



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 City Annex
 3121 Norman Berry Drive
 East Point, GA 30344
 August 7, 2017
 6:30 PM

Mission and Vision Statement for the City of East Point

To provide exceptional city services in the most professional, courteous and effective manner to enhance the quality of life in the City of East Point. East Point is a City of excellence in providing housing and business development opportunities, public safety, recreational and cultural activities.

The Honorable Mayor Jannquell Peters

Ward A

The Honorable Sharon Shropshire At Large
 The Honorable Alexander Gothard

Ward C

The Honorable Nanette Saucier At Large
 The Honorable Myron Cook

Ward B

The Honorable Karen Rene' At Large
 The Honorable Thomas Calloway

Ward D

The Honorable Deana Holiday Ingraham At Large
 The Honorable Stephanie Gordon

City Manager:

Frederick Gardiner

City Attorney:

Brad Bowman

Deputy City Clerk:

Keshia McCullough

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Honorable Mayor Jannquell Peters called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jannquell Peters	Mayor	Present	
Sharon Shropshire	At Large	Present	
Alexander Gothard		Absent	
Karen Rene'	At Large	Present	
Thomas Calloway		Present	
Nanette Saucier	At Large	Present	
Myron Cook		Present	
Deana Holiday Ingraham	At Large	Present	
Stephanie Gordon		Present	
Frederick Gardiner	City Manager	Present	
Brad Bowman	City Attorney	Present	
Keshia McCullough	Deputy City Clerk	Present	

III. INVOCATION - Pastor Rand Burton - East Point Christian Church:

IV. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The pledge was recited in unison.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - Sgt. Al Garrett:

VI. PRESENTATIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Shropshire announced the first session of Parent University to be held on August 31, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The next session will be held on September 28, 2017. All Sessions will be held at East Point Library at 2757 Main Street, East Point, GA 30344 beginning at 6:30 pm. Sessions will focus on academic and support programs in the local school district to help children succeed. In attendance will be former Councilmember, Dr. LaTonya Martin.

Mayor Peters reported the updated crime statistics for the City of East Point and the progress made regarding crime. She also thanked the Police Department for their service.

1. Acknowledgment of Service to Carl Cloud Public Works Foreman's Retirement. Carl Retired After 10 Years of Service to City of East Point.

Presented by: Public Works

Jeffery Reeves, Public Works Director commended Mr. Carl Cloud for his dedication and 10 years of service to the City of East Point. Mr. Cloud thanked Mr. Reeves as well as Construction Manager, Ms. Raglin. Mayor & Council extended well wishes to Mr. Cloud and presented him with a plaque.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

2. Presentation of Proclamation to Andy Watson in Acknowledgement of 37 Years of Service to the City

Presented by: City Manager

Fred Gardiner, City Manager announced the retirement of Mr. Andy Watson, East Point Power Director. Mayor Peters and members of Council extended heart felt appreciation to Mr. Watson for 37 years of service. Mayor Peters read a Proclamation in his honor.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Present East Point 12U Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team

Presented by: Parks & Recreation

Jonathan Penn, Parks & Recreation Director announced that the 12U Girls Softball team won the State Championships. Mr. Greg Hart, Head Coach and Staff member for the City of East Point commended the girls on a job well done.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

4. Soccer Park

Presented by: City Council At Large Sharon Shropshire

Mr. Gardiner provided an update on the Soccer Park. He reviewed why to invest in the venture, how it can be done under state law, the direction of the park, return on investment and next steps in the process.

After the completion of the Soccer Park presentation, Mr. Gardiner introduced the new Director of Planning & Community Development, Mr. Nigel Roberts.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Cook provided a report on the Budget/Finance Committee meeting that was held on July 31, 2017. Committee members discussed the first draft of the 2017 closing. He reported that TSPLOST Revenues are already being reported and is approximately \$902,000. He noted that the Solid Waste fund should end in a positive fund balance in excess of \$648,000.

Councilmember Cook also discussed how accurately the City has been able to forecast the revenue for the General Fund and make the appropriate amendments to stay within the budget. He stated that expenses were also being kept under control. To conclude, he explained that next year will start without a TAN. This report was submitted for informational purposes only.

