

Pre-Agenda Session @ 5:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

➤ OPENING

- **Call to Order**
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

➤ FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

➤ RECEIPT OF INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Procedure: To best manage this meeting section, any person who 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.

➤ 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 minutes from the March 19th Pre-Agenda Session, City Council Minutes, and March 25th Council Workshop and Executive Session.

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. **Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (5524 Silk Hope Road):** An ordinance to annex certain property owned by 1143 & 1145 Dean Forest Road, LLC., and located at 5524 Silk Hope Road, Savannah, Georgia, into the City of Garden City, Georgia, pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 36, Article 2, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (The 100% Method); to rezone said property to a “R-2” zoning classification.
2. **Resolution – FY2024 Staffing Level Amendment (General Fund):** A resolution to amend the FY2024 adopted budget staffing level of the General Fund to provide for a full-time Planning & Economic Development Director in the City’s Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

➤ **ADJOURN**

SYNOPSIS

Pre-Agenda Session Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-tem Daniel called the pre-agenda session to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Attendees

Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr., Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz, and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Mayor Bruce Campbell and Councilmember Gwyn Hall.

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell, Interim City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Virgil Moore, Public Works Manager; Martha Vallada; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Robert Wellmaker, Building Inspector; Jonathan Trego, Code Enforcement; and Andrew Guzman, IT Technician. Absent: Dagny Pariani, WWTP Manager.

The City Attorney stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the sign ordinance amendment at their meeting. He said that they tabled the item for further study in a workshop. He said they requested a joint workshop with the City Council to discuss the sign ordinance. He noted that a joint workshop had never been done before and recommended keeping the bodies separate. He said the moratorium will need to be extended at the April 1st council meeting because the moratorium ends on April 15th.

The City Attorney stated that the petitioner requested a continuance to the April 9th Planning Commission meeting on their rezoning request for 5231 Ogeechee Road.

The City Attorney stated that the public hearing had been advertised for the council meeting, so you will need to motion to continue the public hearings to the council meetings in April.

The City Attorney stated that Judge Harmon switched the public defender and prosecuting attorney roles because Ty Wilson was offered a Judgeship in Port Wentworth.

Councilmember Morris stated that the railroad should be more considerate regarding closing the track for repairs since it affects the resident's daily lives.

Adjournment: Given there were no other items to discuss, the Mayor Pro-tem and City Council unanimously adjourned the pre-agenda session at approximately 5:50 p.m.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: The City Council 4-1-24*

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-tem Daniel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Attendees

Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr., Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz, and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Mayor Bruce Campbell and Councilmember Gwyn Hall.

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell, Interim City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Virgil Moore, Public Works Manager; Martha Vallada; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Robert Wellmaker, Building Inspector; Jonathan Trego, Code Enforcement; and Andrew Guzman, IT Technician. Absent: Dagny Pariani, WWTP Manager.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Pro-tem Daniel opened the floor to receive comments.

Ms. Diane Brannen, Silk Hammock Community, stated that she had sent an email to the City Council containing information pertaining to the development around the Owns Plantation Cemetery. She said the residents would like a substantial buffer between them and development for protection.

Given no other speakers, Mayor Pro-tem Daniel closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

PC-3-24-1077 – Zoning Map Amendment Request: Receipt of public comment on a request by Robert L McCorkle, III, to rezoned 5231 Ogeechee Road from R-A to I-1. Ogeechee Road from C-2 to I-1 and Ogeechee Road from C-2 to I-1 for proposed use as a general office/warehouse and cross-dock facility for SAIA LTL freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking. *The Petitioner requests a continuance to the April 9th Planning Commission meeting.*

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to continue the public hearing until the April 15 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

PC2325 – Zoning Text Amendment Request: Receipt of public comment on a request by the City of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise Chapter 90, Article VI, pertaining to signs, for the purpose of revising the provisions thereof regarding the limitations, safeguards, and controls for the location of outdoor advertising or separate use signs. *The Planning Commission recommended tabling the request for further study.*

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to continue the public hearing until the April 15th council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Tice motioned to approve the minutes from the March 4th pre-agenda session, city council meeting, and March 11th workshop.

Items for Consideration

Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (5524 Silk Hope Road): The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to annex certain property owned by 1143 & 1145 Dean Forest Road, LLC., and located at 5524 Silk Hope Road, Savannah, Georgia, into the City of Garden City, Georgia, pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 36, Article 2, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (The 100% Method); to rezone said property to a “R-2” zoning classification.

