



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

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021
7:00 PM**

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

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

Staff Present: Chris Lovell, *City Manager*; Scott Allison, *Assistant City Manager*; Dawnne Greene, *City Clerk*; Derrick Cowart, *Finance Director*; Mitch Shores, *Police Chief*

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chief Shores gave the opening invocation. Councilmember Fussell led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF THE "FRIEND OF THE CITY" AWARD TO MAJOR DAVID BLIGE WITH THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mayor Carpenter and Bryan County Sheriff Mark Crowe presented the award to Major Blige for his tireless commitment to protecting and serving the Richmond Hill community.

RECOGNITION OF RHHS WRESTLING TEAM FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Carpenter recognized each member of the RHHS Wrestling Team and its coaches.

RECOGNITION OF MAY AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Mayor Carpenter presented the proclamation on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting April 6, 2021
2. Approval of Minutes of Workshop April 20, 2021
3. Approval/Disapproval of \$67,500 from SPLOST VII for park improvements
4. Approval/Disapproval of a SPLOST Reallocation from Timber Trail Bridge Engineering Services to Basin 4 Engineering Services
5. Approval/Disapproval of a request by Mattie L. Wright for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption at Local on the 17 located at 4040 US-17
6. Approval/Disapproval of a request by Mattie L. Wright for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption at Bella Mia Italian Kitchen located at 10747 Ford Avenue
7. Approval/Disapproval of a resolution to accept Amendment 1 to the restated GMA 401(a) defined contribution plan

Councilmember Fussell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward. Motion carried in the affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

CITY MANAGER, Chris Lovell

1. Appointment of a planning commissioner

Councilmember Fussell made a motion to nominate Mr. Chris Raiford to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scholar. Motion carried in the affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

2. Executive session for **legal matters**

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. We will have a Memorial Ceremony in-person on Monday, May 31st at 11:00 a.m. in J.F. Gregory Park.
2. Our annual Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at J.F. Gregory Park, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Music by the Swingin' Medallions, fireworks, food, inflatables and more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to enter into closed session for legal matters at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the

affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward. Councilmember Scholar made a motion to return to open session at 7:56 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

Councilmember Scholar made a motion to approve the Resolution to Enter into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 7:58 PM in a motion by Councilmember Ward. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by councilmembers Fussell, Scholar, and Ward.

Attest:

Russ Carpenter
Mayor

Dawnne Greene
City Clerk