

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

October 27, 2020

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT DEL AVANT, 141 MAIN STREET, LAGRANGE, GA.

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; City Attorney Jeff Todd

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. L. W. Booker of St. James Baptist Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 13, 2020.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the installment sale finance contract for 206 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, Georgia. No comments were received.

Ms. Kelsey reminded the Council about the discussion during the work session earlier today, regarding moving Council meetings back to the regular meeting locations (City Hall 3rd floor conference room and the Council Chambers) for Work Sessions and Council meetings. Since March, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Council has not met in their regular meeting places, due to health and safety concerns. They are currently meeting at Del Avant, 141 Main Street, in order to maintain social distancing. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to move the Work Sessions back to the City Hall 3rd floor conference room on November 10, 2020 and Council meetings back to the Council Chambers on November 24, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Resolution for reimbursement of 206 Ridley Avenue renovation expenses from tax exempt financing. It will be financed through the GMA Lease Poole by Center State Bank. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute certain documents relating to the renovation of 206 Ridley Avenue. A copy of the documents is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin 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 THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO HUNNICUTT AVENUE AND OWNED BY PACOLET MILLIKEN ENTERPRISES, 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 zone G-I (general industrial district) to R-2 (residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 147 of the 6th Land District, adjacent to Hunnicutt Avenue, containing 0.444 acres, more or less, and shown as Tract 1 and Tract 2 on that plat of survey entitled “Pacolet Milliken, LLC” dated August 5, 2020, prepared by Stothard Surveying, Inc., Gregory Scott Hajek, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor Number 3214, which plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein 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 _____ October 13, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED _____ October 27, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ October 27, 2020

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, 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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY SO AS TO MODIFY THE C-3 ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FARM WINERY AS A PERMITTED USE; 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 Section 25-35-65 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City be amended by inserting within subsection (1), in proper alphabetical order, the use of “Farm Winery”. The lettered subsections within Section 25-35-65(1) shall be re-designated to account for the insertion of the new permitted use for Farm Winery.

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same 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/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

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On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, 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 ADOPT AND ASSESS A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS; 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 the City of LaGrange be amended by creating within Article III of Chapter 10-10 a new Section 10-10-53, to be entitled “Inspection Fees” and to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-10-53. – Inspection fees.

Fees for fire department inspection services shall be charged and collected as set forth below:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Plan review (buildings 5,000 sq. ft. or less) \$100.00	
Plan review (buildings exceeding 5,000 sq. ft.)	sq. ft. x 0.020
Sprinkler system plan review	\$100.00
Fire alarm plan review	100.00
Certificate of occupancy inspection for new construction	\$150.00
Certificate of occupancy inspection for existing building (change of use)	\$ 75.00
Certificate of occupancy inspection on existing building (no change of use)	\$ 0.00

Sprinkler acceptance test	\$100.00
Fire alarm acceptance test	\$100.00
Commercial hood acceptance test	\$ 75.00
Annual inspection (buildings exceeding 75,000 sq. ft.)	\$100.00
Annual inspection (buildings 75,000 sq. ft. or less)	\$ 0.00
Annual inspection - first reinspection	\$ 0.00
Annual inspection - second reinspection	\$150.00
Annual inspection - third and subsequent reinspection	\$200.00”

SECTION 2:

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SECTION 3:

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, 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 CODE SO AS TO NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION; 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:

As provided in Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, those streets located within Bryant Lake Subdivision and shown as “Lana Lane, Loch Court, Grace Court and Lago Court,” respectively, within the bounds of Phase 1F on that drawing entitled “BRYANT LAKE SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE-F” which drawing is attached hereto for the purposes of a more complete description, be and the same are hereby named: “Lana Lane, Loch Court, Grace Court and Lago Court.”

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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In good news, closing comments Ms. Van Schoor reported that our LGTV team will be showcasing a success story where a family qualified through the SOUL Program for a new \$11,000 HVAC system and is expected to save thousands. Our Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Gaskin will be a part of this video. Another bit of good news is that Sweetland On Ice is back, beginning November 30th at Sweetland Amphitheatre. It's a terrific draw during the holidays for LaGrange to provide outdoor ice skating.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk