

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

August 8, 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; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Von Schoor; Director of Public Safety Lou Dekmar

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given Dr. Derek Lewis of the Biblical History Center and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 25, 2017.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone 1705 and 1707 Jackson Street from R-2, Single and Two Family residential to R-3, Multi-Family Residential. 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 WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON JACKSON STREET AND OWNED BY DASH FOR LAGRANGE, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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A public hearing was held to receive comments on 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. No comments were received and the Council heard a first reading of the following ordinance:

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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 WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON JENKINS, JACKSON AND FREEMAN STREETS AND OWNED BY DASH FOR LAGRANGE, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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A public hearing was held to receive comments on 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. 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 WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON JEFFERSON STREET AND OWNED BY DASH FOR LAGRANGE, INC.; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to amend the zoning ordinance to include brewpub and microbrewery as permitted uses. No comments were received and the Council heard first readings of the following ordinances:

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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY SO AS TO MODIFY THE C-2 AND C-3 ZONING DISTRICTS TO INCLUDE BREWPUB AS A PERMITTED USE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY SO AS TO MODIFY THE C-3 AND G-I ZONING DISTRICTS TO INCLUDE MICROBREWERY AS A PERMITTED USE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF A MICROBREWERY WITHIN SAID PERMITTED DISTRICTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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A public hearing was held to receive comments on a sign variance at 1496 Lafayette Parkway (Synovus Bank). The applicant requested a variance to allow an additional freestanding sign and an increase of one foot to the entrance/exit sign height. Deedee Simmons of the Fitts Company appeared before the Mayor and Council and discussed the needed variance request. She stated that Commercial Bank and Trust is undergoing a name change to Synovus. As part of that process, an additional monument sign has been requested to aid motorists that turn off Lafayette Parkway onto the side street that access the bank. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to approve the additional freestanding (monument) sign and the height variance of the entrance/exit sign.

Dr. Glenn Dowell and Ms. Willie Mae Callaway appeared before the Mayor and Council and provided a brief presentation on the Greater Achievement Youth Empowerment Academy. They provided information on their success on preparing local students for the SAT/ACT testing and thanked the council for their support. Dr. Dowell stated the program provided tutoring for 100 local students over the past year. No action was taken.

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously adopted the 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.

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

**SECTION 1:**

Pursuant to Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that portion of Niles Street, from its intersection with Revis Street to its intersection with Borton Street, be and the same is hereby renamed “Vince Sutton Boulevard.”

**SECTION 2:**

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

**SECTION 3:**

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ July 25, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ August 8, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ August 8, 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 Ms. Edmondson, Council unanimously adopted 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.

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

**SECTION 1:**

Pursuant to Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that road currently under construction in the city, between Country Club Road and Vernon Woods Drive, be and the same is hereby named “Hills & Dales Farm Road.” Moreover, that portion of Vernon Woods Drive, from its intersection with the newly constructed Hills & Dales Farm Road to its intersection with Vernon Road shall upon completion of said project be renamed “Hills & Dales Farm Road.”

**SECTION 2:**

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

**SECTION 3:**

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

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On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously adopted 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.

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 reclassify from use zone MXD (mixed use development district) to G-I (general industrial district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 121 and 122 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Land District of Troup County, Georgia, consisting of 9.337 acres, more or less, and more particularly described on Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for the purposes of a more complete description. Said parcel is a portion of Troup County Tax Map Parcel 039-3-000-022A.

**SECTION 2:**

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

**SECTION 3:**

This ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Beginning at a point marking the northwest corner of Land Lot 122, run thence South 00° 03' East a distance of 1045.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the property described herein; run thence South 82° 51' 00" East a distance of 598.88 feet along the southern right-of-way of CSX Railroad to a point; run thence along a curve along the southern right-of-way of CSX Railroad a distance of 316.22 feet, which curve has a chord bearing of South 74° 34' 00" East and a chord distance of 315.12 feet to an iron pin set at the intersection of the southern right-of-way of CSX Railroad and the western right-of-way of Interstate 85; run thence along the western right-of-way of Interstate 85 South 31° 40' 00" West a distance of 69.59 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence along said right-of-way South 33° 27' 00" West a distance of 201.38 feet to a concrete monument found; continuing along said right-of-way run thence South 33° 26' 00" West a distance of 232.18 feet to an iron pin set; run thence North 88° 45' 00" West a distance of 634.35 feet to an iron pin found; run thence North 01° 11' 00" East a distance of 565.70 feet to an iron pin set which is the POINT OF BEGINNING of the property described herein. Said property is more particularly shown as "9.337 Ac" on that plat of survey entitled "Division from a Parent Track Survey Prepared for LaGrange Development Authority" prepared by Phillip C. Flynn, Jr. Registered Land Surveyor Number 2622, dated May 17, 2017, which plat is incorporated herein for the purposes of a more complete description.