The City Attorney stated that the County has 45 days to respond to the annexation. He said the 45 days would not expire until Saturday. He said the City Council should make a motion to continue the matter until after the 45 days expire.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to approve a continuance on the ordinance amendment until the April 1st council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution – Planning Commission Appointment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to appoint Chad Flowers to serve on the City’s consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission in the position vacated by Billy Jackson for the remainder of Mr. Jackson’s term, which runs from January 18, 2022, until his successor is appointed by City Council at Council’s first regular meeting in January 2028.

Councilmember Morris motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passed without opposition.

Resolution – Prosecuting Attorney Agreement (Bradley): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City and Caroline Bradley, which sets forth the terms of Ms. Bradley’s appointment as the City’s Prosecuting Attorney.

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

Resolution – Public Defender Agreement (Wilson): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City and Ty Wilson, which sets forth the terms of Mr. Wilson’s appointment as the City’s Public Defender.

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

Resolution – SCADA System (Wastewater & Water Treatment): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase contract or order for the upgrade of the City’s existing wastewater SCADA system.

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

Resolution – Vacuum Excavator (Water/Sewer Repair): The Clerk of Council read for the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase contract or order for a vacuum excavator for excavating when working underground on water and sewer pipes.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Resolution – Pipeline Inspection Camera (Water/Sewer Repair): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase order or order for a pipeline inspection camera to inspect underground water and sewer pipes.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Resolution – Compaction Roller (Public Works): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase order or order for a compaction roller for its Public Works Department to pack asphalt when filling potholes and for other packing needs.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Resolution – Tough Books for Police Vehicles: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase order or order for laptops to replace the existing laps in the police vehicles.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution – 2024 F-150 Super Cab Truck (Parks & Recreation): The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the purchase order or order for a 2024 F-150 4x4 Super Cab Truck to replace the older 2002 pick-up truck with a bad transmission in the Parks & Recreation department.

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

Resolution – FY23 General Fund Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2023 General Fund budget; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

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

Resolution – FY23 Enterprise Funds Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the four Enterprise Funds budgets; to adjust the difference between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Resolution – FY23 Special Revenues Funds Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the two Special Revenue Funds budgets; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

Councilmember Ruiz motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Resolution – FY23 SPLOST Fund Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the SPLOST Fund budget; to adjust for the difference between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

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

Resolution – FY23 Capital Projects Fund Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the Capital Projects Fund budget for the new gym recreation complex; to adjust for the difference between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution – FY23 ARPA Fund Year-End Budget Amendment: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to amend the ARPA Fund budget; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected revenues and expenditures.

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

Adjournment: Given no other items to discuss, Mayor Pro-tem Daniel called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: The City Council 4-1-24

SYNOPSIS

City Council Workshop Monday, March 25, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Campbell called the workshop to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Daniel gave the opening prayer.

Attendees:

Council Members: Mayor Bruce Campbell, Mayor Pro-tem Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Gwyn Hall, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Jr., Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Ruiz, and Councilmember Tice.

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Interim City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Yolanda Irizarry, HR Director; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Robert Wellmaker, Building Inspector; Jonathan Trego, Code Enforcement Officer; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Marth Vallada, Water Operations Manager; Virgil Moore, Public Works Manager; Dagny Pariani, Wastewater/Water Treatment Manager; and Andrew Guzman, IT Technician.

Water & Sewer Services Discussion - Multi-Family Development (5524 Silk Hope Road): Scott Allison with Coleman & Company brief the City Council on past talks between the City and the City of Savannah regarding providing water and sewer services to a potential multi-family development on the Turner property.

Councilmember Daniel asked if the entrance road would be for the development. Mr. Allison stated that it would be located off Dean Forest Road. Councilmember Daniel asked if the existing bridge would have to be redone. Mr. Coleman said the bridge should be fine with the existing box culvert.

Mr. Allison stated that the warehouse on Dean Forest Road already has water. He said we've looked at tapping off the warehouse, but it probably would not be enough. He said the City of Savannah wants to work up a realistic timeframe for the build-out of the area, including the Constantine track.

Mr. Allison stated that getting sewer to the area is another issue. He stated we are looking at the options. He said it may be that a lift station will need to be placed at the Town Center. He said you could be looking at 750,000 gallons per day with a full build-out. He said the easiest would be to get it from the City of Savannah.

Mr. Allison stated the current municipal agreement between the City and the City of Savannah would need to be amended. He noted that the City of Savannah would need to know the timing and number of units.

