

A G E N D A
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

➤ **OPENING**

- **Call to Order**
- **Invocation: Pastor Randall Frantz from the First Baptist Church of Garden City**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations:**
 - **Proclamation to proclaim May 7th as Lemonade Day in Garden City.**

➤ **FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Presentation by Jenna Thornton, City Director of Lowcountry Lemonade Day.**

Formal Public Comment – City Council Agenda Protocol

The City of Garden City has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address the City Council on issues of importance. Garden City requires that individuals who desire to formally address the City Council submit a written request form outlining the subject matter that they intend to discuss so that they can be placed on the meeting agenda. Members of the public desiring to be placed on the agenda to present or address matters to the City Council must submit a formal **“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA”** form to the Office of the City Manager at least 10 days prior to the requested City Council meeting date that you wish to speak. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month so the request must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday which constitutes 10 days prior. The request can be done in person, regular mail, fax or e-mail and the speaker should obtain acknowledgement of the request from the City to demonstrate that the 10 day requirement has been met. The request form may be obtained from the Office of the City Manager and on the City’s website www.gardencity-ga.gov. The request should state the name of the individual(s) desiring to be heard and the subject matter to be presented to City Council. Requests may be referred at the discretion of the City Manager, to appropriate staff for mediation prior to being placed on the public agenda. Please be advised the completion of a request form does not entitle the speaker to be added to the agenda.

➤ **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** *No Public Hearings*

Speaking to a Public Hearing Item Protocol

In the interests of time and to ensure fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council and the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record.

Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments to respect City Council's time limits. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

***PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ZONING DECISIONS BEFORE
GARDEN CITY'S MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF
CITY COUNCIL'S ZONING POWER***

Procedures for Conducting Public Hearings on Proposed Zoning Decisions:

All public hearings conducted by the Mayor and Council on Garden City, Georgia, on proposed zoning decisions shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) All public hearings by the Mayor and Council on zoning amendments shall be chaired by the Mayor.
- (2) The Mayor shall open the hearing by stating the specific zoning amendment being considered at the public hearing and further stating that printed copies of the adopted standards governing the exercise of the Mayor and Council's zoning power and the procedures governing the hearing are available to the public.
- (3) The Director of the City's Planning and Zoning Department shall advise the Mayor and Council of the recommendation of the Planning Commission when applicable.
- (4) The Mayor shall determine the number of attendees who desire to testify or present evidence at the hearing.
- (5) When there is a large number of individuals wishing to testify at a hearing, the Mayor may invoke time limits on individual speakers. In such cases, these time limits shall apply to all speakers. Proponents, including the petitioner or the petitioner's agent requesting the zoning decision, shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and expert opinions; opponents of the proposed decision shall have an equal minimum period of time. The Mayor may grant additional time; provided, however, an equal period of time shall be granted both sides.
- (6) The petitioner requesting such zoning decision, or the applicant's agent, shall be recognized first and shall be permitted to present and explain the request for the zoning decision. Thereafter, all individuals who so desire shall be permitted to speak in favor of the zoning decision.
- (7) After all individuals have had an opportunity to speak in accordance with subparagraph (6) above, those individuals present at the public hearing who wish to speak in opposition to the requested zoning decision shall have an opportunity to speak.
- (8) The Mayor may limit repetitious comments in the interest of time and may call for a show of hands of those persons present in favor of or opposed to the proposed decision.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the Mayor to maintain decorum and to assure the public hearing on the proposed decision is conducted in a fair and orderly manner.
- (10) Once all parties have concluded their testimony, the Mayor shall adjourn the public hearing.

Standards Governing the Exercise of The Zoning Powers of Garden City's Mayor and Council:

Prior to making a zoning amendment, the Mayor and Council shall evaluate the merits of a proposed amendment according to the following criteria:

- (1) Is this request a logical extension of a zoning boundary which would improve the pattern of uses in the general area?
- (2) Is this spot zoning and generally unrelated to either existing zoning or the pattern of development of the area?
- (3) Could traffic created by the proposed use or other uses permissible under the zoning sought traverse established single-family neighborhoods on minor streets, leading to congestion, noise, and traffic hazards?
- (4) Will this request place irreversible limitations or cause material detriment on the area similarly zoned as it is or on future plans for it?
- (5) Is there an imminent need for the rezoning and is the property likely to be used for the use requested?
- (6) Would the proposed use precipitate similar requests which would generate or accelerate adverse land use changes in the zone or neighborhood?

