

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**August 14th, 2017**

Attendees: Mayor Oswalt, Councilmember Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember McDuffie, Police Lieutenant Brannon, City Attorney John O'Neill, Community Services Director, City Clerk, and the City Manager. In addition, in attendance were Jared Lombard from the Atlanta Regional Committee, Steering Committee Members Beverly Wilson, Eleanor Gilbert, and Terry Hunt.

### **5:30 PM Special Called Public Hearing:**

The Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers and opened with Mayor Oswalt stating he appreciated the ARC's participation in the comprehensive plan process. The City Manager thanked the Steering Committee Members in attendance Beverly Wilson, Eleanor Gilbert and Terry Hunt. Jared Lombard of the Atlanta Regional Commission stated Lake City was a pilot city for the ARC five years ago and will be again as the city goes through the Comprehensive Plan update. One of the challenges for the City of Lake City is that it does not have a town center or a downtown space.

### **6:00 PM Work Session:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Oswalt at 6:00 PM.

The City Manager presented a proposal pertaining to the feasibility study for the proposed Southlake/I75 Community Improvement District. The study will cost a total of \$50,000.00 dollars and will be divided between Clayton County, Morrow, Lake City and Forest Park. The amount asked to be approved was \$7,000.00 by the city manager. This would allow flexibility in the event one of the entities did not approve their portion of the fee. The Mayor asked for a motion and Councilmember Sowell made a motion to cap the amount to be paid at \$5,000.00. Councilmember Hoover asked why he didn't make a motion for the \$7,000.00 that was asked for. Councilmember Sowell stated the \$5,000.00 was what was needed and that if additional monies were needed the city manager could present it to the council. Councilmember Hoover then seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The second item for discussion was the possible refinancing of the city hall government complex. The city manager advised the Mayor and Council that refinancing city hall for ten years would reduce the payment by half but would increase the overall amount paid by \$265,000.00. The Mayor and Council decided to wait before taking action on this item. A motion was made by Councilmember Sowell and seconded by Councilmember McDuffie. The item was passed unanimously.

### **7:00 PM City Council Session:**

**Call to order:** Mayor Oswalt at 7:00 PM

**Invocation:** Tim Harris

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDuffie to approve the minutes of the previous council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business: N/A**

**Police Report:**

The police report was presented by Lieutenant Brannon. Lieutenant Brannon stated the Police Department had conducted training pertaining to the new requirements by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council. This training included de-escalation training and community policing and use of force. The Mayor asked if there was an agreement between law enforcement agencies in Clayton County in the event of a large demonstration. Lieutenant Brannon stated he was not aware of any formal agreement but he knew that an event like that would get the cooperation of all county law enforcement agencies.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sowell and seconded by Councilmember McDuffie with a unanimous vote of yes to adjourn. Council adjourned at 7:09 PM