



**CITY OF LITHONIA**  
**MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 5:30 PM**

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

The City Council Work Session Virtual Meeting was called to order at 5:34 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, Vanneriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd. City Attorney Valorri Jones joined the call as well.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition of item Street Sweeper under Action Items; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

**a. May 4, 2020 – City Council (virtual) Meeting @ 5:30 PM**

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2020; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**b. May 8, 2020 – Special Called FY2019 Amended Budget Virtual Meeting @ 2:00 PM**

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the Special Called FY2019 Amended Budget Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2020; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 4-0. Councilman Honore abstained.

**IV. Public Comments Response for May 4, 2020 City Council (virtual) Meeting – City Administrator**

There were no public comments made on May 4, 2020 to provide response.

**V. Presentation (Limit 8 minutes per person)**

**a. Dude Solutions App (Storm Water)**

John Hunt and Elaine Hudson with Dude Solutions provided presentation of their software solution for work order and asset management to track street repairs, facility assets, and storm water activity. The cost is pro-rated for remainder of fiscal 2020 at \$1,000 and normally \$3,600/year.

**b. ARC “Live Love Lithonia” Study**

Mollie Bogle (Product Manager) and Anna Baggett (Planner) with ARC provided presentation of guidance with case studies on the purpose, process, and timeline of implementing the façade grant program.

**c. 7027 Swift Street, exterior elevation revisions – Ms. Maxine Young**

Ms. Maxine Young answered questions posed by council of the granite samples provided.

## VI. Action Items

### a. Street Sweeper

Councilman Dodd motioned to move forward with a lease-option to buy the Street Sweeper pending approval from the City Attorney; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

### b. 7027 Swift Street, exterior elevation revisions – Ms. Maxine Young

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve 7027 Swift Street exterior elevation revisions for Ms. Maxine Young, Item C for the lower portion of the building and Item D for the top portion of the building; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

*\*In accordance, the examples are identified as A, B, C, and D (photo provided to council as an agenda item, order of examples in succession bottom item labeled “A” to top item labeled “D”).*

### c. 2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Councilman Honore motioned to accept the names presented for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Diane Howard, David McCoy, Doug Thompkins; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

*\*Prior names submitted are Ms. Alene Harper, Ms. Sharon Inman, and Ms. Amelia Inman. Twelve members are desired. Doug Thompkins not present to accept.*

## VII. Other Business

### a. Ordinance Amendment to Revise Licensing Eligibility – First Reading

City Clerk Robinette Blount provided the first reading of the ordinance. Mayor Reynolds suggested amending the ordinance draft copy to include that county tax must be satisfied as well. City Attorney Valorri Jones will provide the amended revised copy for the June 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

### b. Mural Ordinance – First Reading

City Clerk Robinette Blount provided the first reading of the ordinance. Neither Mayor nor Council expressed any concern to amend the ordinance draft copy.

### c. Parking Ordinance – First Reading

City Clerk Robinette Blount provided the first reading of the ordinance. Councilwoman Amelia Inman suggested amending the vehicle section letter (a) of the ordinance draft copy. City Attorney Valorri Jones will provide the amended revised copy for the June 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

### d. Lithonia Park Reservation

Mikey Sparkle was present to inquire about the availability of the park as previously approved for the June 21 Family Fun Day Event. Council agreed to revisit and requested that Mikey Sparkle look at another date pending COVID-19 updates.

**e. Splost: Speed/Road Bumps**

Councilwoman Inman stated that a lot of speeding occurs on residential streets and suggested obtaining bids for installing speed bumps to be paid through Splost funds, and soliciting feedback from the residents on street placement. Councilman Honore indicated the apparatus can be obtained through the County. Councilman Dodd described the process as first selecting a street where 50% of the property owners on that street are required to sign a petition, if approved their property taxes are increased \$25.00/year to allow for maintenance of the speed bumps. Chief Newton indicated that he could monitor specific streets 2-weeks at a time through speed detection and provide reporting.

**f. Mayors Report: COVID-19 Update, Informational sign on Main Street**

Mayor Reynolds stated that in the 30058 zip code cases of individuals who have tested positive jumped from 180 to 190 from May 12 to May 18, and no updates have been made available on deaths. Mayor Reynolds asked for feedback from council on the informational sign, to give consideration as to where the sign should be placed and ideas of other sign examples. Council was in agreement with an electronic component to communicate activity and meetings in the city, and looking into the possibility of having the sign donated.

Councilwoman Howard stated that someone inquired about the progress of the senior center. Mayor Reynolds indicated that DeKalb County officials voted 2-weeks ago to move forward with the senior center project.

**VIII. Executive Session (if needed)**

Councilman Dodd motioned to adjourn for executive session for litigation; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 5-0. The council entered executive session at 8:11 pm.

Councilman Dodd motioned to adjourn executive session; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard at 8:49 pm, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

The City Council Work Session Meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

Councilman Dodd motioned to move forward with litigation as outlined by the City Attorney; the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Councilman Dodd motioned to move forward with the \$50,000.00 short-term loan for litigation through the storm water fund to be repaid in full by December 31, 2020; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**IX. Adjournment**

Councilman Honore motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard; the motion was approved by a vote 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.