

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

July 25, 2017

Present: Mayor Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, 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; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Von Schoor

Absent: Council Member LeGree McCamey

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Reverend Michael Jackson of Confidence Missionary Baptist Church and JR Lee of Troop 518 of the Boys Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 27, 2017.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on renaming a portion of Niles Street as Vince Sutton Boulevard. Maxine Sutton, Vince Sutton's mother, appeared before council and expressed support for the renaming of the road. 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 CODE SO AS TO RENAME A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY "VINCE SUTTON BOULEVARD"; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on naming Hills & Dales Farm Road, a new connector road being constructed between Vernon and County Club Road. No comments were received and the 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 CODE SO AS TO NAME A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY "HILLS & DALES FARM ROAD"; TO RENAME A PORTION OF VERNON WOODS DRIVE AS "HILLS & DALES FARM ROAD"; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on rezoning a portion of property located off of Corporate Park East from Mixed Use Development to R-3, multi-family. No comments were received and the 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 RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO CORPORATE PARK EAST AND OWNED BY THE CITY OF LAGRANGE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jerome Cofield, the founder of Empowerment Wednesday, appeared before the Mayor and Council and provided a brief presentation on the Empowerment Wednesday program. Mr. Cofield stated that the program started in 2016, with 12 students wearing ties to school on Wednesday and has grown to roughly 125 students. The majority of students who participate have improved their grades and behavior since joining. Mr. Cofield requested the Council's help on securing a location for the non-profit. No action was taken.

Randy Robertson, a candidate for State Senate in the 29th District, appeared before the Mayor and Council and briefly introduced himself. Mr. Robertson stated his priorities are education, job growth, infrastructure and safety. No action was taken.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 1705 and 1707 Jackson Street from R-2, Single and Two Family residential to R-3, Multi-Family Residential. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals voted to recommend approval of the request with conditions. Ms. Threadgill stated the conditions are to ensure the use of quality materials. The zoning request is part of DASH's redevelopment plan for the Hillside community. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on August 8, 2017.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 601, 0, 603 and 605 Jenkins Street; 1709 and 4 Jackson Street; and 604 and 606 Freeman Street from R-4, Residential to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals voted to recommend approval of the request with conditions. Ms. Threadgill stated the conditions are to ensure the use of quality materials. The zoning request is part of DASH's redevelopment plan for the Hillside community. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on August 8, 2017.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 603, 605, 607 and 0 Jefferson Street from R-2, Single and Two Family Residential and C-3, General Commercial to OIR-1, Office Institutional Residential. Ms. Threadgill stated that the rezoning application would accommodate a mixture of residential units and an office development. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals voted to recommend approval of the request with conditions. On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on August 8, 2017.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to amend the zoning ordinance to include brewpub and microbrewery as permitted uses. Ms. Threadgill stated this change was to accommodate future breweries. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals voted to recommend to add brew pubs as a permitted use in C-2, Central Business District and C-3, General Commercial District and micro-breweries as a permitted use in C-3, General Commercial District and G-I, General Industrial District and to provide definitions. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on August 8, 2017.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request for a sign variance at 1496 Lafayette Parkway (Synovus). The applicant requested an additional monument sign. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals voted to recommend approval. On a motion by Ms. Tucker and a second by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on August 8, 2017.

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

Ms. Kelsey briefly reviewed the 2017-2018 tourism budget submitted by the Executive Board of Tourism of the Chamber of Commerce. On a motion by Mr. Woodson and a second by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously adopt the Tourism Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council adopted a calendar of events for the 2017 Municipal election. On a motion by Ms. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to designate the Troup County Elections Board as the Municipal Voter

Registrar and Municipal Absentee Ballot Clerk in connection with the 2017 Municipal election. A copy of the calendar of events and other information related to the election is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to approve the following resolution declaring certain items as surplus:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>
2128	2005	Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WF55K259387169
2140	2010	Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WD5EM9A1128033
2305	2008	Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS553689264581
2315	2008	Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WS553289264643
3045	2008	Freightliner	M2-106	1FVACXDTX8HZ79651
3053	2006	CAT	D7RII	AEC00961
3135	2000	CAT	D7R	2EN01056
3204	1999	Dodge	Stratus	1B3EJ46X6YN200816
3613	1996	Ford	Econoline	1FMEE11H4THB69151
3843	1999	Dodge	Ram	1B7HF16YXXS17293D
4347	1997	Ford	F800	1FDXF80E3VVA33300
4359	2003	Chevrolet	CC25903	1GBHC24U73E217124
4426	1994	Ford	F800	1FDXK84E7RVA00988

On a motion by Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to approve the amendments to the Red Flag Regulations. A copy of the regulations is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to approve the following resolution in support of Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH):

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TROUP

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A JOINT
APPLICATION FOR THE GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY
HOUSING**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of LaGrange strongly supports efforts to improve the overall housing quality and housing inventory for the citizens of LaGrange, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Department of Community Affairs and University of Georgia provide training and technical assistance to the State's cities and counties through the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing program; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive community based strategy to address these needs such as advocated by the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing offers an enhanced probability of timely success;

WHEREAS, Troup County and the cities of Hogansville, LaGrange and West Point have agreed to jointly apply to this Georgia Initiative for Community Housing training program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of LaGrange hereby authorizes the submittal of a joint application for membership in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing program.

SO RESOLVED, this 25th day of July, 2017.

James C. Thornton, Mayor

Attest:

Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Troup County and Cities of Hogansville and West Point, regarding the Special Local Option Sales Tax. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

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 SECTION 10-20-96 OF THE CODE SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF HUNNICUTT PLACE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey stated over 500 people attended the Thread Model Mile Grand Opening over the weekend. Ms. Kelsey complimented the Friends of the Thread for organizing such a successful event. Ms. Kelsey announced the Skate Plaza Public Meeting on August 3, 2017 to gain feedback on the proposed design of the skate plaza.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager