

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

June 14, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, 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; City Planner Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Dr. John Beyers, First United Methodist Church, 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 May 24, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located on Daniel Street from CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use) to TN-R Traditional Neighborhood Residential). No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located on Cotton Road from CP-GI (Campus General Industrial) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use). No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the proposed 2022-2023 Budget. Kevin Littlefield came before the Council asking them to reconsider their budget cuts to Harmony House. Sam Breyfogle, Laura Breyfogle and Judy Lawrence all came before the Council to ask them to reconsider eliminating curbside recycling. No other comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Kostial presented information on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to annex/zone property located at 23 Busch Drive. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to annex/zone property located at 118 Old Airport Road. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone two parcels located on Pegasus Parkway from CP-GI (Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use) and one parcel from CR-MR (Corridor Medium Density Residential) to CP-GI (Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness). On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone property located at 617 Hill Street from TN-R (Traditional Neighborhood Residential) to CR-MX (Corridor Mixed Use). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Edmondson reported that he is pleased to see that downtown LaGrange is flourishing, and we continue to have no property taxes. He is also pleased with the new park that is being constructed on McGregor Street.

Mr. Gaskin thanked the citizens for their comments on the budget and stated that the city is diligent with spending their money.

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

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the Visit LaGrange budget for 2022-2023.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council approved the Resolution Authorizing the Call of a Special Election. This election is necessary to fill the unexpired term of Council Member LeGree McCamey.

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 DANIEL STREET AND OWNED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, TROUP COUNTY, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 COTTON ROAD AND OWNED BY CHARLES RANDALL COTTON; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO LEVY AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 CHAPTER 20-15 OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY WATER AND WASTEWATER USER CHARGES; TO

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

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we are excited that the Atlanta Braves selected LaGrange as one of the sites for the All-Star Voting Walk of Fame installations. The Hollywood Walk of Fame-like Stars have been placed on Lafayette Square. The Braves created temporary Walk of Fames across certain cities in Georgia. They are encouraging fans to vote in the first phase for your favorite Braves players for the All Star Game through June 30th – just go to Braves.com/vote. Also, keep Saturday, August 6th on your calendar. That's when we will have the Braves Trophy Tour at Sweetland. This will be a free event open to the public. We plan to have a drumline competition with local high schools and a performance with the Braves' Heavy Hitters and the Braves' mascot Blooper. Lots of fun activities planned.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk