



CITY OF RICHMOND HILL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

**Richmond Hill City Hall Council Chambers
40 Richard Davis Drive
Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324**

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

Staff Present: Chris Lovell, *City Manager*; Scott Allison, *Assistant City Manager*; Dawnne Greene, *City Clerk*; Mitch Shores, *Police Chief*, and Brendon Greene, *Fire Chief*.

Pre-agenda session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and closed at 6:35 p.m. No decisions were made.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Mayor Carpenter presented several CTE students with the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS: February 1-29, 2020, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education gives High school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW THEREFORE, I Russ Carpenter, Mayor of Richmond Hill, Georgia do hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2020, as **Career and Technical Education Month** in Richmond Hill, Georgia and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits

offered by the career and technical education programs in the this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Richmond Hill, GA this 4th day of February, 2020.

Approval of Minutes of meeting **January 21, 2020**

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration: Dawnne Greene

1. Approval/Disapproval of a request by Shannon Baughman of Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation to serve beer and wine only on the Pavilion for an annual oyster roast on March 7, 2020.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to approve a request by Shannon Baughman of Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation to serve beer and wine only on the Pavilion for an annual oyster roast on March 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ott. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

Fire: Chief Brendon Greene

1. Approval/Disapproval of an amendment to the ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, Chapter 38 – Fire Prevention and Protection; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve an amendment to the ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, Chapter 38 – Fire Prevention and Protection; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scholar. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

RHFD was commended for their recent reading event, which provided community engagement.

Finance: Bob Whitmarsh

1. Approval/Disapproval of November 2019 financials

Councilmember Ott made a motion to approve the November 2019 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

2. Approval/Disapproval of December 2019 financials

Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the December 2019 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ott. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement: Scott Allison

1. Planning Commission / Architectural Review Board Verbal Report

Mr. Allison stated that the Architectural Review Board reviewed site plan for an Airstream / recreational vehicle dealer. Planning Commission reviewed building elevation for Bocook Realty property and signage for Plum’s and Express Oil.

CITY MANAGER TOPICS

1. Approval/Disapproval of a resolution authorizing adoption of the 2019 Bryan County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing adoption of the 2019 Bryan County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ott. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Ward and Scholar.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HILL PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BRYAN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2019

WHEREAS, Bryan County and its municipal governments are required to update their Hazard Plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that update Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal Mitigation Funding; and

WHEREAS, Bryan County and its municipal governments have completed a Plan Update of their Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Now, therefore let it be resolved, that the City of Richmond Hill formally adopts this Bryan County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Karen (Boles) Grant, a representative of the Boles family, stated that her family recently gathered and discussed the recent Boles Park approval. On behalf of her family, she requested to see the complete picture of how the park will look in its entirety. Councilmember Scholar mentioned that a mural highlighting the Boles family achievements might be considered for inclusion.

Ms. Donna Borowinc, a resident of 199 Spruce Street, requested the assistance of Mayor and Council with her request that a fence be required between Lamar Smith’s businesses and a historic Blueberry neighborhood. City staff has been speaking with Mr. Smith about a berm and Mayor Carpenter requested staff to continue working towards this solution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M. in a motion by Councilmember Ward. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

Attest:

Russ Carpenter, Mayor

Dawne Greene, City Clerk