

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

February 9, 2021

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington and 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; Community Development Director Alton West; Strategic Planning Manager Mark Kostial; Police Chief Lou Dekmar

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. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 26, 2021.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone 111 and 115 Fort Drive from R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Commercial). 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 AT 111 AND 115 FORT DRIVE AND OWNED BY DOROTHY LYNN MURPHY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Kelsey presented information to the Council regarding a request from Al Zachry to annex 143 Busch Drive and adjacent lots owned by Busch Drive, LLLP. On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to instruct staff to proceed with the annexation.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone 507 Jenkins Street from R-2 (Residential) to O-I-R (Office/Institutional/Residential). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. After discussion, a motion to reconsider was made by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. McCamey, and approved unanimously by Council. Then, on a motion by Mr. Edmondson

seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on March 9, 2021 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 508 Greenville Street from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-3 (General Commercial) with R-3 usage in conjunction with a Special Use Permit. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. After discussion, a motion to reconsider was made by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. McCamey, and approved unanimously by Council. Then, on a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gaskin addressed the Council regarding illegal dumping of trash and other large items. Mayor Thornton asked Ms. Van Schoor to publish the concerns on social media, and encourage the public the report such incidents to Code Enforcement.

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

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council that Skip Smith, Smith Design Group, had presented information to the Council in the morning work session, regarding a proposal for new lighting at LaFayette Square, to include colored LED lights for the fountain. Some of the lights that are currently there are aging and in need of repair, and that could amount to several thousand dollars. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with the project at an estimated cost of \$310,000.

Chief Dekmar presented the 2020 Police Department Annual Report. The Council thanked Chief Dekmar for the great job he is doing. A copy of the report is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract regarding conveyance of industrial property adjacent to Upper Big Springs Road.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, 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 MODIFY THE DURATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIENT MERCHANTS SELLING PRODUCE; 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 30-5-149 of the Code be amended by deleting said section, in its entirety,
inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-5-149 to read as follows:

“Sec. 30-5-149. Limit of operation on any one lot.

- A. Except for those merchants exclusively selling produce, a transient merchant, itinerant merchant or itinerant vendor may remain and transact business upon any one lot within the City of LaGrange for up to ten (10) consecutive days or consecutive portions of days. Once said transient merchant, itinerant merchant or itinerant vendor has ceased to transact business upon said lot, however, whether after one (1) or up to ten (10) days or portions of days, said merchant or vendor may not conduct business or otherwise remain thereon for sixty (60) days. Merchants participating in events on public property sanctioned and approved by the Downtown LaGrange Development Authority or the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission shall be exempt from the durational requirements of this section.

- B. A transient merchant, itinerant merchant or itinerant vendor selling produce may remain and transact business upon any one lot within the City of LaGrange for up to three (3) consecutive days or portions of days per week.”

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 _____ January 12, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED _____ January 26, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ January 26, 2021

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that there was a terrific turnout Saturday for our monthly litter cleanup, including Mayor Thornton, Mayor Pro Tem Gore and Councilman Gaskin. There were around 60 people that participated and collected about 2100 pounds of trash and dozens of tires. We partnered with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper on this cleanup of Mooty Bridge Road, Ann Bailey Way and nearby Dixie Creek. The CRK installed a trash trap in Dixie Creek which is a main tributary of West Point Lake. This trash trap was installed thanks to the City of LaGrange's support of the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. We also helped to clean out the creek. For the next cleanup, we are excited to partner with the Calumet Neighborhood Park Association and the Chamber's Leadership Troup Class on Saturday, March 6th. We also want to follow up on some news about Tribe Ujima and their efforts to help cleanup our community. We appreciate their hard work and we have a video to show about what they are doing.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk