

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

December 8, 2020

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

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; Community Development Director Alton West; Strategic Initiatives Manager Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. James Goodlet of First Presbyterian 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 November 24, 2020.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located on Jordans Way and Aaron Drive. 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 ON JORDANS WAY AND AARON DRIVE AND OWNED BY WEST GEORGIA STAR, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Ms. Kelsey reported to the Council that the Development Authority transferred ownership of a portion of the Ridley Lake property to the City of LaGrange.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Power Purchase Contract between MEAG and the City of LaGrange, and authorized the City Manager to make any material changes that may be needed in the agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Renewable Customer Agreement with Walmart, and authorized the City Manager to make any material changes that may be needed in the agreement.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, 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 CHAPTER 5-12 OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER APPROVAL OF A UNIFORM PURCHASING MANUAL; 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 Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein a new Section 5-12-4 to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-12-4.-Purchasing manual.

The city manager shall be responsible for the development and approval of a uniform purchasing manual which shall include rules and practices pertaining to purchasing of goods and certain services for the city.”

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 _____ November 24, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED _____ December 8, 2020

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we had another great cleanup this past weekend, and we appreciate our Mayor Pro Tem Gaskin’s assistance as always. The group picked up litter along the first segment of The Thread, in front of S. Greenwood Street, Ridley Avenue and Mitchell Avenue. Our partners were St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church on the Square and the Gardner Newman Middle School Football Team – who will also be joining us for our March cleanup with the Calumet community. Our next litter cleanup will Saturday, January 9, 2021, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the LaGrange Fire Department/Public Works Headquarters 115 Hill Street. Ms. Van Schoor then showed the latest video showcasing the latest Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It litter cleanup, thanks to our LGTV staff. Also, staff was reminded about Billy East’s retirement lunch tomorrow, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Del’Avant.

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

Mayor

City Clerk