



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
March 27, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldermen Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Aldерman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:
Interim City Manager Patrick C. Monahan
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd
Deputy Assistant to the Mayor Marty Johnston
Director of Public Communications Nick Zoller
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

The Special Called Meeting was held at 3:08 p.m. via a Conference Call (1-425-436-6365=Access Code 109735). The invocation was offered by Aldерwoman Gibson-Carter.

Opening Remarks by Mayor Johnson:

Mayor Johnson stated not much has changed since last night. The Georgia statistics in reference to the coronavirus was stated.

The City Manager cited the appropriated steps that will be taken for violators not adhering to the Declaration, effective Monday, March 30, 2020. Code Enforcement staff will go to local businesses to make sure they are complying.

Aldermen gave comments in the round-robin fashion:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz – asked for updates on water utility payments, especially for the elderly.
- Aldерwoman Gibson-Carter – citizens should be informed that utilities will still be charged but will not be disconnected if not paid. Citizens should be mindful of conserving utilities while at home during the pandemic. She is concerned with businesses not complying with social distancing and how citizens can report such businesses. Citizens want to know if they call 311 can they remain anonymous if they report a non-complying business.
- Aldерwoman Miller Blakely – asked that Mayor Johnson reiterate how beauty, barber and nail salons should comply and asked how the City is assisting with the homeless issue.



- Alderwoman Lanier – receiving calls from citizens on where to call for updated information. Some citizens are asking for more clarification on the Emergency Declaration, especially the code section.
- Alderman Leggett – thanked Mayor Johnson for coming out to the shooting last night in District 3 with a business that was non-complying. He is concerned with citizens operating open barbecue cooking.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan – thanked Mayor Johnson for his continued work and added her continued support. She asked if the information Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for concerning a Board Appointment was confirmed.
- Alderman Palumbo – asked Mayor Johnson for an update on what’s happening in Chatham County and the surrounding municipalities.
- Alderman Purtee – continues to get phone calls from businesses concerning complying. Asked the City Manager for the total dollar amount for late fees for the water utilities.

Closing:

Mayor Johnson’s office is receiving a lot of calls and they are answering the calls as quickly as possible.

Mayor Johnson thanked all in attendance and encouraged the public and staff to stay vigilant and safe.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____