

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

April 27, 2021

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Tom Farr of First Baptist Church on the Square, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 13, 2021.

Ms. Kelsey presented information to the Council on a request to abandon Center Plaza Drive. Jones Petroleum, Inc. has purchased land around the road and have plans to build a Travel Center which would take in the right of way of Center Plaza Drive. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to abandon the street below our easement, therefore, still leaving access to any utilities as necessary.

Mr. Mitchell reported to the Council that he had checked with the developer of Center Plaza Drive and confirmed that the road was given to the City by the developer, therefore, the City has no financial interest in the road.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Resolution Approving the Redevelopment Agency as it pertains to the Dawson Street Redevelopment Project. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Resolution Designating the Redevelopment Area as it pertains to the Dawson Street Redevelopment Project. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Implementation Agreement for the Redevelopment Plan as it pertains to the Dawson Street Redevelopment Project. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to table the second reading of an ordinance to annex property owned by Busch Drive LLLP and located on Busch Drive and an ordinance zoning property to be annexed into the city located on Busch Drive and owned by Busch Drive LLLP until the May 11, 2021 Council meeting, due to the lack of a survey.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that she wants to thank everyone who participated in our city wide cleanup on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with our City employees. Thank you Mayor Thornton, Councilman Gaskin and Councilman Mitchell for participating with us. We picked up approximately 20 tons of litter with our community partners! She reported that her staff went live throughout the morning and wanted to share a video of what our employees thought of the day. Our next cleanup is this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at LaGrange Academy's lower parking lot, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. We're partnering with LaGrange Academy, Vernon Woods and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk