

A G E N D A

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Andy Quinney Presiding

Opening

- **Devotional & Pledge**

Presentation

- **Award Presentation by Chief David Lyons**

Public Hearings

- **Telfair Road Closing:** Receipt of public comment on the closing of a section of Telfair Road that included the Telfair Road and Chatham Parkway Intersection.
- **Nelson Avenue Railroad Crossing Closing:** Receipt of public comment on the closing of a section of Nelson Avenue that includes the CSX Railroad Crossing.
- **PC0901, Zoning Map Amendment (Pages 1-4):** Receipt of public comment on a request by Larry Nikola, representing property owner Memorial Properties-Hillcrest Abbey West to rezone 1320 Dean Forest Road from R-1 to P-C-2. The Planning Commission at their January 13, 2009 meeting recommended approval of the rezoning.
- **Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application (Pages 5-9):** Receipt of public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager's application for Jeresia Steade to sell beer and/or malt beverages at El Taco Loco Mexican restaurant, 1550 F Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia 31408. The Police Department recommends approval.

Public Hearings (Continued)

- **An Act to Amend the Garden City Charter:** Receipt of public comment on an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended so as to reconstitute the governing authority of the City; to provide for council districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the Mayor and current Council members; to change the provisions relating to the regular expiration of terms of office of certain Council members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent Council members; to provide for a council-manager form of government vesting all powers of the City in a popularly elected council that appoints a professional city manager who is continuously responsible and removable at-will by Council; to provide compensation for Council members; to provide for the operation of administrative and service departments; to provide for the appointment of boards, commissions, authorities, and the city attorney; to change the effect of abstention voting by Council members; to provide for the submission of the City's operating and capital budgets to City Council by the City Manager; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. **(Charter Amendment enclosed)**

City Council Minutes

- **City Council Minutes (Pages 10-19):** Approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2009, city council meeting.

Zoning & Building Committee Report Gwyn Hall, Chairperson

- Report

Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report Judy Shuman, Chairperson

- Report

***Parks & Recreation Committee Report
Misty Selph, Chairperson***

- Report

***Fire Committee Report
Durward Motes, Chairperson***

- **First Reading, Access to Fire Hydrants & Fire Protection Equipment (Pages 20-22):** An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending section 34-38 of said Code to prohibit posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage and other materials or objects from being placed or kept near fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment or fire hydrants from being immediately discernible; to require that a three (3') foot clear space be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants except as otherwise required or approved; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

***Police committee Report
Bessie Kicklighter, Chairperson***

- **Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application:** Consideration of an alcoholic beverage license manager application for Jeresia Steade to sell beer and/or malt beverages at El Taco Loco Mexican Restaurant 1150 F. Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia 31408. The Police Department recommends approval. *(Reference Public Hearing Pages 5-9)*

***Public Works Committee Report
Tennyson Holder, Chairperson***

- Report

Water/Sewer Committee Report
Bowen Jones, Chairperson

- Report

City Administrator Report
Brian Johnson, City Administrator

- **Second Reading, Stormwater Rate Ordinance (Pages 23-35):** Second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Article V, pertaining to stormwater management, as amended, so as to establish and set up a stormwater utility rate structure and billing rate; to provide for definitions; to provide for stormwater utility customer classes; to establish user fees; to provide for exemptions; to provide for credits; to provide for billing, delinquencies, collections, and adjustments; to provide for appeals and hearings; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
- **Resolution, Charter Amendment (Page 36):** A resolution to amend the city charter so as to provide for council districts pursuant to State Districting Plan “gc08p5”, a council-manager form of government, and compensation for Council members. The Mayor and Council shall seek the passage of a local bill by the Georgia State Legislature for the purpose of effecting the referenced changes to the city’s charter. (Charter Amendment “Exhibit A” An Act is enclosed)
- **Resolution, Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund (Pages 37-38):** A resolution to set up the budget for a new enterprise fund in FY09. The Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund will reflect the budgeted expenses and projected revenues anticipated to be disbursed and received, respectively in FY09.
- **Resolution, FY09 Budget (Pages 39-40):** A resolution to amend the FY09 General Operating Fund to adjust for the differences between the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues and expenditure for certain of the City’s various budgets.
- **Resolution, Establishment of Qualifying Fee (Page 41):** A resolution to fix a qualifying fee of \$25.00 for City Council for the upcoming general election in November 2009.
- **Election Resolution (Page 42):** A resolution to designating The Board of Election of Chatham County, Georgia, to perform all duties as the municipal superintendent of elections in Garden City, Georgia, with the exception of the qualification of candidates which shall be the responsibility of the Clerk of Council, and that the Chatham County Board of Registrars perform the duties of absentee ballot clerk.

City Administrator Report (Continued)
Brian Johnson, City Administrator

- **Resolution, Public Sale of Real Property & Public Hearing Relating to a New City Hall:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden City, Georgia to authorize the public sale of real property and the holding of a public hearing relating to the construction of a new city hall at Garden City Town Center. ***(Documents will be provided at the Pre-Agenda Session)***

- **Consideration of designating and authorizing Brian L. Johnson, City Administrator to execute the loan agreement, the note and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the loan agreement between the City and BB&T Bank.**

City Attorney Report
James P. Gerard, City Attorney

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Mayor Report
Andy Quinney, Mayor

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