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Councilmember Calloway moved to adopt the Council Agenda as printed. Councilmember Holiday Ingraham provided the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

City Council - Regular Meeting - Jul 17, 2017 6:30 PM

Councilmember Shropshire moved to approve the City Council regular meeting minutes of July 17, 2017. Councilmember Saucier provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chapter 2 – Section 2-2002(bb) – Rule 28 - The public may speak during the Public Comment section of the agenda. Speakers must complete a comment form prior to the start of the meeting. Subject may include any subject of choice. There will be a (3) three minute time limit for each speaker. Speakers that have signed up to speak may give all or part of their time up to (3) three minutes to another speaker for a total of (6) six minutes of speaking time. Speakers may address the council only once during this time of the agenda. Speakers must identify themselves and their address prior to speaking. Questions from the speakers may not be addressed during the public speaking section of the agenda. East Point residents will have priority over other speakers. There will be a total of not more than 60 minutes for the Public speaking section of the agenda. Speakers may only address the Presiding Officer. Speakers shall observe all rules of decorum. No debate, disrespect or obscenities shall be tolerated. The Presiding Officer shall rule any such individual out of order that fails to comply with the forgoing.

1. Joshua Butler - East Point, GA: Thanked Councilmember Gordon for the Back to School Jam at the Soccer Park. He also thanked Councilmember Gothard for the Back to School event at Lexington Apartments. He commended former Councilwoman Dr. LaTonya Martin for her attendance as well. He thanked Betsy Goodwin for organizing a community dinner which was held on August 1, 2017. He noted that Councilmember Holiday Ingraham was in attendance. Lastly, he announced that he is doing a segment on Social Media known as *East Point Minute* whereby he discusses the good and important things that are done in East Point.

2. Jean Wilson - East Point, GA: Ms. Wilson expressed that crime has not dropped and there are not enough policeman to cover all areas of East Point. She explained that Graywall Street near the school is collapsing. She indicated that she does not get Street Sweeping services unless she calls. To conclude, she stated that Council is not monitoring the safety of the City. Additionally, she stated that Oakland City Train Station is not safe.

3. **Kenneth Yancey - East Point, GA:** Gave his time to Jean Wilson.
4. **Verlene Bennett - East Point, GA:** She discussed her concern for Marta on Graywall Street and the condition of the street as well.
5. **Shirley McClinton - East Point, GA:** Did not speak.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

1. **Councilmember Shropshire:** Asked that if City Manager can send something to residents letting them know that the Fire Station on Ben Hill Road is not permanently closed, but temporary closed for remodeling. If there is an emergency, residents can still call 911 and get the same level of service. She recommended putting this information in the Newsletter as well. To conclude, she stated that there will be a meeting with Marta on August 15, 2017 at the City Annex. All questions or concerns should be addressed at the meeting.
2. **Councilmember Holiday Ingraham:** Congratulated the 12U Girls Softball team, Coach Hart, and Mr. Penn. She also congratulated parents, school staff and administrators on a successful first day of school.
3. **Councilmember Cook:** Announced that the City anticipates collecting approximately \$35 million in TSPLOST funds over the next five (5) years for road repair and sidewalks. In reference to the Soccer Park, he stated that Council understands that the City is in competition with all surrounding cities and stressed the importance of *Out the Box* thinking.
4. **Councilmember Calloway:** Thanked Mr. Cloud, Mr. Watson and Mr. Hart for their service to the City of East Point. He stressed the importance of having a soccer field for young women.
5. **Councilmember Rene':** Commended the Girls 12U Softball Team. She also extended condolences to former Councilmember Pat Langford on the passing of her father.
6. **Councilmember Gordon:** Thanked the retirees for their dedicated service. She extended a special thanks to the Fire Department & the Parks & Recreation Department for attending the Back to School Jam at the Soccer Park as well. She congratulated the 12U Girls Softball team. She recognized Renita Shelton for being selected as one of *Who's Who in Black Atlanta* for her PIO Services. Lastly, she announced the District 62 Town Hall Meeting which will be hosted by Representative William Boddie and herself. It will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at Asa Hilliard Elementary School. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with Special Guest Speaker being Congressman John Lewis. There will be a local panel which will feature Councilmember Alexander Gothard and Councilmember Deana Holiday Ingraham.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Saucier motioned to recess into Executive Session for one (1) real estate item at 7:57 pm. Councilmember Holiday Ingraham provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Councilmember Shropshire moved to reconvene back into regular session. Councilmember Saucier provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Councilmember Saucier moved to approve the executive session meeting minutes. Councilmember Shropshire provided the second. **The motion carried.**

XIII. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Councilmember Saucier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Councilmember Shropshire provided the second. **The motion carried.**

WHEN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUIRED, ONE WILL BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) PERSONNEL, 2) LITIGATION OR 3) REAL ESTATE