

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

April 12, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Willie Edmondson 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 Dr. Willie Edmondson, and Mayor Thornton 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 March 22, 2022 and the Council Retreat held on March 25 & 26, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on UDO Text Amendments regarding industrial parking ratio requirements. 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 SO AS TO MODIFY THE MINIMUM PARKING TABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Michele Bedingfield, Executive Director of Harmony House, updated the Council on their services in the community for the past two years. She said their numbers for calls continue to rise. She stated that the house has had some much needed repairs and renovations. Mayor Thornton thanked her for their work and presence in our community.

Theron Truitt appeared before the Council requesting a change in the operating hours for businesses with a Class B Alcohol license, stating that it hasn't been updated since 2015. He believes the hours need to be extended. Mayor Thornton instructed staff to survey other cities of similar size to see what their ordinances are and report back to Council.

Mr. Gaskin reported that he was happy to see the Horace King Bridge in its new location, as it's being put reassembled in the Mulberry Street cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell asked Lt. Cavender to report on the calls for service regarding Mr. Theron Truitt's place of business. Lt. Cavender stated that the LPD had received 35 calls in the past 15 months.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the March 2022 financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

Ms. Kelsey reported to the Council that the 2020 census numbers showed that there was a significant difference in the number of residents in District 1 and District 2 requiring reapportionment of the districts to comply with the "One person-One vote rule". Due to the recent death of Council Member LeGree McCamey, the City will have an election in November to fill his seat, and therefore, the districts must be redrawn and adopted in a timely manner to meet these deadlines. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on April 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Kelsey reported to the Council information regarding the Boys and Girls Club, stating they have lost their Charter in LaGrange, and have been operating under the LaGrange Housing Authority's West Georgia Star Program. Ms. Kelsey has asked the Council for direction for allocating the remaining funds for this fiscal year. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by

Mr. Gore, Council voted to fund the program through the end of this fiscal year, or the end of June. Messrs. Edmondson, Gore and Arrington voted in favor of continuing the funding, Messrs. Mitchell and Gaskin voted against continuing the funding. The voted passed 3-2.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to declare property located at 1973 Greenville Road, LaGrange, GA as surplus and accept sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$1,000,000.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Recertifying LaGrange as a City of Ethics. A copy of this Resolution is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to accept certain streets in the Crossvine Village Subdivision.

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 CODE SO AS TO NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN CROSSVINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 ON BROAD STREET AND OWNED BY EVELYN A. MANSOUR; 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 TN-MX (traditional neighborhood mixed use district) to DT-MX (downtown mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located on Broad Street and known as Tax Map Parcel Number 061-4A-016-015.

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 _____ March 22, 2022 _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ April 12, 2022 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ April 12, 2022 _____

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

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

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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 TN-R (traditional neighborhood low-density residential district) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located on New Franklin Road and known as Tax Map Parcel Number 049-3C-000-106.

SECTION 2:

That the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone SD-MH (special district manufactured housing) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located on New Franklin Road and known as Tax Map Parcel Number 049-3C-000-107A.

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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ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY B'S MEAT MARKET, LLC, AND LOCATED ON LAFAYETTE PARKWAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, B'S MEAT MARKET, LLC (hereafter "Owner") is the owner of land herein referred to which is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, as defined by the laws of the State of Georgia, such land being described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto;

WHEREAS, Owner has filed with the City of LaGrange a written and signed application requesting that the land area described within Exhibit "A" be annexed to and made a part of the City of LaGrange, a copy of such request being attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, upon such request the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange have determined such application meets the requirements of laws contained within O.C.G.A. § 36-36-20, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange upon accepting said application timely notified the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia, of the proposed annexation and attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is evidence that said body interposes no land use classification objection to the annexation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-11;

WHEREAS, the area proposed for annexation adjoins and is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as defined by the laws of this state;

WHEREAS, a complete survey of the area to be annexed has been prepared by a competent surveyor and has been filed with and reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia with a copy of said plat of survey being attached to the ordinance as Exhibit "D" and by this reference made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the application B'S MEAT MARKET, LLC for annexation of the areas contiguous to the City of LaGrange, as described in Exhibit "A" and as shown on the plat attached as Exhibit "D," be and the same are hereby approved, and the contiguous area proposed for the annexation is hereby annexed to the City of LaGrange so that such land shall constitute a part of the land within

the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as fully and completely as if the limits had been marked and defined by a special act of the General Assembly of Georgia.

SECTION 2:

That a copy of this ordinance, together with a description of the area to be annexed thereto as Exhibit “A,” a copy of the written request for annexation attached thereto as Exhibit “B” and a copy of the plat of survey attached thereto as Exhibit “D,” all duly certified by the City Clerk of the City of LaGrange, be forwarded to and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and also forwarded to the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia.

SECTION 3:

That the area annexed as described in Exhibit “A” shall for the purposes of electing members of the City Council be within and designated as District 1.

SECTION 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5:

This ordinance, after adoption and upon approval by the Mayor and Council, shall become effective according to the terms of O.C.G.A. § 36-36-2 on the 1st day of May, 2022.

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SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ April 12, 2022

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 105 of the 6th Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 1.191 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument found marking the East right-of-way of Mallory Drive and the South right-of-way of LaFayette Parkway, run thence North 52° 05’ 35” East a distance of 23.25 feet to a concrete monument found on the South right-of-way of LaFayette Parkway; run thence North 89° 16’ 23” East a distance of 72.59 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence along a curve in the South right-of-way of LaFayette Parkway a distance of 108.3521 feet, which curve has a chord bearing of South 89° 03’ 04” East, a radius of 2231.83 and a chord distance of 108.3414 to the Point of Beginning of the property described herein; run thence along a curve in the South right-of-way of LaFayette Parkway a distance of 131.02 feet, which curve has a chord bearing of South 86° 06’ 12” East, a radius of 2231.83 and a chord distance of 131 feet to a point; run thence South 01° 21’ 32” West a distance of 49.3 feet to a point; run thence South 01° 25’ 11” West a distance of 351.53 feet to a point; run thence South 89° 58’ 11” West a distance of 125.00 feet to a point; run thence North 00° 35’ 01” East a distance of 409.44 feet to a point on the South right-of-way of LaFayette Parkway and the Point of Beginning of the property described herein.

Said property is more particularly described on that plat of survey entitled “PROPOSED ANNEXATION FOR: B’s MEAT MARKET, LLC” dated January 12, 2022, prepared by Gregory Scott Hajek, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 3214, which plat is incorporated herein for the purpose of a more complete description.

The above-described tract of land is contiguous to and adjoins the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange at the places and to the extent referred to and shown on the aforementioned plat of survey, all according to the definition of “contiguous real property” as set forth in Georgia law.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

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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:

All that tract or parcel of land known as 1350 LaFayette Parkway and known as Tax Map Parcel Number 050-4A-006-004.

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

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In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that the City has moved the base structure and one side of the Horace King Bridge into the Mulberry Street Cemetery, and are we are excited for this progress. She also reported that the LaGrange Youth Council raised nearly \$1,200.00 for Pat's Community Garden in the Calumet Village. The group held a Fun Run on Saturday, April 9th, and had a terrific turnout.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk