



**CITY OF LITHONIA  
MINUTES– WORK SESSION MEETING  
Monday October 16, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

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

The meeting began at 5:38 pm. All members were present.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to change the October 16, 2023 work session agenda and add the Masonic Lodge. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**V. Discussion Items**

**a. For Discussion- Speed Bumps – Councilmember Amelia Inman**

Councilmember Inman asked City Administrator, Chief Dejarnette, what would be needed to have speed bumps installed as her neighbors are very interested. Chief Dejarnette explained the process and informed her that he would send the documents to begin the process to her email and reach out to Lowe engineering as they will need to conduct a study.

**b. For Discussion – Update on Resource Center – Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Sheppard**

Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Sheppard asked City Council to begin to brainstorm some names for the Resource Center.

**c. For Discussion - Lowe Engineering Wiggins Street Parking Lot – Chief Dejarnette**

Chief Dejarnette gave an update on the bid for the Wiggins Street parking lot. He also provided the council with information on possible donations to help fund the repair.

**d. For Discussion - Police Vehicles - Chief Dejarnette**

Chief Dejarnette gave a detailed presentation of the options the city has explored for the purchase of new vehicles. He explained in-depth the current condition of the vehicles the city owns and operates daily and explained the loss of several vehicles recently because of accidents and costly repairs. There was much discussion about the options, timeline, and if the Police Grant will help contribute to the costs.

**VI. Updates and Reports**

**a. Police Department Update**

Major Kyle Jones gave a brief police department update. He provided an update on the train horn concerns mentioned at a previous meeting.

**b. City Administrator Update**

Congrats to the Mayor who is officially in remission. Chief DeJarnette provided an update about the city's Health Grant and how it was used to raise awareness of Breast Cancer in support of our mayor.

**c. Mayor's Report**

Joyce McKibben provided an update on the Housing Authority and some possible upcoming partnerships with the Lithonia Middle School to provide a Food Pantry and Clothing Closet.

Mayor Reynolds announced that the city will host its parade and festival "Jingle on Main" on December 9, 2023, at 3pm. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard asked for Renee Miller's assistance in putting the parade and festival together. Arabia Mountain Alliance would also like to be a sponsor for the event. After some discussion, Mayor Reynolds requested that we confirm December 17, 2023, as a date with Arabia Mountain and Lithonia High School Band. There was also some discussion about hosting a car show December 2, 2023, from 1-5 pm and adopting two families for the holidays.

**d. Council Member Updates**

Councilmember Wynn stated that the noise on Rock Chapel Road and Pine Mountain is down, and she is thankful and grateful.

Councilmember Inman stated she would like to organize a clean up soon.

Councilmember Sheppard did not have an update.

Councilmember Honore gave an update on some Halloween decorations he noticed and asked about a budget to purchase some items for old City Hall and the Trunk or Treat event. Chief DeJarnette gave a budget of \$300-\$400 and said the city will receive donations from local businesses to help with the costs as well.

Councilmember Howard stated that she reached out to the Georgia Native Plant Society and are in talked with them to learn more about their invasive plants list and how other cities are combating these invasive plants.

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

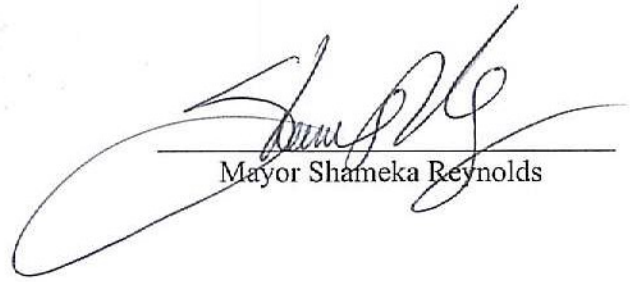
*(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)*

**VIII. Adjournment**


**Motion** – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm



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Mayor Shameka Reynolds

Attest:   
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City Clerk, Ashley Waters