

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE,
ROSLYN PALMER, SYLVIA WASHINGTON, AND DON
WHALEY

CITY STAFF: INTERIM CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL,
LISA TAYLOR, ASHLEY DONALSON, FRANK GREEN,
AND REDELL WALTON.

GUESTS: JAMIER COOPER, LENDA SMART, ALLEN GAINES,
BOBBY WASHINGTON, JACKIE DIXON, LORENE A.
FREEMAN, DEBORAH A. JONES, CALVIN DAVIS,
GEORGE TUCKER, PEGGY GAINES, MILDRED CONYERS,
ROGER WILLIS, ODELL WASHINGTON, PATRICK JONE,
MARCIE GUYTON, TYNESESE BUTLER, JANET K.
MCCARLE, MELVIN LUMPKIN, DONNA BARBER, DAVID
BARBER, LORA AKINS, DELORIS JACKSON, THOMAS
JACKSON III, STEVE BENCH, LTORIA GREEN,
CHARLENE WALKER, GEORGIA JACKSON, PAUL FRYER,
SANDRA CALHOUN, LAURA "SUGAR" WHITE,
BRITTANY GURIS, PAMELA R. BENSON, JONATHAN
PYLES, JOSEPHINE H. WALKER, VALERIE BUNCE

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilwoman Washington gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Hearing from no one, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE – *Number 619 Lodging Tax*

City Councilman Don Whaley made a motion to enter a public hearing and it was seconded by Councilman Close. The City Council voted 6-0 in favor of opening the public hearing. Mayor Reynold asked Mr. Oliver to summarize the amendment to the ordinance and he explained how this amendment would adjust the lodging tax from 5% to 8% beginning September 1, 2024, and can only be used in the Chaon Park Development District. Hearing from no one, Councilwoman Sylvia Washington made a motion to end the public hearing and that motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bench. There was a 6-0 vote in favor of ending the public hearing.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENDING ORDINANCE – *Number 619 Lodging Tax*

Councilman Don Whaley made a motion to adopt the amendment to the ordinance and increase hotel/motel tax to 8%. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sylvia Washington and Council voted 6-0 to amend the ordinance.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

Interim City Manager Oliver presented the council with the following alcoholic beverage license applications:

Applicant Dixitheumar Patel, owner of Vishal Management, LLC dba Woodbridge, located at 1100 E. Shotwell Street, has applied for a malt beverage and wine package license.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 6-0 to approve the alcoholic beverage license applications as presented.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended the following slate of names to the Hospital Authority for their open board seat. Glennie Bench, Cile Warr, and Olivia Warren names were presented to the Council with Councilwoman Washington making a motion to accept the three names and her motion was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer. The Council voted in favor, 5-0, with Councilwoman Bench recusing herself from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

BY:

EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK