



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES- Work Session Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:42 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman was absent at the time of roll call. All other members of council were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Inman arrived at 6:02 pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion - made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the November 17th work session with the removal of item A and replace it with extended business hours' discussion. Councilmember Wynn second.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discussion Items

a. For Discussion - T-Mobile Grant - Senator Tonya Peterson

Item changed to extended business hours for a few of the businesses located on main street.

Councilmember Sheppard stated that she would like the businesses to be successful but she was not comfortable with businesses remaining open until four (4) am. Councilmember Wynn stated she had concerns about the effects the loud music could have on citizens with certain conditions. Councilmember Honore stated that ordinances had been changed in order to combat the noise and the size of the city causes concern for the extended hours. Councilmember Sheppard stated she had concerns about becoming known for "after hours spots."

Councilmember Howard stated that the council has given grace and extended the hours to 2 am but does not see a need to extend those hours at this time.

b. For Discussion - 2026 Meeting and Holiday Calendars - Ashley Waters, City Clerk

Ashley Waters, city clerk, presented the 2026 meeting and holiday calendars. There were two suggested changes made that include July 3rd as the observed

holiday for July 4th and the addition of October 12th for Columbus Day.

- c. For Discussion - Evasive Vine Ordinance - Councilmember Diane Howard

Councilmember Diane Howard asked that council take a look at the ordinance and implement a program to control the kudzu issue in the city. There were suggestions to contact DeKalb County about helping to tackle the kudzu invasive vine issue around the city. Honore suggested maintaining just 20 feet from a public spaces.

- d. For Discussion - Vacant Properties on Main Street - Councilmember Diane Howard

Councilmember Diane Howard requested the vacant properties for the businesses on main street. Chief DeJarnette gave some details regarding the process of imposing additional taxes on blighted properties.

- e. For Discussion - Masonic Lodge - Councilmember Diane Howard

This will be discussed during executive session.

V. Executive Session (If Necessary)

Motion - made by Councilmember Howard to enter executive session for Real Estate. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - made by Councilmember Sheppard exit executive session and return to the regular work session. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Motion - made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:18 pm.

Attest:


Ashley Waters, City Clerk




Shameka S. Reynolds, Mayor

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