



**CITY OF LITHONIA  
MINUTES– WORK SESSION MEETING  
Monday July 17, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting began at 5:38 pm. The mayor and all council members were present.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Inman made a motion to approve the July 17, 2023 agenda. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Councilmember Howard asked to add two items to the agenda under action items: Air Conditioner repair and Farmer’s Market as items C and D.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. Public Comment Responses**

There were none.

**V. Action Items**

*a) For Decision - Lowes Engineering Stormwater Contract – Chief Dejarnette*

Chief Dejarnette presented the details of the Lowes Engineering Stormwater Contract and the total amount for the year is \$15,000.00.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Inman to approve the Stormwater Contract. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

*b) For Decision - 60% Annexation – Chief Dejarnette*

Chief Dejarnette asked the council for approval to move forward with the 60% Annexation method on phase one. He explained the Georgia state law on Annexation and petition signatures needed for annexation to happen. Councilmember Inman provided some additional information and resources on Annexation mentioning the GMA handbook and Marion Williams, the HOA president of Mason Mill subdivision.

**Motion** – to approve the 60% Annexation Method for phase one in the city of Lithonia. Councilmember Howard seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**a) Air Conditioner**

Chief Dejarnette explained that the City Hall air conditioner upstairs was broken and had been for the last week. He presented two quotes for the repair: Omega Heating and Air with repair costs at \$8600 and Vickers with repair costs at \$11,000. There was some discussion about the two quotes submitted.

Motion – to approve the spending of \$12,000 for the repair of the upstairs air conditioning pending a third quote. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

**b) Farmer’s Market**

Councilmember Howard asked to waive the vendor fees for the vendors who have been coming out weekly with low turnout. The Mayor and Council gave many suggestions on changes that could be made to encourage the success of the Farmer’s Market. Toya Randle, Farmer’s Market Organizer, asked about the use of Kelly Street for vendors as an alternative one Saturday.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to waive the vendor fees for the vendors present at the last Farmer’s Market for the July 29<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market on Kelly Street. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to modify her previous motion and asked to waive the vendor fees for all vendors for the dates of July 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, August 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, and September 16<sup>th</sup> 2023. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Discussion Items.**

**VII. Updates and Reports**

**a) Police Department Update**

No police update.

**b) Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Reynolds thanked Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard for her work in getting the Resource Center approved and Councilmember Inman for her help with getting Marion Williams to the city as a resource for annexation.

**c) Council Member Updates**

Councilmember Wynn did not have an update.

Councilmember Inman stated she was excited about Annexation and the help of Marion Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard thanked everyone for their support of the Resource Center. She stated she is excited about what is to come and that she remembers having a resource center growing up and it saved a lot of kids.

Councilmember Honore stated that the Lithonia Downtown District Authority (LDDA) is planning to present to the city some beautification ideas on the breezeway.

Councilmember Howard stated she won a commercial coffee maker at the GMA conference and donated it to the city. She stated it would be nice to have coffee and/or Tea here at City Hall.

**VIII. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

*(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2)*

*Litigation, 3) Real Estate)*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Honore to go into Executive Session for personnel and litigation. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Howard seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

The meeting ended at 7:28 pm.

  
Mayor Shameka Reynolds

Attest:  
  
City Clerk