The Assistant Finance Director asked if there had been any discussions with Savannah about a metering station. Mr. Coleman said it was mentioned, but nothing definite was discussed.

Councilmember Hall asked if they had looked at how long it would take for the City to recoup the money for running a water main. Mr. Coleman said Savannah had not asked them to run those numbers.

Staffin Level Amendment – Planning & Zoning Department (Planning & Economic Development Director): The Interim City Manager stated that the job description for the proposed Planning & Economic Development Director's position was included in the agenda packet for your review. She said since the Planning & Economic Development Director position was not budgeted for FY2024, the City Council will need to amend the staffing level to add the position for funding in the FY2024 budget.

The HR Director stated that she updated the job description for the Planning & Economic Development Director based on the information from the City's old job description for the Planning Director and the City of Pooler's and the City of Port Wentworth's job descriptions for their Planning Directors.

After a brief discussion, the City Council recommended placing the position on the April 1st council agenda for formal consideration.

The City Attorney updated the City Council on the Farmer's Market's concerns about the new road for the new gym. He said that Leon Davenport is working on the concerns with the State. He said he would send the City Council a draft of the ordinance for their review and comment on short-term rentals, Airbnb, etc. He said the City Council will need to determine the zones they can go in and how many. He said a schedule will need to be worked out for the public hearings.

Councilmember Morris stated that the State's House Bill made Pooler's ordinance more convoluted. She said they thought what they were proposing would work, but not now.

Councilmember Tice said she hoped traffic would be mentioned in the ordinance to help reduce the number of vehicles allowed to park at residences and along the streets. The City Attorney noted that you can go online to see the State's ordinance.

Assistant Finance updated the City Council on the business scam involving the dealership from which the fire department purchased their vehicles. She said that the wired money had been returned to the City.

Councilmember Lassiter asked the Police Chief if field sobriety tests were still being performed. He said someone told him that when they were pulled over, the police officer didn't offer to do a field sobriety test but went straight to having a blood draw done. Chief Ballard said that it is up to the officer's discretion. He noted that the field sobriety test can't always be done because of the abuse of opioids and other drugs going on in today's society. He noted that we have a specific kit used for a blood draw, and it is sent to the GBI to process, and they send us the report.

Councilmember Morris said that with the EMS shortage, it would be better to do the field sobriety test rather than have them wait for EMS to do the blood draw. Chief Ballard said we work with the fire department, which has people trained to do the blood draw.

Chief Dick said we get the kit from the police when we are called to do a blood draw. He noted that we must ask the individual if we can take their blood, and they must give us consent before we can do the blood draw.

Councilmember Lassiter stated that the officer automatically told this person it would be a blood draw. Chief Ballard said we generally attempt to do the field sobriety test, but it is at the officer's discretion. Councilmember Morris stated it's news to me that it is at the officer's discretion.

Councilmember Morris stated my concern is tying up EMS and them getting backlogged and being unable to respond to incidents. Chief Dick said that the police use the fire department to free up the EMS ambulances. He said if we are tied up on an emergency, then we can't respond.

Chief Ballard stated that the DUI report process is very lengthy. He noted it is the longest report that we do. He said we haven't done away with the Breathalyzer.

Councilmember Morris stated that I'm just concerned that it's tying up the medical system and keeping it from handling emergencies.

The City Attorney requested an executed session to discuss pending or potential litigation. Councilmember Tice made a motion to enter the executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed without opposition at 6:25 p.m.

Adjournment: Councilmember Lassiter motioned to enter back into the workshop and adjourn at approximately 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris and passed with opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 4/1/24*

GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW

The undersigned Mayor, under oath, certifies that at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of Garden City Georgia, held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Mayor and Council closed their meeting as permitted by the Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed session or executive session of the meeting is as checked below:

Check V	Subject Matter	As provided in O.C.G.A. Section
	Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege. <i>The subject discussed was _____</i> <i>(identify the case or claim discussed, but not the substance of the attorney-client discussion)</i>	50-14-2 (1) 50-14-3 (b)(1)(A)
	Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property.	50-14-3(b)(1)(B)
	Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate.	50-14-3(b)(1)(C)
	Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote.	50-14-3(b)(1)(D)
	Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote.	50-14-3(b)(1)(E)
	Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee.	50-14-3(b)(2)
	Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of executive head of an agency.	50-14-3(b)(2)
V	Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege, a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved, and the matter discussed was <i>(identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion)</i>	50-14-2(1)
	Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.	50-14-3(a)(1)
	Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.	Article 4, Chapter 18 of Title 50

This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the official minutes of the aforementioned meeting.

