

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

December 14, 2021

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 Rev. Pete Shoger, Southcrest Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 23, 2021.

Sydney Edelson, Marketing & Communications Department Intern, spoke to the Council regarding her internship. Ms. Edelson is a member of the Youth Council, and stated that this had inspired her to want to expand her knowledge about her community. She stated that, overall, during this time, she learned a lot about LaGrange and things she didn't know existed. Ms. Edelson thanked Adam Speas and Katie Van Schoor for giving her this opportunity.

Teara Harris, CEO and Founder of Communities of Tomorrow, updated the Council on their current and future plans. Ms. Harris explained that they connect people with the available resources to provide a blueprint for survival and also to thrive in the community. She stated that they partnered with Wholistic Stress Control Institute this summer and assisted 124 youth with learning emotional self-awareness. Ms. Harris stated that they hope to expand their program in the future, making sure the students have the tools they need, no matter what they do in life. Mayor Thornton and the Council thanked Ms. Harris for her work in this program and our community.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone property located in the 1400 block of Vernon Street. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation for proposed UDO text amendments. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gaskin noted the upcoming construction at The Griggs Center and the need for directional signs to the Center. Mayor Thornton asked staff to see what is needed and for our sign shop to assist in making the necessary signs.

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

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 ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY MCONE DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND LOCATED ON LAFAYETTE PARKWAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, MCONE DEVELOPMENT, 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 through §36-36-21, 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 of MCONE DEVELOPMENT, 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 is 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 Clerk of the City of LaGrange, be forwarded to and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and be 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ November 23, 2021

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ December 14, 2021

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ December 14, 2021

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 105, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Troup County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing from a concrete monument found at the intersection of the Western right-of-way of Pine Circle (50' right-of-way) and the Southern right of-way of Georgia Highway 109 a.k.a. LaFayette Parkway (right-of-way varies); thence leaving said intersection and following said right-of-way of Georgia Highway 109, North 78 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 115.11 feet to a concrete monument found; thence continuing along said right-of-way, North 66 degrees 00 minutes 14 seconds West, a distance of 51.89 feet to a concrete monument found; thence continuing along said right-of-way, North 81 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 21.68 feet to a concrete monument found; thence continuing along said right-of-way North 85 degrees 14 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 133.24 feet to a point; thence continuing along said right-of-way, South 02 degrees 53 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 49.03 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar with cap – GRAY 25217-2879), said pin being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said right-of-way of Georgia Highway 109, South 02 degrees 53 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 344.90 feet to an iron pin found (5/8" iron bar); thence north 89 degrees 41 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 65.49 feet to an iron pin found (5/8" iron bar); thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 22.96 feet to an iron pin found (1/2" rebar with cap – STOTHARD); thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 351.66 feet to a PK nail found on the Southern right-of-way of Georgia Highway 109; thence continuing along said right-of-way, South 85 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds East, a distance of 97.42 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar with cap – GRAY 25217-2879), said pin being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract containing 0.743 acres or 32,342 square feet.

Said property is more particularly shown on that plat of survey entitled "Site Plan for BC Stone Homes" prepared by B. Shawn Gray, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2879, dated August 13, 2021, 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.

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On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, 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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON LAFAYETTE PARKWAY AND OWNED BY MCONE DEVELOPMENT, LLC; 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 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:

That tract or parcel of land located on LaFayette Parkway and known as Tax Map Parcel Number 050-4A-006-028.

**SECTION 2:**

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

**SECTION 3:**

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated §36-66-4(d)(4), this ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective upon the latter of the following dates: (1) the date the zoning is approved by the Mayor and Council; or (2) the date that the annexation of the above-referenced property becomes effective pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated §36-36-2.

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In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor highlighted the great things going on in our Parks Department. She recognized our new Parks Director Michael Coniglio, Meg Kelsey, Mayor Thornton and Councilman Gaskin, and noted the three park projects going on now - Hamilton Road/McGregor Street, Whitesville Road Linear Park and Granger Park Playground. She then showed a great video of our upcoming parks and projects.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

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Mayor

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City Clerk