

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

July 15, 2021

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

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Gore

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Council Member Rev. Willie Edmondson, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 22, 2021.

Mayor Thornton presented a 40 year service award to Jimmy Rhodes, Gas Department Superintendent. Mayor Thornton expressed his appreciation to Mr. Rhodes for his years of service and dedication to the citizens of LaGrange. Mr. Bowie also expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Rhodes for his willingness to “cross the department” lines when his help is needed.

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

Ms. Kelsey presented information to the Council regarding a request from the LaGrange Housing Authority for assistance with sidewalks in the new Phoenix Crossing. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to fund \$50,000 for the project. Mr. Gaskin also reminded Council and staff that he wants a solution to the removal of the sidewalk on Handley Street due to construction. Staff was instructed to follow up on this request.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to authorize and approve the MEAG Solar Purchase Power Agreement. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Manager’s office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Fourth Amendment to Intergovernmental Contract Regarding Conveyance of Industrial Property Adjacent to Upper Big Springs Road. Ms. Kelsey explained that this is an extension to September 15, 2021 and that we have received an additional \$50,000 non-refundable deposit.

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 CHAPTER 20-5 IN ORDER TO CREATE AND ADOPT A NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY TARIFF NO.1; TO ADOPT THE STANDARD RENEWABLE ENERGY CUSTOMER AGREEMENT AND ERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREFOR; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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On a motion by Mr. Edmondson 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 MODIFY THE CODE OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE THAT

TRAFFIC ON A PORTION OF DOUGLAS STREET AND PEACHTREE STREET BE ONE-WAY; 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 10-20-5 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be modified by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a new entry for *Douglas Street*, to read as follows:

“*Douglas Street* from its intersection with Cherry Street to its intersection with Peachtree Street is one-way South.”

**SECTION 2:**

That Section 10-20-5 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be modified by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a new entry for *Peachtree Street*, to read as follows:

“*Peachtree Street* from its intersection with Douglas Street to its intersection with South Greenwood Street is one-way West.”

**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.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ June 22, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ July 15, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ July 15, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

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On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to appoint Tom Gore as the Voting Delegate for the 2021 GMA Annual Convention.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Jim Arrington as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2021 GMA Annual Convention.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Gaskin to carry the City flag in the Parade of Flags at the 2021 GMA Annual Convention.

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that our City leaders will partner with Mobile Food Pantry with Communities of Tomorrow, tomorrow morning. We are also very excited to bring back live music to Sweetland Amphitheatre tomorrow night with Travis Tritt. Ms. Van Schoor then showed a short video to help get everyone excited!

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk