

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

April 13, 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 Rev. Anthony Criswell of First Baptist Church on the Square, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 23, 2021.

Mayor Thornton presented a 30 year service award to Senior Patrol Officer Unricky Parks. Mayor Thornton expressed his appreciation to Officer Parks for his years of service and dedication to the citizens of LaGrange. Chief Dekmar also thanked Officer Parks for his willingness to step up and lead by example.

Ms. Van Schoor, along with staff members Adam Speas and Jeremy Andrews, introduced the LaGrange Youth Council class, who then presented to the City Council an overview of their projects and accomplishments this year. Mayor Thornton presented each member with a certificate, and thanked them and the staff for the hard work and effort they have put into the program.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Resolution Designating Redevelopment Agency.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request for a Special Use Permit for 508 Greenville Street. No comments were received and the public hearing was declared closed.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to annex/zone property located on Busch Drive and owned by Busch Drive LLLP. No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY BUSCH DRIVE LLLP AND LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE AND OWNED BY BUSCH DRIVE LLLP; TO REPEAL

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

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the Dawson Street Redevelopment Plan. No comments were received and the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. McCamey reported to the Council that the Downtown Development Authority had met earlier on this date and discussed the request that had come to the City Council, to add 2 hour parking to the east side of Church Street, from Haralson Street to North LaFayette Square. Mr. McCamey stated that the DDA supports the request and recommends that Council move forward with adding the 2 hour parking.

Mr. Gaskin reported that he had met with Nate Crawford, Executive Director of DASH, regarding houses that have been boarded up and slated for demolition as part of the Hamilton Road/Highway 27 widening project. Mr. Gaskin and Mr. Crawford believe it is possible that some of these houses could be given to DASH and relocated from Hamilton Road, rather than being demolished, to an area designated by DASH. Council instructed staff to work with DASH and to contact GDOT to see if this is a possibility.

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 ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL
ESTATE LOCATED AT 508 GREENVILLE STREET AND
OWNED BY NEW VENTURES, INC.; 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 C-1 (neighborhood commercial district) to C-3 (general commercial district) the following described real estate, to wit:

That tract or parcel of land located at 508 Greenville Street and
known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number: 050-3B-017-002.

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 _____ April 13, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ April 13, 2021

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to approve a request for a Special Use Permit for 508 Greenville Street.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council on a request to rezone 103 Aaron Drive from R-5, A1200 (Residential) to R-2 (Residential). On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council on a request to rezone 1734 Whitesville Road from R-44 (Residential) to G-I (General Industrial). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that Councilman Gaskin and City Manager Kelsey will be participating in a podcast with St. Mark's Rector Allen Pruitt discussing our Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It litter cleanup campaign. They have been loyal partners for years. We are excited to promote our big event, Friday April 23rd when we will be shutting down nonessential services and our hundreds of employees will be picking up litter throughout the community from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Mayor

City Clerk