

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

January 11, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Willie Edmondson, Mark Mitchell, LeGree McCamey 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 Council Member Willie Edmondson, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Attorney Jeff Todd swore in Mayor Jim Thornton and Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore and Jim Arrington.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 14, 2021.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on UDO text amendments. No comments were received and 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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY; TO MODIFY SPACE DIMENSION STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN DWELLINGS WITHIN MX ZONING DISTRICTS; TO AMEND LOT FRONT REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLINGS WITH FRONT-FACING GARAGES WITHIN DESIGNATED MX ZONING DISTRICTS; TO MODIFY DRIVEWAY AND CURB-CUT WIDTHS; TO ALLOW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; TO AMEND GARAGE ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS IN MULTIPLE REDISDNITAL DISTRICTS; TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; TO AMEND ARCHITECTURAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CORRUGATED METAL PANELS AND PRE-ENGINEERED COLOR COATED WALLS; TO MODIFY LOCATION OF PERMITTED USES FOR SOCIAL SERVICE FACILITIES, DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES WITHIN DESIGNATED ZONING DISTRICTS; TO AMEND BY-PASS LANE WIDTH FOR DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES; TO MODIFY CERTAIN SIGN SET-BACK DISTANCES; TO AMEND LANDSCAPE ZONE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCES; TO CLARIFY SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCEDURES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Thornton explained that a public hearing was previously advertised to be held on January 11, 2022, but has now been rescheduled for February 8, 2022, and will be properly advertised.

Leon Childs, Executive Director of AGCAO After School Program, came before the Council to update them on the program. Mr. Childs stated that he has 40-50 students per week for the mentoring and tutoring program. Mayor Thornton and the Council thanked Mr. Childs for his work in the community.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to annex/zone property located on New Airport Road. On a motion by

Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone 22 acres located in the 1400 block of Vernon Street. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Mitchell announced that Georgia Trend Magazine had recently named Mayor Thornton as one of 50 individuals to its 2022 Notable Georgians list. This list recognizes leaders who have made significant impacts in their communities.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the December, 2021 financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

Ms. Kelsey reported to the Council that the City was considering selling property located on Callaway Church Road. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to declare the property as surplus and take sealed bids, with no minimum bid.

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 INCREASE CERTAIN MZXIMUM RATES FOR WRECKER SERVICE TOWING PURSUANT TO THE BLOCK TOWING SYSTEM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Skip Smith to a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Meg Kelsey to a five year term on the LaGrange Development Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Jim Thornton, Mark Mitchell, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington and Meg Kelsey to one year terms on the LaGrange Governmental Finance Corporation.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to appoint Sue Olson to a one year term on the LaGrange Troup County Memorial Park Board.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint James Baker to a one year term as Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Luther Jones to a one year term as Assistant Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tom Gore to a one year term on the Records Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Jim Thornton, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Nathan Gaskin and Jim Arrington to one year terms on the Solid Waste Management Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Wayne Pittman to a three year term on the Troup Council on Aging.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Norma Tucker to a one year term on the Troup County Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint John Brant to a one year term on the Troup County FEMA Board.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted to appoint Willie Edmondson to a one year term as Mayor Pro-Tem.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that the LaGrange Fire Department officially completed its first paramedic class. They started the program August 2020 with 10 students and all 10 passed the program. They now have to pass a few more tests to get their certifications. There is a huge shortage of paramedics in our area so adding 10 more will be a huge benefit for our region. She also reported that the LaGrange Police Department has hired four police officers who started in either LPD's Cadet or Explorer Programs. They include Officer Julie Meacham and Officer Mohammed Salihi from the Cadet Program, Officer Brealyn Dozier from both the Explorer and Cadet Programs and Officer Riley Densmore who completed her internship and LaGrange College Servant Scholar Requirements at LPD as well as participated in the Cadet Program.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk