

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

December 11, 2018

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by City Council Member LeGree McCamey and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 27, 2018.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on amending the transient merchant and zoning ordinance to exempt certain portable concession stands from duration requirements. 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 TRANSIENT MERCHANT AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PORTABLE CONCESSION STANDS FROM DURATION REQUIREMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Threadgill presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance regarding airport zoning due to expansion of the airport. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing to be held on January 8, 2019.

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

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 INCREASE CERTAIN MAXIMUM RATES FOR WRECKER SERVICE TOWING PURSUANT TO THE BLOCK TOWING SYSTEM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO DE-ANNEX FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO UPPER BIG SPRINGS ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING

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

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 MODIFY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING TETHERING OF DOGS; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PADLOCKS WITHIN TETHERING SYSTEMS; TO REQUIRE ADEQUATE SHELTER FOR DOMESTICATED ANIMALS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor announced that the results of a Health Department survey performed on users of The Thread show some very encouraging numbers. Roughly 60% of the respondents reported using the thread 3 to 4 times a week, in keeping with the CDC recommended number of days a week of physical activity. About 60% also reported using The Thread for over 6 months, indicating that The Thread is having a sustained impact on their activity level, and 70% reported driving to The Thread to use it – meaning in all likelihood, these individuals would most likely not have any form of physical activity if The Thread did not exist. Congratulations to The Thread and City Staff in their efforts!

Also, congratulations to Councilman Tom Gore for being named WellStar West Georgia Medical Center's 2018 Physician of the Year.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reconvene the regular Council meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

Clerk