

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Councilmember Cody offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Holder presided. **City Council Members:** Scott George, Mayor Pro-tem, Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody and Councilmember Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director

Mayor Holder said the City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment from the audience.

Reverend Gary Monroe, 46 Hawkinsville Road, invited City Council to attend the Garden City Homestead Association's 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said a parade, festival, and subsequent events are planned to celebrate this mile stone.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the informal comment portion of the meeting.

**Board & Commission Reports:**

Acting City Manager presented the Board of Appeals/Planning Commission minutes dated 2-11-14. He said this was the first Board of Appeals/Planning Commission meeting for our two new members.

**Public Hearing:**

**PC1401 - Zoning Text Classification Amendment:** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Mr. John Callen of Lamar Outdoor for a zoning text classification amendment to amend the Outdoor Advertising Section 90-174 (1) to eliminate the violation by allowing outdoor advertising signs in addition to other freestanding signs on property located in mixed use, commercial, or industrial zoning districts.

Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for the request.

Mr. John Callen, Representative for Lamar Outdoor Advertising, said we are asking City Council for a zoning text classification amendment to amend the Outdoor Advertising Section 90-174 (1). He said this would eliminate the violation by allowing outdoor advertising signs in addition to other freestanding signs on property located in mixed use, commercial, or industrial zoning districts.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any questions or anyone who wished to speak against the request.

There being no questions or anyone to speak against the request, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1401.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember George said at the last City Council meeting on February 3, 2014, I stated that the property on Highway 80 was purchased for City Hall. He said I would like the minutes from the 2/3/14 council meeting amended for the record to reflect that it was purchased by the City as an investment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated 2/3/14 as amended and the City Council Workshop Synopsis dated 2/10/14 as presented.

**Staff Reports:**

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report

Public Safety Director presented the Monthly Status Reports for the Police, Code Enforcement and Fire.

Councilmember Bethune said that a group of seniors at the Senior Center said that they don't see the police patrolling the old part of Garden City like they used to.

Chief Lyons said that there is an officer assigned to that zone. He said that officer stays in that zone and is patrolling the area unless he is called away for an accident, etc. He said that there is also a Duty Officer and Supervisor on watch.

Councilmember Bethune said the tractor trailers are not using the proper lane on Highway 80.

Chief Lyons said we will handle it.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the Police Department ever audits the company that collects the fines and forfeitures.

Chief Lyons said they provide us with a monthly statement and it has to match our figures. He said revenues are down, because we don't have the same officer strength we had in the past.

Councilmember George said I am continuing to see speeders on Azalea and Smith when the trains are blocking the tracks around 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. He said I would like you all to check to see that we have the proper speed limit signs in place so people will be aware of the speed limit in the neighborhood.

Councilmember George said some businesses are not keeping the lids shut on their dumpsters and they are overflowing. He said I would like to request that this be looked into to see what can be done.

Acting City Manager said I have this issue on the retreat workshop agenda for discussion.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council  
Approved by City Council 3/3/14*