

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

November 22, 2022

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

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 Prophet Israel Barsh, 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 November 8, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation for a Special Use Permit for 1301 and 1311 Greenville Street. The applicant, Dusty Pap with Universal Environmental Services, explained to the Council that the site will be used to support their used oil refinery in Peachtree City, Georgia, and that there are no hazardous chemicals or odors. No other comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

A Public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation for proposed UDO text amendments. 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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY; TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL GARDENS WITHIN THE TN-R ZONING DISTRICT AS A PERMITTED USE; TO ALLOW COTTAGE DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM FLOOR AREA THEREFOR; TO CLARIFY DWELLING MINIMUM FLOOR AREA IN ALL OTHER DISTRICTS; TO ALLOW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; TO ALLOW SOLAR FARMS AS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN THE CP-GI DISTRICT; TO MODIFY FRONT PORCH DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BUILDING TYPES; TO AMEND GARAGE ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWNHOME DWELLINGS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a recommendation from the Redevelopment Agency to create TAD #6. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone four parcels on Bryant Lake Boulevard from Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R), Corridor Medium Density Residential (CR-MR) to Corridor Medium Density Residential (CR-MR) and Corridor Mixed Use (CR-MX) to Corridor Mixed Use (CR-MX). On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve a Special Use Permit for 1301 and 1311 Greenville Street.

Mr. Kostial reviewed with the Council information on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to modify the prohibited sign ordinance to increase the maximum allowable

coverage percentage. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

With this being the last meeting for Mayor Thornton, Mayor Pro-Tem Mr. Edmondson presented Mayor Thornton with the Flame of Excellence Award. This award serves to honor those who bravely light the way for others. Mr. Edmondson, on behalf of the City Council, stated, we are pleased to show our gratitude and appreciation by adding another name to the list of exceptional leaders in our community. Mr. Edmondson also personally thanked Mayor Thornton for his leadership over the past 13 years.

Mr. Gore thanked Mayor Thornton for his service and leadership.

Mr. Gaskin also thanked Mayor Thornton for his service and friendship.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with William Jones for the sale of surplus property on S. L. White Boulevard. Mr. Jones was the lone bidder for the property at \$13,001.00.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to endorse the submission of the DD RLF application by the DLDA for downtown projects at 205 Broad Street and 304 Broad Street.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Troup County, City of Hogansville and City of West Point for SPLOST VI projects.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Gwen Redwine and Dick Daniel to three year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Carl Von Epps, Tripp Penn, Curtis Brown and Susan Black, and to appoint Mark Mitchell to four terms on the Development Authority of the City of LaGrange.

Mayor Thornton gave a brief statement, ending his last City Council meeting, after serving four years as City Council Member and nine years as Mayor. Mayor Thornton said he was honored to have served as an elected official in his home town of LaGrange. He thanked the Council, staff and his family for the opportunity to serve, and said he was excited for his new opportunity.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we have a video to share in honor of Mayor Jim Thornton.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk