

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

January 23, 2024

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

Also Present: Interim City Manager Patrick Bowie; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; City Planner Mark Kostial; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Pastor Michael Jackson, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin, seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 9, 2024

Ms. Keiaarea Denson of 113 Royal Court came before the Council to express her concerns about her current living conditions at her rental house. Ms. Denson said Code Enforcement has been to the home she rents several times, but as of this date the repairs she feels have not been completed. Council asked Jason Webb with Code Enforcement to update them on his findings. Jason spoke on going out and compiling a list of things that need to be fixed and discussing this list with the landlord. Mr. Webb stated the landlord had a maintenance company come out and fix all issues except the roof, and they were scheduled to replace the roof within the month. Mr. Edmondson informed Ms. Denson that there was only so much the Council could do to help with her situation, but did ask Mr. Webb to go back out and review the list to see that all items had been fixed.

Mr. Piraino came before the Council to request permission to subdivide the property located at 300 ½ Horace King Street that has two separate homes located on the lot. Mr. Edmondson asked Mr. Kostial to speak on the subject, and council was informed the current lot size for this property is 5,200 square feet, and by subdividing this lot it would be in violation of the City's code that states lot size must be at least 3,000 square feet. Mr. Piraino said he understands the code, but he is having issues with lenders not being willing to refinance the property to fund the renovations he would like to do. Mr. Edmondson suggested he reach back out to his lender and ask for suggestions. Mr. Edmondson also stated the Council could review this request during the Council retreat, but not at this current time.

Mr. Frank Sheppard of Feeding the Valley came before the Council to update them on their new facility on New Hutchinson Mill Road. Mr. Sheppard also reminded the Council they have been present in the LaGrange community since 1983 and have been able to provide around 1,395,458 meals per year to the community through programs such as the Mobile Pantry, Partner Agency Food Distribution, and the Buddy Pack Program. Mayor Edmondson and the Council thanked Mr. Sheppard and Feeding the Valley for their diligent work in the community.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of LaGrange and Troup County regarding water and sewer extensions at LaGrange Callaway Airport.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to authorize the revisions to personnel polices 2.02 and 5.02.

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 MODIFY THE CODE OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE THAT
TRAFFIC ON A PORTION OF GARFIELD STREET SHALL BE
ONE-WAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO
FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell 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 CLASSIFY THE USE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON HAMILTON ROAD AND OWNED BY TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; 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 classify as CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate which is to be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, to wit:

That those tracts or parcels of land located on Hamilton Road and known as Tax Map Parcel Numbers 052-1-000-028, 052-1-000-030, 052-1-000-031, 052-1-000-032, 052-1-000-183, 052-1-000-183A and 052-1-000-184.

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated §36-66-4(d)(4), this ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective upon the latter of the following dates: (1) the date the zoning is approved by the Mayor and Council; or (2) the date that the annexation of the above-referenced property becomes effective pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated §36-36-2.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED/REJECTED _____

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BY: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk

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On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to amend the Comprehensive Plan Character Area Map for seven (7) parcels located on Hamilton Road adjacent to Sam Walker Drive and Vulcan Material Road.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding annexation of approximately 67.3 acres of property adjacent to Hamilton Road.

We are looking forward to the Mayor’s State of the City on Tuesday, February 13th at the Chamber’s Early Bird Breakfast at 7AM. If you can’t make it in person, the City of LaGrange will be broadcasting the Mayor’s State of the City live. The City will also have Mayor’s Update booklets available free at City Hall starting February 13th. Also, the ribbon cutting for the City’s website troupcountyresources.com is Wednesday, January 31st at 10AM in front of City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There being no other business, Mayor Edmondson adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

City Clerk