

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Monday, May 5, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Opening:** Councilmember Hall gave the invocation and Mayor Campbell led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

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

**Staff Members:** Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Director of Parks and Recreation; Carlos Nevarez, Interim Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning; Tonya Roper, Clerk of Council; and Andrew Guzman; IT Tech.

**Proclamation Presentation:** Mayor Campbell presented a proclamation designating May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month.

**Formal Public Comment:** No Formal Public Comment.

**Informal Public Comment:** Given no comments, Mayor Campbell closed the section for informal public comment.

**Addendum to the Agenda:** Mayor Campbell called for a motion to amend the agenda to add the resolution for consideration of Eminent Domain Notice. Councilmember Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add the matter concerning the eminent domain notice due to the City needing to purchase property in order to have a metering station to connect with City of Savannah's water as the City of Garden City is under a timeframe constraint to complete the process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lassiter and passes by all voting in favor of the motion.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup> Pre-Agenda Session and City Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morris. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

#### Items for Consideration

**First Reading – Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (0 3<sup>rd</sup> Street):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia to rezone from a zoning classification of "R-2" to "C-2A", known as Lot No. 21, Block K, Dundee Land Company Subdivision of Rossignol Hill, with an address of 0 Third Street, and currently owned by Todd F. Doyle; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to approve on the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion to approve. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council:** Councilmember Lassiter motioned to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passes without opposition.

**Second Reading – Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment (0 3<sup>rd</sup> Street):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia to rezone from a zoning classification of “R-2” to “C-2A”, known as Lot No. 21, Block K, Dundee Land Company Subdivision of Rossignol Hill, with an address of 0 Third Street, and currently owned by Todd F. Doyle; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve on the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion, the motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**First Reading – Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (38 Telfair Place):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia to rezone from a zoning classification of “C-1” to “C-2”, a 1.48 – acre parcel known as Lot 20, Plaza Industrial Park, Phase 1 with an address of 38 Telfair Place, and currently owned by JL Green Properties, Inc., to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve to on the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Ruiz seconded the motion to approve. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council:** Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to suspend the rule of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to approve on the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Daniel seconded the motion; the vote passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**First Reading – Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (181 Smith Avenue):** The Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia to

rezone from a zoning classification of "R-1" to "C-2", a 2.0- acre parcel known as Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 4 of the subdivision of Lot 106 and Lot 107, Industrial City Gardens, with an address of 181 Smith Avenue, and currently owned by Rochelle Ferguson; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve on the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion to approve. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council:** Councilmember Morris made a motion to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember Morris made the motion to approve on the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – Emergency Service Procurement:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to ratify emergency services for Savannah River Utilities Co., totaling \$101,565.00 for cleaning and reseeding the canal located between Pipken Avenue extending to Pipemakers Canal as a drainage improvement project using SPLOST funds.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Tice seconded the motion. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Resolution – Eminent Domain Notice:** The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council authorizing the City Attorney to give notice to all parties having an interest in that certain parcel of land measuring 20.176 sq. ft., more or less, known as Lot 1, Lot 3, and Lot 5, Block W. Dundee Subdivision, Garden City, Georgia, that on June 2, 2025, at 6:00pm at Garden City's City Hall at 100 Central Avenue, Garden City, Georgia, the Mayor and Council shall consider a resolution authorizing the City to exercise its power of eminent domain to purchase the property for the purpose of locating thereon a water meter station for measuring the quantities of water to be supplied to the City by the City of Savannah, Georgia through a connection in close proximity thereto on Highway 80; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:17pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passes without opposition.

*Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council*

*Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 05-19-25*