

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

June 27, 2017

Present: Mayor 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; Director of Community Development Alton West; Director of Utilities Patrick Bouie

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Reverend Pete Shoger of Southcrest Church and Eli Threadgill of Troop 3 of the Boys Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 13, 2017.

Ms. Zsa Zsa Heard of the LaGrange Housing Authority addressed the Mayor and Council to request the renaming of a portion of Niles Street to Vince Sutton Blvd. Ms. Heard stated the renaming is part of a larger attempt to rebrand areas associated with LaGrange Housing Authority. She stated that Mr. Sutton was identified because he is a former NFL athlete from the community and lived on Niles Street. The request is limited to the portion of the street that runs through the Housing Authority property. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 25, 2017.

Ms. Kelsey presented an amendment to the City Personnel Policy 6.1 regarding the Sick Pay System. Ms. Kelsey stated that Senate Bill 201 scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017 requires the City as an employer to allow its employees to use up to 5 days of sick time per calendar year for the care of immediate family members. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously approve the amendment.

Mr. Chad Cooper of the West Georgia Star Program of the LaGrange Housing Authority presented a request for sponsorship of a Life Skills Seminar organized by Mr. Tyrone Poole. Mr. Cooper stated the 3 day seminar would target 9 to 11 year olds who are considered at-risk. The program would be offered to both Housing Authority residents and non-residents. Mr. Poole is a former Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots and is originally from LaGrange. Mr. Cooper requested \$5,000.00 that would be matched by the West Georgia Star Program. On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted to support the project with a sponsorship match of \$5,000. Council Member Edmonson abstained.

Mayor Thornton discussed a request from the Callaway family to name the road being constructed to connect Vernon Road to County Club Road as Hills and Dales Crossing. Mayor Thornton stated the property is being constructed on the historic Hills and Dales property and the Callaway Foundation helped sponsor the project. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on July 25, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously adopted 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, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

For the expenses of the City Government and its activities for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, the amounts contained in the General Fund, Utilities Fund, General Capital Improvements Fund, Electric Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Telecommunications Fund, Gas Fund, Sanitation Fund and Community Development Fund as shown in the Budget for the City of LaGrange, dated July 1, 2017 are hereby adopted and appropriated for the departments and activities of the City shown therein.

SECTION 2:

A copy of the Budget, dated July 1, 2017, is on file in the office of the City Manager of the City of LaGrange and is by this reference incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3:

If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. The Mayor and Council of LaGrange hereby declare that it would have passed the remaining portion of this Ordinance had it known such part or parts would be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5:

This Ordinance after its adoption and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ June 13, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ June 27, 2017

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ June 27, 2017

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

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On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously adopted the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO LEVY AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The millage rate necessary to produce revenue from taxation of tangible real and personal property in the City of LaGrange which, when combined with other revenues reasonably expected to be received by the City during the year, other than revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to this Section and which would provide revenues sufficient to defray the expenses of the City for the year is computed as follows:

- (a) For the purpose of raising revenue to pay the cost of the general government, ordinary expenses and for other purposes authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia \_\_\_\_\_ 5.14Mills

The millage rate of 5.14 as thus ascertained is then reduced by 5.14 mills, the millage rate which, if levied against the tangible property within the City of LaGrange, would produce an amount equal to the distribution of the proceeds of the tax imposed by the join County and Municipal Sales and Use Tax for the twelve-month period. Applying the reduction of the millage rate to the millage rate necessary to produce the total revenue results in the millage rate for the calendar year 2017 of -0-.

SECTION 2:

If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. The Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining portion of this ordinance had it known such part or parts would be adjudged invalid, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3:

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Mr. Anthony Meadows came before the Mayor and City Council and inquired on when the Tom Hall Parkway would be completed. He expressed concerns of people cutting through his property to see the progress of the Great Wolf construction. Ms. Kelsey stated that since it was a county project and that she would follow up with Mr. Meadows after discussing the project with the County Manager.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey announced the hiring of Katie Mercer Von Schoor to be the first communications manager for the City of LaGrange. Ms. Kelsey stated that she comes with over two decades of experience in the media and has been a lifelong resident of the community.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation. At the end of the executive session, on a motion

by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

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

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Mayor

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Assistant City Manager