

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

December 19, 2023

Present: Mayor Willie Edmondson; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs, Jim Arrington and Quay Boddie.

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; Community Development Director Alton West; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; and Utility Director Patrick Bowie

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Pete Shoger of SouthCrest Church, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin, seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 12, 2023.

Ms. Kelsey reported that the Council had received a request for funding from County Manager Eric Mosley for \$300,000, for the Griggs Center Pool. The request for funding was due to a shortfall in their budget after finding an “excess of bad dirt.” Mr. Mitchell asked Ms. Kelsey if the funding request was granted where she would pull this money. Ms. Kelsey suggested these funds could come out of the remaining ARPA funds. Mr. Gaskin asked if the County could amend their budget, and allocate the funds needed from a different area. Ms. Kelsey responded she feels that could be an option. On a motion by Mr. Childs seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted 5-1, with Mr. Gaskin opposing, to approve the funding request of \$300,000.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO MODIFY THE REGULATIONS REGARDING BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF A BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT A LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND CONTENTS; TO IMPOSE A REGULATORY FEE; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE; TO LIMIT HOURS OF OPERATION; TO ESTABLISH BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS; TO ESTABLISH DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AN 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 30-20 REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR CERTAIN CLASS B LICENSED PREMISES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AN 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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CLASS B LICENSEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AN 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 CODE RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSION OF ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA; TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT THEREFORE; 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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CLASS B LICENSEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Boddie, 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 ZONES OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON NORTH DAVIS ROAD AND OWNED BY FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAGRANGE, 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 zones TN-MX (traditional neighborhood mixed use district) and SU-R (suburban single-family residential district) to TN-R (traditional neighborhood low-density residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lots 41, 42, 56, and 73 of the 6th Land District, which parcel contains 95.77 acres, more or less, and is more particularly described within Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herewith for the purposes of a more complete description.

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 _____ December 12, 2023

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ December 19, 2023

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ December 19, 2023

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Gaskin, 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 ON GORDON COMMERCIAL DRIVE AND OWNED BY GALYON PROPERTIES, LLC; 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 CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) to TN-MX (traditional neighborhood mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located at 98 Gordon Commercial Drive and also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number: 060-2B-002-026A.

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.

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Boddie seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted 5-0, with Mr. Gaskin abstaining due to conflict of interest, to deny 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 WITH CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON LUKKEN INDUSTRIAL DRIVE WEST AND OWNED BY JONATHAN D. PARKER AND TRAVIS E. TAYLOR; 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 CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) to SD-MH (special district manufactured housing) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located at 1510 Lukken Industrial Drive West and also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number: 060-2D-004-015.

SECTION 2:

Pursuant to the police power of the City of LaGrange, the Mayor and Council hereby impose and establish certain conditions as a requirement for the rezoning as referenced above in Section 1. Said conditions are imposed for the protection and/or benefit of neighboring land owners in order to ameliorate the effects of the rezoning of this property to SD-MH (special district manufactured housing) the following described real estate, to wit:

No used mobile homes may be located on the property rezoned above in Section 1, and 70% of the homes located on said property shall have front porches, said porches to be oriented toward internal streets within the development.

SECTION 3:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4:

This ordinance, after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

The Good News for tonight – we are happy to announce that because of the Mayor’s Christmas Ball – we were able to collect just over 600 toys for our local children this Christmas and we raised \$7500 for a scholarship fund for our local students. Very happy with the results of our first fundraiser.

On a motion by Mr. Boddie seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

There being no other business, Mayor Edmondson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk