



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES—CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The City Council Virtual Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Darold Honore, Vanneriah Wynn, and Yolanda Sheppard. Amelia Inman was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Sheppard motioned to approve the special called meeting for November 2 at 7 pm, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 4-0.

III. Discussion

a. Film Application

Cayman Eby with The Wonder Years provided presentation noting a few changes, one of the filming crew contracted covid and the industry has a strict protocol, asking to move the shoot to November 11 with a hiatus if covid testing maintains a positive result filming would take place 2-3 weeks thereafter at which time the application would be resubmitted. Additionally, a route change was added to include ITC (intermittent traffic control) on Swift Street, with an extension of ITC from Johnson Street up to Max Cleland. Planning to inform businesses of the change upon approval. Chief of Police acknowledged the changes.

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the filming of Wonder Years, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

b. Main Street Building

Chief of Police DJ provided a briefing, email received from Bill Johnston (Zoning) as a denial based on councils previous discussion, Bill also consulted with the attorney and DCH provided a description of hospice and personal care home. Furthermore, Bill cannot approve if council denied the use, and a check was received that would levy issues down the road.

Councilwoman Sheppard asked applicant Ms. Tracey Driver if she changed the function of her business from nursing care facility to hospice and if she could change the name. Ms. Driver stated the definition as per her conversation with DCH that a nursing care facility is a specialty taking care of terminally ill patients, in-patient unit as per Medicare and hospice fall under this category as well, and that she is registered with the state as Loving Arms Hospice. Councilwoman Howard provided clarity regarding a previous applicant who applied for a personal care home that was located next door to a daycare as the reason for denial.

Council is in agreement to add hospice in the edge district. Councilwoman Howard asked about parking, and how many beds would be provided. Ms. Driver is planning to lease parking spaces at the tax office across the street, there will be 9 hospice rooms (1 person per room) on the first floor and medical staff will be located on the second floor.

Chief DJ consulted with Bill Johnston as the best way to move forward confirming that a public hearing would be required in addition to adopting an ordinance to add hospice to the edge district. Public Hearing to be held on December 1 at 5:30 pm for first reading, approval during December 5 Public Hearing at 5:00 pm for second reading and adoption (prior to the 5:30 pm City Council meeting).

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve moving forward with the process of adding Hospice to the Edge District listing, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sheppard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

VIII. Executive Session (None)

IX. Adjournment

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn; the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.