Howard had one other concern regarding dinner/breakfast and asked if

serving would take place before or after the shoot, additionally asking about amplified sound. Todd's response was during filming, and that amplified sound would not be high powered but contained during the shoot.

Councilman Honore asked if there would be any explosions or gun fire. Todd's response was no, just fog and colored smoke guns and sparklers.

Councilman Honore motioned to approve Mr. Todd Williams, The Makse Agency for shooting the film, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

After the adoption of the motion, Todd made mention of one small hiccup that it may storm tonight and if so, asked permission to shoot on Friday. Councilwoman Sheppard stated no problem. Mayor Reynolds noted there could be activity at the cigar lounge and Occasions on Main respectively. Todd responded that he may have a backup plan and would like to return to the city for future filming.

IV. Executive Session (NONE)

V. Adjournment

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 pm, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard, and approved by a vote of 4-0.