

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

August 9, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell and Jim Arrington

Absent: Council Member Willie Edmondson

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. Pete Shoger, Southcrest Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 26, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request for a Special Use Permit at 124 Gordon Commercial Drive. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Forrest Johnson came before the Council on behalf of the LaGrange Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to present the City with a certificate for proper display and care of the United States Flag at Flagpole Park. Mayor Thornton received the certificate and thanked Mr. Johnson for this recognition.

Wanda Barrett came before the Council to express concerns about an incident that happened with her husband's gravesite at Southview Cemetery. She is asking the City to change the Code to allow her to put a concrete slab over this gravesite. Mayor Thornton explained to Ms. Barrett that staff had recommended not changing the Code due to grass maintenance issues. Ms. Barrett asked them to reconsider. Mayor Thornton stated staff would take another look to see if there is any other resolution for her. No action was taken.

Derwyn Brewer and members of the newly chartered Bagdad Temple No. 104 came before the Council to introduce themselves and to let the Council know they are available if they can help the community in any way. Mayor Thornton thanked them for coming.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone property located on Mooty Bridge Road (Newman property) with 3 different zoning designations – Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R); Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Medium Density Residential (TN-MR); Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Mixed Use (TN-MX). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone property located on Lukken Industrial Drive from CP-GI (Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use). On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone 2457 Whitesville Road from AC-MX (Activity Center Mixed Use) to AC-MX (Activity Center Mixed Use). On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve a Special Use Permit for 124 Gordon Commercial Drive.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the July, 2022 financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to accept certain streets in Phase One, Unit Two, Crossvine Village Subdivision.

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 CODE SO AS TO AME CERTAIN STREETS IN CROSSVILE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 CODE SO AS TO RENAME A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY AS “WEST MULBERRY STREET”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

Pursuant to Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that portion of Miller Street from its intersection with South Greenwood Street East to West Mulberry Street is hereby renamed “West Mulberry Street.”

SECTION 2

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ July 26, 2022

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ August 9, 2022

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ August 9, 2022

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THAT THE ABC CARD REQUIREMENT IS LIMITED TO CLASS B LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**

That subsection (a) of Section 30-20-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-31(a) to read as follows:

- “(a) For any Class B licensed premises, no person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for malt beverages or beer may be employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.”

**SECTION 2:**

That subsection (a) of Section 30-20-172 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-172 (a) to read as follows:

- “(a) For any Class B licensed premises, no person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for alcoholic beverages may be employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.”

**SECTION 3:**

That subsection (a) of Section 30-20-239 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-239 (a) to read as follows:

- “(a) For any Class B licensed premises, no person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for wine may be employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.”

**SECTION 4:**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:**

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

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In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we are excited about the Atlanta Braves World Series Trophy Tour coming to Sweetland, and was a huge success with lots of community support. She shared a video from our Marketing/Communications Department of all the festivities from the event.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk