



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The City Council Virtual Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Amelia Inman, and Vanneriah Wynn. Darold Honore and Yolanda Sheppard later joined.

II. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

III. Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the city council meeting agenda for Monday, March 7, 2022; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

IV. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

a. February 10, 2022, Public Hearing (3:00 pm)

- **Variance that would allow an approximately six-foot fence in the front yard, within the residential property and for security purposes at 7155 Swift Street.**
- **Special Land Use Permit that would allow the establishment of an urban farm at 2569 Bond Street.**

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the January 27, 2022, Special Called COPS Grant Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

b. February 17, 2022, Special Called Film Permit (1:00 pm)

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the January 27, 2022, Special Called COPS Grant Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

c. February 21, 2022, Work Session (5:30 pm)

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the January 27, 2022, Special Called COPS Grant Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

d. February 24, 2022, Special Called for Administrative Matters, and COPS Grant

Councilwoman Howard motioned to approve the January 27, 2022, Special Called COPS Grant Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 3-0.

e. March 7, 2022, City Council (5:30 pm)

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f. March 10, 2022, Special Called (5:30 pm) Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson Amphitheatre Update

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V. Public Comments Response

There were no Public Comments during the March 21, 2022, Work Session Meeting.

VI. Presentations

- a. Alim Witter: Park Management
- b. Dennis Allen: Park Management
- b. Annette Radford: Park Management
- c. Hazel Gonzalez: Bruce Street Senior Center Fashion Show
- d. Samantha Taylor: SLUP for Urban Farm at 2569 Bond St.

VII. Action Item

a. Park Management Selection

Councilwoman Howard motioned for the city administrator to move forward with obtaining pricing for the lobby, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 5-0.

b. Samantha Taylor SLUP for Urban Farm at 2569 Bond Street

Councilwoman Inman motioned to allow Administrator Sands to hold the interviews for the Lithonia Park Event Manager, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn and approved by a vote of 3-0.

VIII. New Business

a. 2022 Georgia Cities Week April 24-30

b. Lithonia Community Day July 23, 2022

IX. Old Business

a. Old City Hall Building

b. Masonic Lodge Repairs

Mr. Monson was not available to be on the call, Administrator Sands indicated a new design was provided by Hari with Lowes, Councilwoman Howard has requested a copy of the design, and if council has any questions or suggestions to share that she can include the ideas in her discussion with Hari.

X. Other Business

a. City Administrator Report

b. Police Department Report

Interim Chief of Police DJ provided an update

c. Mayors Report, Councilmember District Update

Mayor Reynolds

Councilwoman Howard
Councilman Honore

Councilwoman Inman.

Councilwoman Wynn.

Councilman Sheppard.

VIII. Executive Session (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 at 7:06 pm.

All council members were present in executive session with the exception of Councilwoman Howard.

City Council reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Sheppard motioned to approve a 30-day severance pay for former Chief Nathan Pollard with the agreement that he will not file any legal litigations with the city, council, or mayor, the motion was seconded by Councilman Honore and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Councilman Honore motioned to increase Interim Chief DeJarnett's pay with a stipend of \$6,000, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 4-0.

IX. Adjournment

Councilman Honore motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman; the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.