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On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously adopted 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.

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

**SECTION 1:**

That Section 10-20-96 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein, under the entry for *Hunnicut Place*, a new (fourth) paragraph to read as follows:

“On the south side, beginning at its intersection with Granger Drive and extending east for a distance of 988 feet, parking is prohibited.”

**SECTION 2:**

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

**SECTION 3:**

This ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

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On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously adopted 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.

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

**SECTION 1:**

That the Alcoholic Beverages Code of the City be amended by creating therein a new Article VI, to be entitled “Microbreweries” and to read as follows:

**“ARTICLE VI – MICROBREWERIES**

**Sec. 30-20-251. Microbrewery License Authorized.**

No individual shall be permitted to operate a microbrewery without first obtaining a proper microbrewery license from the City in the manner provided in this chapter, and each holder of a microbrewer license shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and all

applicable state statutes, including rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Revenue.

**Sec. 30-20-252. License Fee.**

The license fee for a microbrewery shall be \$50.00.

**Sec. 30-20-253. License Requirements.**

Applications for a microbrewery license shall include such information, and shall follow the requirements of, the application for all alcoholic beverages licenses as are contained within Article I of the Alcoholic Beverages Code. Microbreweries shall be subject to the same regulation and requirements as for a Class B malt beverage license, including but not limited to hours of operation and distance requirements, as established in Article II of Chapter 30-5. Microbreweries may offer free tastings, educational and promotional tours, as well as such other sales as may be allowed by the laws of the State of Georgia.”

**SECTION 2:**

That the Alcoholic Beverages Code of the City be amended by creating therein a new Article VII, to be entitled “Brewpubs” and to read as follows:

**“ARTICLE VII – BREWPUBS**

**Sec. 30-20-280. Brewpub License Authorized.**

No individual shall be permitted to operate a brewpub without first obtaining a proper brewpub license from the City in the manner provided in this chapter, and each holder of a brewpub license shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and all applicable state statutes, including rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Revenue.

**Sec. 30-20-281. License Fee.**

The license fee for a brewpub shall be \$50.00

**Sec. 30-20-282. License Requirements.**

Applications for a brewpub license shall include such information, and shall follow the requirements of, the application for all alcoholic beverages licenses as are contained within Article I of the Alcoholic Beverages Code. Brewpubs shall be subject to the same regulation and requirements as for a Class B malt beverage license, including but not limited to hours of operation and distance requirements, as established in Article II of Chapter 30-5.”

**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.

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

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Dr. Derek Lewis appeared before the Mayor and Council and stated that he is very happy about the things going on in the City of LaGrange. He stated that he had a chance to tour the THINC Academy and he was very impressed on what students are learning in Troup County. He thanked the Council for their support to the THINC Academy.

Ms. Carolyn Haamid and Maxine Sutton thanked the Mayor and Council for voting to rename a portion of Niles Street to Vince Sutton Blvd.

Mr. Anthony Meadows appeared before the Mayor and Council to make a complaint against the contractors of the Tom Hall Parkway. He stated the contractors have been coming onto his property and damaged his mailbox. The Mayor suggested he reach out to the County since the Tom Hall Parkway Construction is a county managed project. Additionally, the Mayor recommended Mr. Meadows speak with the LaGrange Chief of Police.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey stated that Ms. Van Schoor, in her role as Communications Manager, will begin giving the good news at the regular meetings of the Mayor and Council. Ms. Van Schoor stated during a tour of Great Wolf, Turner Construction representatives called the City “very builder friendly” and “the best they’ve worked with.” Also in good news, the LaGrange Police Department received international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for a seventh time and the department also achieved the Accreditation with Excellence Award. Ms. Van Schoor also remarked that Chief Dekmar will be inducted as the new President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in October and David Brown was recently elected to be president-elect of the American Public Works Association and begins his term in January 2018. Additionally, Ms. Van Schoor remarked on the success of the Skate Plaza meeting that was live broadcasted on Facebook. Ms. Van Schoor stated the LaGrange Police Department is taking part in a research study with the University of Georgia to better understand how law enforcement experience work-related trauma and help departments support their employees.

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