This the _____ day of _____.

By: _____

Mayor, City of Garden City, Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the
above indicated date:

Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission expires: _____

(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

ORDINANCE 2024-

TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY 1143 & 1145 DEAN FOREST ROAD, LLC, AND LOCATED AT 5524 SILK HOPE ROAD, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1-0990-01-011) INTO THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE 2, OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED (THE “100% METHOD”); TO REZONE SAID PROPERTY TO A “R-2” ZONING CLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA:

Section 1: The following property owned by 1143 & 1145 Dean Forest Road, LLC, and contiguous to the City of Garden City, Georgia is hereby annexed into and is made a part of said City pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 36, Article 2, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (the “100% method”):

ALL that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land measuring 6.56 acres, more or less, situate, lying, and being in the 7th G.M. District of Chatham County, Georgia, shown and designated as Lot 1 on a plat entitled “Plat of a Subdivision of 49.86 Acres of Land in the 7th G.M.D. of Chatham County, GA, being a portion of Silk Hope Plantation, formerly known as the C.E. Daniel Tract,” prepared by Lester Land Surveying, dated April 25, 1981, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, in Plat Book 3-P, Page 146, said plat being incorporated herein by reference and being made a part hereof for better determining the metes bounds courses and distances of the subject property.

The above-described property is the same property that was conveyed to 1143 & 1145 Dean Forest Road, LLC, by Terry L. Wilkes and Marcia Wilkes pursuant to a Limited Warranty Deed dated November 15, 2022, filed for record, and recorded on January 11, 2023, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3002, Page 723.

Said property and the improvements located thereon are more commonly known as 5524 Silk Hope Road, Savannah, Georgia, and have been assigned a Tax Parcel Identification Number of 1-0990-01-011.

Section 2. The property herein annexed shall have a zoning classification of R-2.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of April, 2024. For ad valorem tax purposes, the annexation shall become effective on December 31, 2024.

Section 4. Within thirty (30) days following the last day of the quarter in which the annexation becomes effective, the City Clerk is instructed to send to Chatham County, Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, a report that includes certified copies of this Ordinance, the name of the county in which the property being annexed is located, the legal authority under which the annexation was accomplished, the enactment date and effective date of the annexation ordinance, and a letter from the City stating the intent to add the annexed area to census maps during the next regularly scheduled boundary and annexation survey of the City and stating that the survey map will be completed and returned to the Census Bureau.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of March, 2024, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City, Georgia.

RHONDA FERRELL-BOWLES,
Clerk of Council

RECEIVED AND APPROVED THIS 19th day of March, 2024.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor

Read first time:

Read second time and passed:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE FY2024 ADOPTED BUDGET STAFFING LEVEL OF THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL-TIME PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR IN THE CITY'S PLANNING, ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in its adoption of the FY2024 Budget, the City Council approved a Staffing Level Chart for the City providing the staffing levels for each of the funds and departments of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend said Staffing Level Chart of the General Fund to add a full-time Planning & Economic Development Director position for the Planning, Zoning & Building Department as reflected in Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, the approximate total salary and benefits cost for the full-time Planning & Economic Development Director position is estimated at \$134,763.

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

- 1) That the City Council does hereby amend the FY2024 Budget Staffing Level of the General Fund to add a full-time Planning & Economic Development Director position to bring the total number of authorized full-time positions for the Planning, Zoning & Building Department to seven.
- 2) That the City Council does hereby instruct the Finance Director to make the increase adjustments to various certain funding levels in the FY2024 General Fund budget line items for salaries and benefits to reflect the changes in staffing level in order to balance the budget through the City's customary mid-year or end-of-the-year budget amendment process.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, this 1st day of April 2024.

RHONDA FERELL-BOWLES, Clerk of Council

Received and approved this 1st day of April 2024.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

**FY2024 Staffing Level Chart Amendment
General Fund (Planning, Zoning & Building Department)**

Planning, Zoning & Building	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Amended	Pay Status Budget
Director of Planning & Economic Development	0	0	1	Exempt
Chief Building Inspector	1	1	1	Exempt
Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer	0	1	1	Non-Exempt
Code Enforcement Officer	2	1	1	Non-Exempt
Zoning Administrator	1	1	1	Non-Exempt
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	Non-Exempt
Business License Tax Specialist / Code Enforcement	1	1	1	Non-Exempt
Total PZB FTE Staffing	6	6	7	