



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES – SPECIAL CALLED VIRTUAL MEETING
MUSIC VIDEO FILMING, “My Vote Don’t Count”
Friday, July 31, 2020 @ 2:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The City Council Virtual Meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Darold Honore, Amelia Inman, Vanerriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd. State Representative Doreen Carter joined the call as well.

II. Presentation: J-Squared Productions

Jeffrey Jackson, Owner and Producer of the music video My Vote Don't Count provided a presentation to describe the music video shoot to take place in Downtown Lithonia, emphasis of 3-branches of government, YelloPain will perform, there will be a basketball court scene, use of Flava's barbershop, and a court house scene, with the street blocked off for the shoot. Date is Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Scout day will occur as a walk through on August 3. Set-up will begin at 6:00 am prior to filming at Flava's barbershop until 12:00 pm, thereafter blocking off Main Street (8:00 to 10:00 am) for the street scene. Another representative (Catherine) jumped on the call and asked permission to revisit using the Lithonia courtroom (3-hours) for the court house scene. Jeffrey indicated a glitch in the film app that he was unable to submit the application for processing once completed. City Clerk Robinette Blount indicated that she would reach out to DeKalb Entertainment for troubleshooting to resolve the issue.

III. Discussion

Councilwoman Howard expressed concern about the number of people involved in the music video shoot and sanitized clean-up of the courtroom after filming. Catherine and Jeffrey provided clarity that there would be a total number of 20 persons (10-15 persons in the courtroom scene) and social distancing would be adhered to. Cast members will sit in their cars as they wait to film, production team will perform thermometer checks, and masks will be worn and taken off during filming.

Councilwoman Inman asked if the city's new logo could be added into the video. Catherine stated that it can be inserted during post production, and also recognized in the credits of the video. Councilwoman Inman asked for clarity on the cost for usage of the city hall courtroom.

Councilman Ric Dodd expressed a concern that all business owners must be notified about filming. Jeffrey indicated that all business owners would be notified, provided with a production notice, and should be able to continue operating normally.

Interim Chief Tamesha Minafee indicated that her biggest concern is emergency services and to ensure that those persons are notified.

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve J-Squared Productions to film in the City of Lithonia on August 4, 2020 providing the film permit is completed; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

IV. Executive Session (Not Needed)

V. Adjournment

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore; the motion was approved by a vote 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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