

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, May 19, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Members: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Parks and Recreation Director; Tonya Roper Clerk of Council; and Kyle Thomas; IT Tech.

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 the water meter station land purchase agreement. Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to amend the agenda to add the matter concerning the water meter station land purchase agreement due to the City needing to purchase property as the City of Garden City is under a timeframe constraint to complete the process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passes by all voting in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (The Venue – Ankur Patel): Receipt of public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application made by Ankur Patel to sell spirituous liquors by the drink, wines, beer, and/or malt beverages at Pankk, LLC (D/B/A The Venue) 1446 Dean Forest Road Suite B, Garden City, Georgia.

Chief Ballard stated the application process is complete.

Given no speakers for those in favor or opposition, Mayor Campbell closed the Public Hearing.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5th Pre-Agenda Session and City Council meeting minutes and the May 12th workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall. The motion passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

Items for Consideration

Resolution – City Hall Emergency Generator: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City of Garden City to purchase and install a new generator for City Hall to automatically provide power during electrical power outages; to authorize the City to solicit bids for such purchase and installation work; to authorize the City Manager to pay the successful bidder 5% of the contract price in advance of the commencement of the project work in order to mobilize resources; including labor, equipment, and materials, to the project site, and to fund the cost of project bonds; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution – Chatham County – Savannah MPC Service Agreement: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to approve a professional planning services agreement with the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission providing assistance to Garden City with updating the City's existing 2016-2036 Comprehensive Plan; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and to take such action as is necessary to carry out the terms and provisions thereof; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution – SPLOST 8 Project Funding: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to identify capital project initiatives for funding by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and to request the Board of Commissioners for Chatham County, Georgia to initiate the necessary actions to request and assure continuation of SPLOST as a source of funding.

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

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (The Venue – Ankur Patel): The Clerk of Council read the heading for consideration by the Mayor and Council of an alcoholic beverage license application made by Ankur Patel to sell spirituous liquors by the drink, wines, beer, and/or malt beverages at Pankk, LLC (D/B/A The Venue) 1446 Dean Forest Road Suite B, Garden City, Georgia.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

Resolution – Water Meter Station Land Purchase Agreement: The Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution for the Mayor and Council to purchase land owned by Stella Louise Anderson and Pamela M. Anderson located on Seventh Street off of Highway 80, with the intent to use the property to locate a new water meter station.

Councilmember Lassiter asked what is the finalization date for the purchase?

City Attorney stated the purchase will finalize in July.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ruiz second the motion. The vote passes with all voting in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: Mayor Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tice motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:08pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passes without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: The Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: The City Council on 06-02-25