

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

August 22, 2023

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Mark Davenport with City Light Church, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. Boddie Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 8, 2023.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to amend the character area map designation assigned to property located at 1374 South Davis Road from Professional Park Development to Industrial. No comments were received and on a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

Adam Speas introduced the 2023-2024 LaGrange Youth Council made up of 24 high school juniors and seniors. City Attorney Jeff Todd swore in the new members as a group and Mayor Edmondson, the Council, and Ms. Kelsey offered their congratulations on this distinguished honor.

Mr. Nathan Swanson addressed the Council in opposition to the rezoning of 425 Young's Mill Road. Mr. Swanson added the traffic study, completed by the Police Department, was performed during the summer when schools were not in session.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone property located at 433 Gordon Circle from Suburban Single-Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Medium Density Residential (TN-MR). On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on September 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone property located in the 200 blocks of Render Street and East Render Street from Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R) to Corridor Mixed Use (CR-MX). On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on September 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin 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 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 HINES STREET AND OWNED BY KIMBLE CARTER; 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-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 at 613 Hines Street and known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number 050-3B-031-007.

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 August 8, 2023

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED August 22, 2023

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED August 22, 2023

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to table a request to rezone property located at 339, 389, and 425 Young’s Mill Road from Traditional Neighborhood Residential (T-NR) to Traditional Neighborhood Medium Density Residential (TN-MR) until the next Council meeting, September 12, 2023. Tabling the request allows Council time to consider findings from an additional traffic study, which would be completed during the school year.

The Good News for tonight we want to welcome our 2023-2024 LaGrange Youth Council tonight. Congratulations – we are looking forward to a great year. We would like to welcome the Mayor and Councilmembers to an ice cream social with the youth council to celebrate the upcoming year. Also, please be reminded we state a new year of our leaving LaGrange better than we found it litter cleanups – this Saturday at Community Bank and Trust on West Point Road – 8am! Everyone is welcome!

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk