

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

June 11, 2019

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

Absent: Mayor Jim Thornton

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Community Development Director Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Arrington, the invocation was given by Rev. Cody Turner of First Baptist Church on the Square and Mayor Pro-Tem Arrington led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 28, 2019.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located at 710 Greenville Street from G-I (General Industrial) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). 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 MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 710 GREENVILLE STREET AND OWNED BY DIXIE MILL DEVELOPMENT LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to modify the C-3 (General Commercial) and G-I (General Industrial) zoning districts to include microdistillery as a permitted use. 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 C-3 AND G-I ZONING DISTRICTS TO INCLUDE MICRODISTILLERY AS A PERMITTED USE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF A MICRODISTILLERY WITHIN SAID PERMITTED DISTRICTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the 2019-2020 Budget. Laura Breyfogle and Jan Smith spoke in support of the LaGrange Memorial Library and asked that the Council reconsider decreasing their funding for the upcoming budget year. Scott Landa, Executive Director of Keep Troup Beautiful, ask the Council to reconsider decreasing their funding for the

upcoming budget year. Yvonne Lopez, Chief Executive Officer of Ark Refuge, asked the Council to consider their request in hopes that their funding would not be cut in the upcoming budget year. No other comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Kwesi Dowell, a representative of the Royal Court community, appeared before the Council to ask that they reconsider a request to close a portion of Royal Court for a July 4th community event. The request had previously been denied by the City Manager due to public safety concerns. Council asked Mr. Dowell to put together a plan for the event to bring back for the City Manager to review but the denial of the road closure was not changed. No action was taken.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson Council appointed Mr. Arrington as the Alternate Voting Delegate to the 2019 GMA Annual Convention. Mr. Edmondson had previously been appointed but will not be able to attend the conference.

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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CODE OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO DEFINE, LICENSE AND REGULATE MICRODISTILLERIES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO LEVY AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 MODIFY COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared with the Council that we are hosting three new interns this summer in the Marketing/Communications Department. They are Iyanla Mosely, a Callaway High graduate and rising junior at the University of Alabama majoring in broadcast journalism. Olivia Smith who joined us at this morning's work session, recently graduated from LaGrange High and will be a freshman at Auburn University this Fall majoring in communications, she is also a former Youth Council member. And Mizya Blackmon, a rising senior at LaGrange High who will return with us in the Fall with our Youth Council. They are all working on a project they will present to you all Tuesday, July 23rd.

Ms. Van Schoor also announced that we are now accepting applications for LaGrange Youth Council the 2019-2020 year and we already have nearly 50 interested students.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro-Tem Arrington.

Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk