

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

January 10, 2017

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Norma Tucker, and Nick Woodson

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Community Development Director Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 27, 2016.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone 11 Sunset Drive from County Zoning to C-3, General Commercial. No comments were received and Council heard a 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 CLASSIFY WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 11 SUNSET DRIVE AND OWNED BY JAMES AND MICHELLE LANGLEY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Threadgill presented a recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals for a special use permit for a group residential treatment facility to be located at 120 Alford Street. Next Cross Road proposes to operate a residence for women who have entered an aftercare program following successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on February 14, 2017.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-131 (a)(1) requires that qualifying fees for public offices be fixed and published; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-131 (a)(1) requires that the governing body of a municipality fix and publish qualifying fees for each of its offices not later than February 1 the year the general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-131 (a)(1) states the qualifying fee for each office to be filled in the upcoming election shall not be more than three (3) percent of the income derived from such office paid in the preceding calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, do hereby fix the qualifying fee for the office of office of Mayor at Two Hundred Eighty Eight (\$288.00) and Council Member at Two Hundred Sixteen (\$216.00) and do hereby publish the same.

This 10th day of January, 2017

James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Kelsey briefly reviewed the scope of the Gateway Corridor Plan. Over a year ago, the City Council authorized staff to hire Perkins and Will to conduct a planning study to explore ways to improve the aesthetics of all three interstate gateway corridors, Hamilton Road, Whitesville Road and Lafayette Parkway. The plan is a high level view that is intended to establish a baseline vision and further plans will be needed to drill down into specific details. The implementation of the plan could be potentially funded through SPLOST 2019. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Gateway Corridor Plan.

Council heard the first reading of 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 JAMES AND MICHELLE LANGLEY AND LOCATED AT 11 SUNSET DRIVE; 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 MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN RETAIL PARKING DISTRICT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Skip Smith to a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Meg Kelsey to a five year term on the LaGrange Development Authority.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Jim Thornton, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Norma Tucker, Nick Woodson and Meg Kelsey to one year terms on the LaGrange Governmental Finance Corporation.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Luther Jones to a one year term on the LaGrange Troup County Memorial Park Board.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously voted to reappoint James Baker to a one year term as Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Nick Woodson to a one year term on the Records Committee.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously voted to appoint Jim Thornton, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, LeGree McCamey, Willie Edmondson, Norma Tucker, and Nick Woodson to one year terms on the Solid Waste Management Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to reappoint Norma Tucker to a one year appointment on the Troup County FEMA Board.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to appoint Jeff Anderson to fill an unexpired term on the Troup County Board of Elections.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to appoint Mark Mitchell Mayor Pro-Tem for 2017.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey discussed the recent announcements of Hobby Lobby and Dunham's to the LaGrange Mall in the former J.C. Penny's box. The mall will expand its current footprint to accommodate the two large stores. Stores are slated to open in September of 2017. Ms. Kelsey also invited the Mayor and Council and the public to a Special Announcement of the Downtown Development Authority to be held on January 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Westbrook Tire building.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

Assistant City Manager