

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

December 27, 2022

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Willie Edmondson; Council Members Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs and Jim Arrington

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; 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 Pro-Tem Edmondson, the invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson and Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson 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 December 13, 2022.

Ms. Kelsey reported to the Council that the second reading that was previously on to rezone property located in Bryant Lake Subdivision had been removed at the request of the applicant.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem and Clerk to execute a Second Amendment to the School Resource Officer Agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem and Clerk to execute a First Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement.

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 OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO DELETE SECTION 30-5-5 REGARDING SHOOTING GALLERIES; 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 the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting Section 30-5-5 in its entirety. Said section shall remain reserved for future use.

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.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 _____ December 13, 2022

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ December 27, 2022

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ December 27, 2022

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, 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 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE SIGN ORDINANCE SO AS TO MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO WINDOW SIGNS WITHIN NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; 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 Section 25B-45-5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subparagraph (4), in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 25B-45-5(4) to read as follows:

“(4) *Window signs.* In nonresidential districts, window signs shall be allowed provided they do not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the available window area.”

SECTION 2:

That Section 25B-45-6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (14), inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 25B-45-6(14) to read as follows:

“(14) *Window signs in the following locations:*

- a. Dwellings and residential uses in all zoning districts.
- b. Individual or aggregate window signs exceeding seventy (70) percent of the window area per building elevation for commercial districts and uses.”

SECTION 3:

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

SECTION 4:

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

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Childs, 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 RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; TO MODIFY THE PLAN AS TO THE CITY MANAGER; 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:

The retirement plan for the employees and/or officials of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, is hereby amended as set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the attached Adoption Agreement and General Addendum to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement.

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

SECTION 3:

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its date of passage and in conformity with the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Document, as amended.

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

The Good News for tonight is the 2023 Trash and Yard Trimming Schedule will be included in utility bills starting in January. We will have copies at City Hall and Public Works as well as magnets – free of charge. We also want to let everyone know our next litter cleanup will be Saturday, January 14: 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in our newest city park, Moss and Wood Park, by Colquitt and Brown Street. Everyone is welcome and we provide all the supplies.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson.

Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk