



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Council Meeting
Monday August 4, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:38 pm.

Councilmember Wynn and Councilmember Inman were absent at the time of roll call. All other members of the council were present.

Councilmember Wynn arrived at 5:43pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the August 4, 2025, council meeting agenda. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Public Comments

Doug Thompkins, Flavaz Barbershop owner, gave a public comment as a member of the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority. He provided details of an upcoming comedy event to be held in the city.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. For Decision – Annexation Resolution - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette explained the process of annexation by resolution. He explained that the plan for annexation must be announced 90 days prior to the vote and today is 90 days prior. The vote will be placed on the ballot for the November 4th election.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to approve the resolution for annexation. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Updates

Councilmember Howard stated she attended the Bruce Street Recreation Center meeting and inquired about SPLOST funds approved in a previous meeting. She also stated that other cities offer services to remediate the kudzu issues they face. She asked Chief Dejarnette to investigate some possibilities as the city of Lithonia is seeing more kudzu.

Councilmember Honore gave an update on the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority's Comedy event. He stated the Friday and Sunday show tickets sales are high and the Saturday show has low ticket sales. There was also discussion about 2026 activities to be discussed in an upcoming work session. This would include a possible kickball tournament.

Councilmember Sheppard did not have an update.

Councilmember Wynn stated that there is concern about a tree almost down at Pine Mountain and Smokey Row. She stated that she discussed the concern with the Public Works team but the tree has not been taken care of.

Doug Thompkins, Lithonia Downtown Development Authority member, asked that Code Enforcement provide a list of the owners of vacant buildings on Main Street. He also provided information on illegal event centers located in the city and mentioned that some businesses are experiencing mold and water leakage from ceilings. He asked that code enforcement investigate the vacant properties in the city.

VIII. Executive Session

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to exit executive session. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

No action taken.

IX. Adjournment

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Attest:



Ashley Waters, City Clerk





Shameka S. Reynolds, Mayor

