

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

July 12, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Willie Edmondson and Jim Arrington

Absent: Council Member Tom Gore

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Ann Baker, Word of Grace Christian Center, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 21, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to annex and zone property located at 23 Busch Drive to CP-GI (Campus General Industrial and Agribusiness). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC AND LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE AND OWNED BY FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to annex and zone property located at 118 Old Airport Road to CP-GB (Campus General Business). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY D H & A PROPERTIES, LLC AND LOCATED ON OLD AIRPORT ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON OLD AIRPORT ROAD AND OWNED BY D H & A PROPERTIES,

LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone two parcels located on Pegasus Parkway from CP-GI (Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use) and one parcel from CR-MR (Corridor Medium Density Residential) to CP-GI (Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO PEGASUS PARKWAY AND OWNED BY SOUTHPOINT REALTY GROUP, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located at 617 Hill Street from TN-R (Traditional Neighborhood Residential) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON HILL STREET AND OWNED BY BLACKWELL REALTY & LAND HOLDING COMPANY, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Adam Speas introduced Interns Simone Acosta and Addie Eiland. Ms. Acosta is interested in pursuing a career in law, and stated that she spent time with several departments including the police and fire departments and City Attorney Jeff Todd. Ms. Eiland is interested in pursuing a career in music, and has spent her time at Sweetland on a work-based learning program. Mayor Thornton thanked Ms. Acosta and Ms. Eiland for their reports and dedication to the city.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to deny a Notice of Claim for Damages filed on behalf of Janice Jackson and referred it to the City's insurance company for handling.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council on a request for a Special Use Permit for a Social Service Facility/Group Treatment Center at 124 Gordon Commercial Drive. On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on August 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the June financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we are now accepting applications for this year's LaGrange 101 Class. LaGrange 101 is a free 6-week citizen education class that offers community members an opportunity to experience an inside look at City government and helps to develop informed and involved citizens. The class begins October 3rd. We've had great participation in the past and hope to continue this wonderful tradition.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk