



**CITY OF RICHMOND HILL
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023
6:00 PM**

**City of Richmond Hill Council Chambers
40 Richard Davis Drive | Richmond Hill, GA 31324**

Present from City Council: Russ Carpenter, *Mayor*; *Councilmembers:* Kristi Cox, Les Fussell, Steve Scholar, and Robbie Ward

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmember Cox gave the opening invocation and Councilmember Fussell led the pledge of allegiance.

BADGE PINNING CEREMONY FOR RHPD SERGEANT OWEN GRAHAM

RHPD Captain Steve Potts announced the promotion of Owen Graham to RHPD Sergeant and he was officially pinned at that rank.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Councilmember Scholar a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of **meeting December 6, 2022**
Approval of Minutes of **workshop December 20, 2022**
Approval of Minutes of **special called meeting December 20, 2022**
Approval of Minutes of **call around vote December 28, 2022**
Approval/Disapproval of Amendment #1 to EOM Operations agreement
Approval/Disapproval of list of roads for speed detection

Councilmember Fussell a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

PLANNING AND ZONING, Randy Dykes

Board of Zoning Appeals

Public Hearing

Entered into Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

A petition has been filed with the City of Richmond Hill by Jose Torres with Imaging Solutions USA on behalf of Chevron requesting a variance to Article 16, Section 16.12 of the Unified Development Ordinance, on approved sign colors in an overlay district. The property is zoned C-1, General Commercial District and is located at 2476 Hwy 17, map and parcel 0531-016.

Mr. Jose Torres spoke for this petition; no one spoke against it.

Concluded Public Hearing at 6:11 PM.

Variance

Approval/disapproval of the petition filed with the City of Richmond Hill by Jose Torres with Imaging Solutions USA on behalf of Chevron requesting a variance to Article 16, Section 16.12 of the Unified Development Ordinance, on approved sign colors in an overlay district. The property is zoned C-1, General Commercial District and is located at 2476 Hwy 17, map and parcel 0531-016.

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to conditionally approve the petition filed with the City of Richmond Hill by Jose Torres with Imaging Solutions USA on behalf of Chevron requesting a variance to Article 16, Section 16.12 of the Unified Development Ordinance, on approved sign colors in an overlay district with the following conditional language: use of the blue color with the removal of the existing pole sign and the construction of a monument sign with brick face. The property is zoned C-1, General Commercial District and is located at 2476 Hwy 17, map and parcel 0531-016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

City Council

ARB/Planning Commission Verbal Report

Planning Director Dykes provided a verbal report update on recent ARB and Planning Commission approvals.

Approval/disapproval of the reappointments of Lloyd “Triple” Cooper and Charles Blanks to Planning Commission

Councilmember Fussell made a motion to approve the reappointments of Lloyd “Triple” Cooper and Charles Blanks to Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

Approval/disapproval of the reappointment of Jack Giddens to ARB/HPC

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve the reappointments of Jack Giddens to ARB/HPC. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented or discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Carpenter said "Go Dawgs" to honor the University of Georgia's recent back-to-back football championship win. Councilmember Cox praised the Christmas events held in December 2022 that were organized by staff and volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

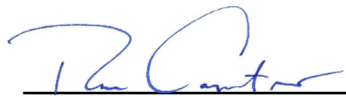
No public comments were made.

CITY MANAGER


No topics or agenda items were presented or discussed.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 6:25 PM in a motion by Councilmember Fussell. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

Attest:



Russ Carpenter
Mayor



Dawnne Greene
City Clerk