➤ **Approval of City Council Minutes**

- Consideration of the March 21, 2022 Pre-Agenda Session Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes.

➤ **City Manager's Report**

- Updates and/or announcements

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- **Resolution, Police Surplus Vehicles:** A resolution to classify as surplus property eight (8) police cars and two (2) police all-terrain vehicles and to authorize the police department to dispose of the vehicles pursuant to State law.

➤ **RECEIPT OF INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Procedure:** In an effort to best manage this section of the meeting, any person that desires to address the City Council must sign up using the process outlined on the website where this meeting is advertised. Once recognized by the Mayor, the person will be allowed to speak in accordance with the Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocols outlined below.

Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Garden City believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. Informal Public Comments are scheduled for a total of fifteen (15) minutes and each person will be limited to three (3) minutes. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. Speakers not heard during the limited fifteen (15) minute period will be first to present their comments at the next Council meeting. The opportunity to address City Council on a topic of his/her choice shall be used by an individual only one (1) time per month. It may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. If a member of the general public would like to address the City Council during the Informal Public Comment portion of the meeting, please respectfully indicate your desire to address the City Council when the Mayor solicits members of the general public to come forward and speak. You will be recognized by the Mayor and asked to come forward to the podium so that you can address the City Council in accordance with the rules outlined herein. Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she will be given three (3) minutes to address the City Council. The speaker should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Informal Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Garden City, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agendized matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to asking factual and clarifying questions of staff, and when appropriate, the Council may consider placing a matter on a future agenda. In addition, it is not reasonable to expect staff to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at a later time.

➤ **ADJOURN**



PROCLAMATION

Lemonade Day

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day is a fun, community-wide educational program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business – a lemonade stand; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day is a strategic lesson-based program that walks youth from a dream to a business plan while teaching them to start, own, and operate a business, learn goal-setting, develop a business plan, establish a budget, seek investors, provide customer service and give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day offers opportunities for families, businesses, youth organizations, schools and community-leaders to unite for a common purpose – to train the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, by all of us working together, as a community, we demonstrate to our youth that they are important, and we care about their future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City salutes and commends the participants and organizers of this worthwhile endeavor and encourages every citizen to go out and purchase a cold refreshing glass of lemonade from one of the youths participating in the program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Don Bethune, Mayor of the City of Garden City, Georgia, on behalf of this Council, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2022, as *LEMONADE DAY* in Garden City, Georgia.

Don Bethune, Mayor

Attest: _____

Date: _____

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Request Submittal Date: 3/14/22

Name of Person to Speak: Jenna Thornton

Title: City Director - Lowcountry Lemonade Day

Business / Organization: Lowcountry Lemonade Day

Address: 1202B US Hwy 80

City/State/Zip: Tybee Island, GA 31328

Telephone Number: 912-246-4522 Email Address: lowcountry@lemonadeday.org

Have you addressed your issue(s) with City staff? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you addressed your issue(s) with the City Manager? ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Council Meeting Date: 4/4/22

PURPOSE:

Brief summary / paragraph of topic:

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Signature

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WHAT WILL YOUTH LEARN BY PARTICIPATING?



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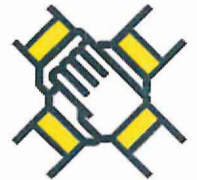
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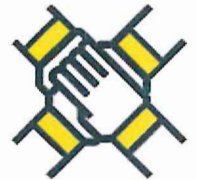
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MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Bruce Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Jon Bayer, Public Works Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Formal Public Comment:

Presentation by Roberts Properties – Phase II of the Town Center Development Plan: Mr. Roberts gave an overview of Phase II of the Town Center buildout, which includes apartments and three retail buildings in front along Dean Forest Road.

Mayor Bethune stated that the City has had a good working relationship with Roberts Properties. He stated that they did exactly what they said they would do with the apartment complex. Mr. Roberts stated that the residents living in the apartments come from all walks of life and are very happy with the location.

Councilmember Daniel asked if Phase II of the apartment complex would have a pool. Mr. Roberts stated that the residents in the Phase II would use the pool in Phase I.

Councilmember Morris stated that she looked forward to learning more about Mr. Robert's company. Mr. Roberts stated that he had tried to reach out to Councilmember Lassiter to set up to meeting.

Mayor Bethune stated that we have enjoyed working with your group and we will take a look at the Phase II plan.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 Pre-Agenda Session Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes and the March 11, 2022 workshop minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

City Manager's Report: City Manager had no updates.

