

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
WORK SESSION

April 9, 2024

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Quay Boddie, Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs, Tom Gore

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Bowie; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; Media Coordinator Adam Speas; Police Chief Garret Fiveash; and City Planner Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Quay Boddie.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 26, 2024 Work Session minutes.

Mr. Boddie reviewed the items on the April 9, 2024 agenda. No action was taken.

Mr. Bowie presented copies of the March 2024 financial statements and payment of bills over \$5,000 for the Council's information.

Tabitha Coverson, Executive Director of Communities in Schools, updated the Council on the progress from this past year. Ms. Coverson thanked the Council for their continued support. The Council thanked Ms. Coverson and her staff for the work they are doing for the community.

Mr. West spoke on accepting the infrastructure of 1183 liner feet on the extension of Lakeland Drive. This item will appear on this evenings Council Agenda for consideration.

Mr. Kostial spoke on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on several proposed text amendments. 1) Staff is recommending that section 25B-25-1 be amended in order to allow data processing, hosting, and related services to be in operated within our Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness (CP-GI) zoning district, 2) Staff is recommending the modification of section 25D-1-2 which gives a definition of an Extended Stay Hotel/Motel. BOPAZ would like the Council to consider the definition be amended as follows: "A hotel or motel containing 10 or more guest rooms intended or designed to be used, or which are used, rented, or hired out to be occupied, or which are occupied for sleeping purposes for guest and contain kitchen facilities for food preparation included but not limited to such facilities as refrigerators, stoves, and ovens." 3) Staff is recommending under Section 25B-30-7(2)(f), which relates to Daycare Facilities, the verbiage "No such facility shall be located within one thousand (1,000) feet from any other such facility." be stricken from the amendment. Mr. Kostial plans to call for a public hearing at April 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

Mr. Boddie reminded the Council Members of the Ride for Willie T. car show will be held at Sweetland on Saturday, April 13, 2024 and encouraged all Councilmembers to get involved. Funds from the proceeds of this car show will go towards the Willie T. Edmondson scholarship fund for local children.

Mr. Childs spoke on the NFL riders supporting the Willie T. Edmondson car show scheduled for this coming Saturday with a \$1,000 donation to help fund student scholarships.

Mr. Gaskin thanked staff for working to help agencies in our community. Mr. Gaskin is also thankful that we are beginning to engage with other elected officials. Mr. Gaskin mentioned that GMA offers a program for City's called "Embrace Civility," and they are willing to partner with Cities in an effort to help them pledge to become a "City of Civility." Mr. Gaskin would like the Council to consider being a part of this program.

No further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Date: _____