



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–SPECIAL CALLED VIRTUAL MEETING
Moratorium on Business Licenses
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Special Called Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Darold Honore, Amelia Inman, Vanerriah Wynn, and Yolanda Sheppard. Diane Howard was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Wynn motioned to approve the agenda for the special called meeting of May 24th, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Reynolds added the following agenda Action items, Colorgasm Event, EPIC Day Event, and Millage Rate and Advertisement.

III. Discussion

a. Moratorium on Business Licenses

Councilwoman Inman indicated that a minimum of 90-days should be added to the language for the moratorium on all business licenses and should be listed as an Action Item on the agenda.

IV. Action Item

a. Moratorium on Business Licenses

Councilwoman Inman motioned to place a 90-day moratorium on all business licenses in the City of Lithonia, the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore and approved by a vote of 4-0.

b. Colorgasm Event

Councilman Honore motioned to approve Colorgasm for May 29, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

c. EPIC Day Event

Councilman Honore motioned to approve the EPIC Day event, the motion was seconded by councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Sheppard asked if the funds were turned in directly to Robinette Blount City clerk (City Clerk stated yes). Councilwoman Inman asked for clarification on save the date, the clerk's office accepting funds, and if the approval will be based on the new rate (City Administrator stated initially paid on April 14 at the old rate and a parking fee) Councilman Honore asked when the new rate was voted on (City Administrator stated April 18). Councilman Honore feels the new rate should be charged, Councilwoman Inman and Councilwoman Wynn agreed. Park Manager Annette Radford feels the former rate should be honored, Councilman Honore replied that the event holder should be contacted and informed of the new rate. Councilwoman Sheppard asked the Park Manager Annette Radford who the instructions were verbally received by (Park Manager

Annette Radford replied by the City Clerk).

*****note of acknowledgment during transcription to be an untrue statement made by Park Manager Annette Radford regarding verbal instructions from the clerk's office, the instructions provided verbally were the save the date form was only used for tracking purposes, the dates were not approved by council, and to reach out to Ms. Miller, Amphitheater Manager to avoid any overlap.*

City Administrator requested that the presentation date and approval date should be added to the application.

Councilman Honore motioned to dissolve the save the date calendar, suspend any dates and activities in the park until procedures are put in place, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Councilman Honore Permits should not issued until the full amount is paid

Councilwoman Inman suggested that both Amphitheater and Park Managers upload all approved city events on the goggle calendar for the city website to be transparent, and color code if the event has been paid. Councilwoman Sheppard indicated this to be a process and should come up when processes are implemented. Councilman Honore will set up a committee to set up the processes and procedures. Mayor Reynolds is asking that all security should be centralized to the Lithonia Police Department.

Councilwoman Inman motioned to have both park and amphitheater managers input the events on the google calendar only approved and permitted events, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Councilwoman Inman motioned to have the city of Lithonia officers man the events that are in the park and amphitheater, the motion was seconded by councilman Honore and approved by a vote of 4-0.

d. Millage Rate and Advertisement

Councilman Honore motioned to raise the millage rate to 11.021, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 4-0.

V. Executive Session for Personnel

Councilwoman Inman motioned to go into executive session for personnel, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mayor, Council, and City Administrator Sands with exception of Councilwoman Howard were present.

Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Reynolds stated that no action will be taken at this present time.

VI. Adjournment

Councilwoman Sheppard motioned to adjourn the special called meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore, and approved by a vote of 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.