Items for Consideration:

Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4711 & 4713 Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended to rezone certain properties owned by Nick Sanders and Rose Sanders at 4711 Old Louisville Road, 4713 Old

Louisville Road, and O Highway 80 from their present zoning classification of “R-1” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

City Manager stated that the petitioner submitted a formal request to withdraw the rezoning request from the agenda.

Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4209-B Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone certain properties owned by Mark W. Backiel and Wendy M. Backiel at 4709-B Old Louisville Road from its present zoning classification of “R-1” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

City Manager stated that the petitioner submitted a formal request to withdraw the rezoning request from the agenda.

Resolution, Fire Rescue Department CAD Integration: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the Garden City Fire Rescue Department to purchase equipment necessary to commence the Fire Rescue Department’s integration of its communication system with Chatham County’s Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) to meet the Department’s public safety needs.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution, 165th Memorandum of Understanding: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the entry into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between 165th Security Forces Squadron, 165th Airlift Wing, and the Garden City Police Department, for law enforcement response assistance and information sharing.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

Resolution, Blue Line Solutions Contract: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Blue Line Solutions, LLC, for the implementation and operation of an automated traffic enforcement safety device program with respect to speeding violations within certain school zones in the City in accordance with Chapter 78, Article II, of the City Code; authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and passed without opposition.

Formal Public Comment: No speakers.

Adjournment: There being no further items on the agenda, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 4/4/22

SYNOPSIS

Pre-Agenda Session Monday, March 21, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the pre-agenda session to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Jon Bayer, Public Works Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Review of Council Agenda Items: City Manager gave an overview the council agenda items.

Councilmember Morris stated that National Night Out is coming up in August and I would like to see something take place.

Chief Ballard stated that we've held citywide events in the past for National Night Out in conjunction with other agencies. Mayor Bethune stated that we can talk about doing something.

Councilmember Daniel expressed concerns about the length of time the Chatham County 911 Dispatch System is taking to dispatch the calls. She stated that she has received several complaints. Mayor Bethune stated that they are having problems and the issues need to be addressed.

Recreation Director stated that next Tuesday around 11:30 a.m. the Senior's will be having a cookout at Sharon Park.

Mayor Bethune state that Sharon Park is really being utilized. Everyone seems to be enjoying the park.

There being no further items to discuss, the Mayor and City Council adjourned the pre-agenda session at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 4/4/22

GARDEN CITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, are desirous of classifying as surplus property eight (8) of its police cars and two (2) of its police all-terrain vehicles which are more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" by reason of said vehicles no longer serving any public purpose by reason of their excessive mileage and/or multiple mechanical issues necessitating excessive repair costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, as follows:

1. The eight (8) police cars and two (2) police all-terrain vehicles which are described in the attached Exhibit "A" are hereby classified as surplus property by reason of their no longer serving any public purpose and because no future public use for the property can be reasonably anticipated.

2. The Police Department is hereby authorized to dispose of any of the vehicles which are still operational by arranging for same to be sold at auction or traded for equal value pursuant to State law, and to dispose of any of the vehicles which are out of service by using the same for spare parts on other police vehicles and selling the balance of the vehicle as scrap metal.

3. The proceeds from the sale of the subject police vehicles or any portion thereof shall be placed in the City's general operating fund and earmarked for the Police Department's vehicle maintenance and operations.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2022.

RHONDA FERRELL BOWLES,
Clerk of Council

RECEIVED AND APPROVED this 4th day of April, 2022.

DON BETHUNE, Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

SURPLUS VEHICLES

Unit	VIN & Vehicle Description	Reason for Surplus	Odometer Reading
1022	2FABP7BVXAX129037 2010 Crown Victoria	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	133,833
1039	2B3AA4CT8AH161550 2010 Dodge Charger	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	174,624
1052	2FABP7BV3BX122402 2010 Crown Victoria	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	149,848
1121	1FMJU1F54BEF50515 2011 Ford Expedition	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	154,685
1125	2FABP7BVB3X122402 2011 Crown Victoria	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	116,107
1317	2C3CDXAT4DH608029 2013 Dodge Charger	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	108,162
1330	2C3CDXAT1DH694853 2013 Dodge Charger	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	126,205
1335	2C3CDXATXDH694852 2013 Dodge Charger	Mechanical issues and excessive mileage	130,905
	JK1AFCJ1568504725 2005 ATV 4-Seat Kawasaki Mule	Mechanical Issues	
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