

**City Council Meeting
June 3, 2024
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson. All Council Members are present: Alexis Boles, Richard Bracknell, Hiley Miller, Casey Russom, Howard Walden.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: This was done at the 4:30PM committees meeting.

Public Comments: N/A

Recognition of the 12U “Hammer Throw” GRPA State Champion from the 2024 Temple Rec Track Team Isiah Harris, Jr. was recognized for his accomplishment by Mayor Michael Johnson and Recreation Director Ingrid McKinley.

Approval of Agenda, as presented: Mayor Micheal Johnson stated that based on the discussions during the committees meeting, he is recommending amending the agenda to include the following three additional items:

- 14. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Bernard Health for implementation of the Bernie Portal for employee benefits and payroll services.
- 15. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Akins Consulting, LLC for financial consulting services including audit preparation beginning with the FY2023 audit.
- 16. Approve SPLOST 2021 funding for the fencing project behind Field 4 and the concessions building #2, not to exceed \$8,000.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve an amended agenda which includes items# 14,15 & 16 listed above, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

May 6, 2024 City Council Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the May 6, 2024 minutes, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

Announcements: N/A

Consent Agenda: N/A

New Business

1. Hold a 2nd public hearing and then consider adoption of the R-6 zoning requirement for onsite management.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this requirement.

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to adopt the ordinance with the R-6 zoning requirement for onsite management, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

2. Hold a 2nd public hearing and then consider adoption of the Single-family Design Standards modifications.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against the modifications to the design standards. The public hearing was closed.

Council Member Walden asked if once this is approved, if all permits going forward would adhere to these design standards like no water heaters in the garage, etc. Community Development Director Deidra Walker stated that this would be for any development that has not been approved yet. He asked for clarification on if that means the developments that haven't been approved or the permits that haven't been approved. Ms. Walker explained if it is a single family home it would be required to follow these standards, but if it is a development that has already been approved prior to this date they don't have to follow these standards. When asked about Lakeside, the final plat for phase one has already been approved, therefore, they do not have to follow these standards. The other phases which have not been approved yet, will have to follow the new design standards.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adopt the Single-Family Design Standards modifications, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

3. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the Temple Planning Commission's May 14, 2024, recommendation (4-0) to approve the **Rezoning** of **Parcel #T02 0040008 on the corner of James Street and Hwy 78, 197 W 78 Hwy, from (R-2) Single-family Detached Residential to (CG) General Commercial as requested by Danny & Ann Bracknell, Landlot 173, District 6, a total of 0.25 acres.**

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against this rezoning request. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the Rezoning request of Parcel #T02 0040008 from Single-Family Detached Residential (R-2) to General Commercial (GC), second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

4. Authorize the re-issuance of the Museum – Phase I RFP.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to re-issue the Museum Phas I RFP, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

5. Receive information on the proposals received for the Banking RFP issued on April 25, 2024, with bid award consideration.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to go with the staff recommendation of continuing to use Synovus Bank for the City's banking services, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

6. Authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 with Magnum Paving Company on the street resurfacing project of Arbor Landing/Webster Lake/Lakeland Park to include School House Trace with the funding to include rooftop fees from the developer of School House Trace in the amount of \$32,500 and the remaining funds from LMIG in the amount of \$46,478.43 for a total of \$78,978.43.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 with Magnum Paving Company to include School House Trace with the funding to include rooftop fees from the developer of School House Trace in the amount of \$32,500, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

7. Approve the request by Matt Roden, KRG, for a Special Event Permit to hold an event downtown Temple on July 6, 2024.

Matt Roden was present at the meeting to answer questions. He stated that he hopes to have the event from 10:00AM-7:00PM, there will be a farmers market and vendors. He explained it is not a City event, no money is coming from tax payers. He has paid the special event permit fee, he thought that would cover the costs of officers, but stated that he will pay for his own security. Chief Lee stated it would be a minimum of \$50 an hour for his officers to work the event. He also explained that there would need to be approval from GDOT to shut down the road since it is a state highway.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the request for the special event permit, pending the approval from GDOT to shut down the road, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 5-0.

8. Discussion with possible acceptance of the lakeside parcel donation by Johnny Blankenship to the City of Temple.

Mayor Johnson explained that this was discussed at the Committees meeting. There was further discussion and concerns about the mail kiosk being part of the property donated to the City. It was decided that the City would only accept the property donation, if the mail kiosk could be split out of the property.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the parcel donation only if the mail kiosk is cut out of the property, with all expenses to separate out the kiosk to be paid by the owner of the property, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

9. Authorize the City Administrator to make the change from Georgia Municipal Association's health benefits program to the First Health Network as presented by Blake Butler with Team SJB providing coverage to city employees starting September 1, 2024.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to approve the change from GMA's health benefits program to First Health Network; second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

Council Member Bracknell explained that this type of change can be stressful and he wants to make sure that all employees have the opportunity, on City time, to be given an explanation of the new program and to ask any questions that they have regarding the insurance. City Administrator Lisa Jacobson stated that meetings will be set up with Blake Butler so that all employees have an opportunity to attend on City time and ask any questions that they have.

10. Approve VC3 to set up the rugged laptop computers for patrol usage in an amount not to exceed \$11,584.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to approve VC3 to set up the rugged laptop computers for patrol usage, not to exceed \$11,584 with the funds coming from the 2024 Capital Budget.

11. Authorize Recreation Director Ingrid McKinley to issue a Request for Proposals for renovations to the Luke Powell Pavilion.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the Recreation Director Ingrid McKinley to issue a Request for Proposals for renovations to the Powell Luke Pavilion, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 5-0.

12. Approve the purchase of furniture to replace the deteriorating pieces in the Luke Powell Pavilion.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles to approve the purchase of furniture in the Powell Luke Pavilion, second by Council member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

13. Further discussion, if needed, with possible action to authorize security improvements to the city park maintained by the Temple Garden Club

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to put in a fence, security lighting and to have the park's hours to be from dawn until dusk, with the amount authorized for these improvements to come from the beautification line and to not exceed \$5,000, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0.

14. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Bernard Health for implementation of the Bernie Portal for employee benefits and payroll services.

There was a motion by Council Member Miller to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Bernard Health for implantation of the Bernie Portal for benefits and payroll services, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

15. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Akins Consulting, LLC for financial consulting services including audit preparation beginning with the FY2023 audit.

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Akins Consulting, LLC, second by Council Member Miller. Vote 5-0.

16. Approve SPLOST 2021 funding for the fencing project behind Field 4 and the concessions building #2, not to exceed \$8,000.

There was a motion by Council Member Boles to approve the SPLOST 2021 funding for the fencing project behind Field 4 and the concessions building #2, not to exceed \$8,000, second by Council Member Bracknell. Vote 5-0.

Closing Comments by Mayor and Council

Casey Russom- In the past we had discussed GDOT making 113/Carrollton Avenue a one way street, and wanted to know if there was an update on that. Mayor Johnson explained that the last communication he had with GDOT this was in their pre-engineering phase.

Mayor Johnson- He wanted to remind everyone that their personal financial disclosure statements need to be completed by the end of the month. The attorney confirmed that this document needs to be filed every year.

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Adjournment: There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to adjourn, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.