

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

March 23, 2021

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, 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; Strategic Planning Manager Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Council Member LeGree McCamey, 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 March 9, 2021.

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council that the Dawson Street Redevelopment Plan had been presented to them at the morning Work Session on this date. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously call for a public hearing on April 13, 2021 at 5:30, to gain public input.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and Intergovernmental Agreement with Troup County regarding waterline extension. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Manager's Office.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to table an ordinance to rezone 508 Greenville Street from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-3 (General Commercial) until the April 13, 2021 Council meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following ordinance; Mr. McCamey asked that the record show that Dr. Angampally Rejeev is one of his personal physicians.

**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 507 JENKINS STREET AND OWNED BY ANGAMPALLY REJEEV; 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 zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone R-2 (residential district) to OIR-1 (office-institutional-residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

That tract or parcel of land located at 507 Jenkins Street and known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number: 061-3D-007-004.

**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 March 9, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED March 23, 2021

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

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On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to adopt 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 RELATING TO BROWN BAGGING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGE OF VIOLATING THE BROWN BAGGING ORDINANCE AGAINST AN OWNER; TO REQUIRE NOTICE PRIOR TO CHARGE; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; 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 30-20-17 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, entitled “Brown bagging,” be amended by deleting said section in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-17 to read as follows:

“Sec. 30-20-17. - Brown bagging.

- (a) For the purposes of this Code section, a brown bagging establishment is defined as a commercial establishment permitting or condoning the practice of allowing customers or patrons to bring, possess or consume alcoholic beverages of their own on the premises of the establishment. It shall be unlawful within the city for a brown bagging establishment to be open to customers or patrons between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday; between the hours of midnight on Saturday to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday; and between the hours of midnight Sunday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday. The owner and operator of a brown bagging establishment shall display a notice containing the prohibitions of this section upon the premises at all times and in such fashion that said notice may be viewed by patrons of the

establishment. The owner of each brown bagging establishment shall declare the intent to operate as a brown bagging establishment pursuant to this ordinance at the time of registration to do business in the city pursuant to Section 30-1-7, and for any annual renewal of said registration.

- (b) It shall further be unlawful within the city for an owner of the real property upon which a brown bagging establishment is located, or the lessee, owner or operator of the brown bagging establishment, to allow patrons to bring, possess or consume alcoholic beverages of their own on the premises of a brown bagging establishment within the city between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday; between the hours of midnight on Saturday to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday; and between the hours of midnight Sunday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday; provided, however, before charging under this subsection written notice shall be provided to the owner, giving them notice of this subsection and the conduct proscribed thereby.
- (c) Any brown bagging establishment shall be subject to law enforcement inspection during hours of operation to determine compliance with this code section.
- (d) Each violation of this section shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.
- (e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- (f) Any activity prohibited within this ordinance may be prosecuted without regard to whether the owner or operator has declared to be a brown bragging establishment.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ March 9, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ March 23, 2021

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

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On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Joe Ragland, Heather Graham, Tripp Penn, Janice Burks Davidson and Al Brannon to four year terms on the Downtown Development Authority of the City of LaGrange (DDA II).

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to submit the names of Debra Boswell, Brittany Yates and Meg Kelsey to the LaGrange/Troup County Hospital Authority for a three year term to succeed Jerome Alford.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reminded the Council that our LaGrange Youth Council will be presenting to the Mayor and Council at their next meeting, Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Our young leaders will be presenting their two projects focusing on mental health and mentorship. Ms. Van Schoor also invited the Council to be a part of the annual social at Los Nopales after the Council meeting to talk to the young leaders.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk