



CITY OF RICHMOND HILL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Tuesday, February 18, 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 5:37 p.m. and closed at 6:42 p.m. No decisions were made.

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Herbert Quiller gave the invocation, and Eagle Scouts Falls, Schell and Votava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carpenter recognized Karen Krupp (School Board member), Johnny Miller (Pembroke councilmember), Boy Scouts representatives and members of the NAACP for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of meeting **February 4, 2020**

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION TO ETHAN FRANK FALLS, TYLER SCOTT SCHELL AND JAMES ROGER VOTAVA

In recognition of: Achievement of Eagle Scout Rank

WHEREAS: the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, and has grown to be a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS: one of the major objectives in the Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement, and in addition to working for citizenship merit badges, Scouts are actively involved in community service projects such as Salvation Army Christmas Bag Campaign, clean-up projects, paper drives, civic ceremonies, and parades; and

WHEREAS: we appreciate the achievements and service of Eagle Scout Falls, a resident of this community and a member of Troop 486;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russ Carpenter, Mayor of the City of Richmond Hill, do tender this Proclamation of Recognition to Eagle Scout Falls, for successfully achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2020.

RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926 and Black History Month grew out of this establishment; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 national theme for the observance is “African Americans and the Vote;” and speaks to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, this theme also speaks to the rise of black elected and appointed officials at the local and national levels, campaigns for equal rights legislation, as well as their role in traditional and alternative political parties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens—past, present, and future—are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Russ Carpenter, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Richmond Hill and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2020.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration: Dawne Greene

1. Approval/Disapproval of a request by Jeff Powell to serve **beer and wine only** at the Pavilion for a birthday party on February 22, 2020.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to approve a request by Jeff Powell to serve beer and wine only at the Pavilion for a birthday party on February 22, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ott. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

2. Approval/Disapproval of a request by Maria Ortiz to serve **beer and wine only** at the Wetlands Center for a baby shower on March 14, 2020.

Councilmember Ott made a motion to approve a request by Maria Ortiz to serve beer and wine only at the Wetlands Center for a baby shower on March 14, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

3. Approve/Disapprove a request from Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce to use J.F. Gregory Park for the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival for November 6-8, 2020.

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve a request from Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce to use J.F. Gregory Park for the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival for November 6-8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

4. Approve/Disapprove a request from the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce to serve beer and wine only at the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival on November 6, 2020 and November 7, 2020.

Councilmember Ott made a motion to approve a request from the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce to serve beer and wine only at the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival on November 6, 2020 and November 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

Fire: Chief Brendon Greene
Monthly report submitted.

Police: Chief Mitch Shores
Monthly report submitted.

Public Works: Charlie Heino, EOM
Monthly report submitted.

1. Approval/Disapproval of a resolution to surplus equipment

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve a resolution to surplus equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Scholar and Ward.

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement: Scott Allison

Board of Zoning Appeals Items

Entered into Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and went back into open session at 7:16 p.m.

Public Hearing

1. A petition has been filed with the City of Richmond Hill by **Magnolia Coastal Properties** requesting a variance to Article 7, Section 7.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to allow a zero side setback for the construction of a pergola. The two properties included in the variance request are 10610 Ford Avenue and 31 Constitution Way. Both properties are zoned C-2, Downtown Commercial. Map & Parcel numbers 0532123 and 053212301.

Councilmember Scholar recused himself.

Variance

1. Approval/Disapproval of the petition filed with the City of Richmond Hill by **Magnolia Coastal Properties** requesting a variance to Article 7, Section 7.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to allow a zero side setback for the construction of a pergola. The two properties included in the variance request are 10610 Ford Avenue and 31 Constitution Way. Both properties are zoned C-2, Downtown Commercial. Map & Parcel numbers 0532123 and 053212301.

Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the petition filed with the City of Richmond Hill by Magnolia Coastal Properties requesting a variance to Article 7, Section 7.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to allow a zero side setback for the construction of a pergola. The two properties included in the variance request are 10610 Ford Avenue and 31 Constitution Way. Both properties are zoned C-2, Downtown Commercial. Map & Parcel numbers 0532123 and 053212301. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott and Ward.

Councilmember Scholar rejoined the meeting.

City Council Items

1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) January Report

CITY MANAGER TOPICS

Councilmember Ward recused himself.

1. Approval/Disapproval of a resolution authorizing the financing of a new fire truck through a lease/purchase agreement to be entered into with South State Bank.

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the financing of a new fire truck through a lease/purchase agreement to be entered into with South State Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott and Scholar.

Councilmember Ward rejoined the meeting.

2. Approval/Disapproval for allocating 2020 LMIG of \$132,167.41, 30% general fund match of \$39,650.22, and 2020 SPLOST VII of \$250,000 to fund improvements to the following streets: 1. Bald Eagle Road (Piercefield); 2. Glenmary West (Mulberry); 3. Glenmary East (Mulberry); 4. Cherokee Street (The Bottom); 5. North Oak Drive (Richmond Heights); 6. Hill Street (Richmond Heights); and 7. Spruce Street (Blueberry).

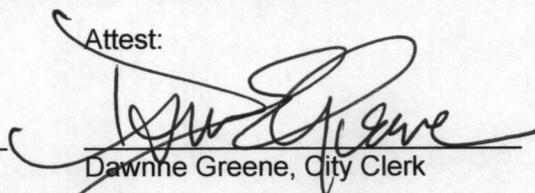
Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve allocating 2020 LMIG of \$132,167.41, 30% general fund match of \$39,650.22, and 2020 SPLOST VII of \$250,000 to fund improvements to the following streets: 1. Bald Eagle Road (Piercefield); 2. Glenmary West (Mulberry); 3. Glenmary East (Mulberry); 4. Cherokee Street (The Bottom); 5. North Oak Drive (Richmond Heights); 6. Hill Street (Richmond Heights); and 7. Spruce Street (Blueberry). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ott. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Cox, Ott, Ward and Scholar.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 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.



Russ Carpenter, Mayor

Attest:



Dawnhe Greene, City Clerk