

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

August 22, 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 Van Schoor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome Baptist Church and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 8, 2017.

Sherriff Woodruff and Evie Kettler appeared before the Mayor and Council and provided a brief presentation on a project to build fences for local homes with dogs. Mr. Woodruff introduced Ms. Kettler and stated that he is a supporter of Ms. Kettler's projects. Ms. Kettler played a short video by "Fences for Fido." Ms. Kettler founded a Fences for Fido program here in LaGrange, which is a non-profit that funds fences to reduce the chaining of dogs. The program has funded two fences in LaGrange so far. Debra Berger, the Georgia State Director of Humane Society of the United States expressed her support of Ms. Kettler and commended the City of LaGrange Animal Control Department. No action was taken.

Natalie Hale, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Thread appeared before the Mayor and Council and presented the City with a check for \$11,125.00 for the maintenance fund of The Thread. No action was taken.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request for a special use permit for a group treatment facility located at 99 Johnson Street. The Board of Planning Zoning recommended approval. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on September 12, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a Maintenance Funding and License Agreement with the Friends of the Thread. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to a Public Roadway, Water and Sewer Infrastructure Agreement with Selig Enterprises, Inc. and Troup County. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, 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 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.

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 re-classify from R-2 (residential district) to R-3 (residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All those tracts or parcels of land located at 1705 and 1707 Jackson Street, also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 060-2A-005-029 and 060-2A-005-001.

**SECTION 2:**

Pursuant to the police power of the City of LaGrange, the Mayor and Council hereby impose and establish certain conditions as a requirement for the rezoning of the property referenced above in Section 1. The following conditions are imposed for the protection or benefit of neighboring landowners in order to ameliorate the effects of rezoning this property to R-3 and shall apply to any development to occur on said property, to wit:

- a) Exterior materials shall be constructed of or clad in either stone, wood, stucco, brick or hardiplank (vinyl may be incorporated around the soffit, gables, eaves and window area for trim). No exterior veneers or facades will be constructed of vinyl or aluminum.
- b) Roof materials shall be asphalt, fiberglass shingle, cedar, slate or standing seam metal.
- c) All utilities shall be underground.
- d) HVAC units shall be either physically located or screened with vegetative or fence buffer so as not to be visible from the right-of-way.

**SECTION 3:**

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

**SECTION 4:**

All parts, portions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are each hereby declared to be severable from each other and if any such part, portion, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any remaining parts, portions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases thereof and the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange hereby declare that had they known that any such provision was or would be invalid, they would not have adopted that portion or part of the Ordinance but would have nevertheless adopted the remaining portions thereof.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ August 8, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ August 22, 2017

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

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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 re-classify from R-4 (residential district) to C-1 (neighborhood commercial district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All those tracts or parcels of land located at 0, 601, 603 and 605 Jenkins Street; 4 and 1709 Jackson Street; and 604 and 606 Freeman Street. Said parcels are also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 060-2A-006-001; 060-2A-006-002; 060-2A-006-003; 060-2A-006-004; 060-2A-006-028; 060-2A-006-029; 060-2A-006-030; and 060-2A-006-031.

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- e) Exterior materials shall be constructed of or clad in either stone, wood, stucco, brick or hardiplank (vinyl may be incorporated around the soffit, gables, eaves and window area for trim). No exterior veneers or facades will be constructed of vinyl or aluminum.
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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 re-classify from R-2 (residential district) and C-3 (general commercial district) to OIR-1 (official-institutional-residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All those tracts or parcels of land located at and known as 0, 603, 605, 0 and 607 Jefferson Street. Said parcels are also known as

**SECTION 2:**

Pursuant to the police power of the City of LaGrange, the Mayor and Council hereby impose and establish certain conditions as a requirement for the rezoning of the property referenced above in Section 1. The following conditions are imposed for the protection or benefit of neighboring landowners in order to ameliorate the effects of rezoning this property to OIR-1 and shall apply to any development to occur on said property, to wit:

- i) Exterior materials shall be constructed of or clad in either stone, wood, stucco, brick or hardiplank (vinyl may be incorporated around the soffit, gables, eaves and window area for trim). No exterior veneers or facades will be constructed of vinyl or aluminum.
- j) Roof materials shall be asphalt, fiberglass shingle, cedar, slate or standing seam metal.
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On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously adopted 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 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.

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

**SECTION 1:**

That Section 25-35-2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City be modified by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a new term and definition for Brewpub, as follows:

*“Brewpub: Any eating establishment in which malt beverages are manufactured, subject to the barrel production limitation and such other rules and restrictions as are defined under Georgia law.”*

**SECTION 2:**

That Section 25-35-65 of the Code be amended by inserting within subsection (1), in proper alphabetical order, the use of “Brewpub.” The lettered subsections within Section 25-35-65(1) shall be redesignated to accommodate for the insertion of the new permitted use for brewpubs.

**SECTION 3:**

That subsection (1) of Section 25-35-64 of the Code be amended by inserting therein a new subsection o., to read as follows:

“o. Brewpubs.”

**SECTION 4:**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:**

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

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On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously adopted the following ordinance:

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

**SECTION 1:**

That Section 25-35-2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City be modified by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a new term and definition for Microbrewery, as follows:

*“Microbrewery:* A facility in which malt beverages are manufactured producing fewer than fifteen thousand (15,000) barrels per year.”

**SECTION 2:**

That Section 25-35-65 of the Code be amended by inserting within subsection (1), in proper alphabetical order, the use of “Microbrewery.” The lettered subsections within Section 25-35-65(1) shall be redesignated to accommodate for the insertion of the new permitted use for microbreweries.

**SECTION 3:**

That subsection (1) of Section 25-35-66 of the Code be amended by inserting therein a new subsection o., to read as follows:

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Several members of the community appeared and discussed concerns with gang activity and general lack of activities for the youth. The Mayor and Council also expressed their concerns with these issues and implored the community members to help staff come up with solutions.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared that the City Hall Selfie Day was successful and shared many times over social media. Ms. Van Schoor also discussed the successful grand opening of Dunham's Sporting at the LaGrange Mall.

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