



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

**Tuesday, March 2, 2019  
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:* Tara Baraniak, Bill Donahue and Les Fussell

**Staff Present:** Chris Lovell, *City Manager*; Scott Allison, *Assistant City Manager*; Dawnne Greene, *City Clerk*; Bob Whitmarsh, *Finance Director*; Ray Fowler, *Police Captain*; and John Cook, *Interim Fire Chief*.

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Captain Ray Fowler gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF POST 1 COUNCILMEMBER KRISTI COX**

Mayor Carpenter gave the Oath of Councilmember to Ms. Kristi Cox who won the 2019 March Special Election.

Approval of Minutes of meeting **March 19, 2019**

**Councilmember Fussell made a motion to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donahue. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

**Firefighter Alex Powell was recognized and presented with a medal for his life saving measures on a resident who was choking.**

**Building Inspector John Buckner was recognized for his efforts in organizing the inaugural city softball tournament.**

**DEPARTMENTS**

**FINANCE: Bob Whitmarsh**

1. Approval/Disapproval of February 2019 financials

**Councilmember Baraniak made a motion to approve the January 2019 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

**PLANNING AND ZONING: Scott Allison**

1. Planning Commission / Architectural Review Board Verbal Report
2. First Reading of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of Richmond Hill, Georgia amending the Code of

Ordinances of The City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, **Chapter 22 – Businesses** for the purpose of adding **Article VI – Hotel and Motel Registration Regulations**; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power for the roadway lights on US Highway 17.

**Councilmember Baraniak made a motion to approve the the Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power for the roadway lights on US Highway 17. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donahue. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

#### **CITY MANAGER TOPICS**

**City Manager Chris Lovell presented an overview of the need for the fire fee with a PowerPoint presentation.**

1. Approval/Disapproval of fire fee ordinance

**Councilmember Fussell made a motion to approve the fire fee ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

2. Approval/Disapproval of fire fee resolution

**Councilmember Fussell made a motion to approve the fire fee resolution with the condition that an annual assessment be conducted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cox. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

3. Approval/Disapproval of the installation of two speed humps on Falcon Drive (Piercefield) not to exceed \$20,000

**Councilmember Baraniak made a motion to approve the installation of two speed humps on Falcon Drive (Piercefield) not to exceed \$20,000 from SPLOST VII funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donahue. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Cox, Donahue and Fussell.**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Richmond Hill Fire Department's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Fling will be on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in JF Gregory Park.

Councilmember Baraniak praised Pam Pendrak, Human Resources Director, and Dawnne Greene, City Clerk, for working with the Red Cross to quickly organize a blood drive in honor of Malone Tompkins, a young Richmond Hill resident who is currently battling a serious disease.

Councilmember Cox praised the Richmond Hill Fire Department for participating the Kickball Tournament this past Saturday that benefited a local fundraiser.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M. in a motion by Councilmember Donahue. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fussell. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Baraniak, Donahue and Fussell.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawnne Greene  
City Clerk