

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Mayor Bethune offered the invocation and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey , Recreation Director and Ron Alexander, Planning & Zoning Director. Absent: Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief and Benny Googe, Public Works Director

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comments from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 2/1/16.

**Staff Reports:**

Director of Planning & Zoning presented the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's monthly report.

Mayor Bethune said acknowledged the Planning & Zoning Director for obtaining his State Fire Marshal's recertification/reaccreditation.

Mayor Bethune said that I am still seeing roll-out carts being left out by the curb. He said the vendor and/or staff may need to give out calendars so residents will know the collection schedule.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's monthly report.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's monthly report.

Fire Captain presented the Fire Department's monthly report.

**City Manager's Updates:** City Manager said the traffic signal at the intersection of Chatham Parkway and Telfair Place will start flashing on February 25 and will go active on March 1. He said the IT Director will notify the news media and Public Works will put out the digital sign to notify the public and the businesses in area.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Ordinance Amendment to Retirement Plan:** Clerk of Council read the second reading of an ordinance to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Garden City, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

City Manager said the effective date of this ordinance is March 1, 2016.

**Resolution, FY2015 General Fund Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the FY2015 General Operating Fund Budget to adjust for the differences between the originally budgeted and presently projected year-end revenues and expenditures for certain of the City's various budgets.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, FY2015 Enterprise Funds Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the FY2015 Budgets for the four enterprise funds; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected year-end revenues and expenses for certain of the various line items in the budgets of the four difference enterprise funds.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, FY2015 SPLOST Fund Year-End Budget Amendment:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the FY2015 SPLOST Fund Budget; to adjust for the differences between the originally adopted and presently projected year-end revenues and expenses for certain of the various line items in the SPLOST Fund Budget.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, HGB Engineering Services Agreement (Chatham Parkway Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements Design):** Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, to accept the proposal of Hussey Gay Bell, Consulting Engineers, for professional engineering services in connection with the design of roadway rehabilitation and drainage improvements along Chatham Parkway; to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with such engineering firm for the performance of only those certain phases of the project work relating to feasibility, analysis and design; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, Thomas & Hutton Engineering Services Agreement (Dean Forest Road/Prosperity Drive/Airport Road Improvements):** Clerk of Council read a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, to accept the proposal of Thomas & Hutton Engineers for professional engineering services in connection with the possible establishment of a secondary connector road accommodating traffic traveling between the intersection of Dean Forest Road and Pine Meadow Drive and Prosperity Drive; to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with such engineering firm for the performance of preliminary planning, design, and coordination services and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Re-appointments:** Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to re-appoint Ms. Nancy Cox, Mr. Bowen Jones and Reverend Gary Monroe to serve the City's Consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years and until their respective successors are appointed by City Council at Council's first regular meeting in January 2020.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Re-appointments:** Clerk of Council read a resolution to appoint Ms. Jennifer West to fill the seat formerly occupied by Ms. Bessie Kicklighter on the City's Consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission for a four (4) year term running until her successor is appointed by City Council at Council's first regular meeting in January 2020; and to appoint Dr. Jenecia Perry to said Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission to serve the remaining two (2) years of the four (4) year term of Mr. Rick Grace who vacated his seat on such body, said four (4) year term expiring when a successor is appointed by City Council at Council's first regular meeting in January 2018.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Bethune thanked Ms. Jennifer West and Dr. Jenecia Perry for offering to serve on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Resolution, Chatham Municipal Association:** Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, authorizing the furnishing of alcoholic beverages at the Chatham Municipal Association dinner meeting on March 2, 2016, subject to all the conditions set forth in said Code Section 6-4 (c) including, but not limited to, the requirements that a licensed and insured third party vendor serve the alcohol, and that the event adhere to all applicable federal or state laws, and local ordinances, related to the sale and use of alcohol.

Mayor Bethune said that Chief Lyons has secured a business that will sponsor and furnish the beer, wine, and staff for the event. He said no taxpayer monies will be used to furnish alcohol at the event.

Chief Lyons said I talked with Southern Eagle Distributors and they offered to furnish the alcohol and a bartender for the event.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

There being no further items on the agenda, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council*

*Approved by Council: 3/7/16*