

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

November 22, 2016

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; Chief of Public Safety Lou Dekmar

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 25, 2016.

Ms. Kelsey presented a request from residents to prohibit parking in the 500 block of Ware Street to help with traffic calming. On a motion by Mr. McCamey and a second by Mr. Edmondson, the council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on December 13, 2016 to gain citizen input.

Ms. Threadgill presented a recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals to annex and zone 1734 and 1800 Whitesville Road. The larger 78-acre tract was recommended to be zoned R-44, and the smaller 4.5-acre tract was recommended to be zoned C-3. It is anticipated that the larger R-44 tract will come in for a future rezoning once there are plans for development. A number of conditions were recommended to ensure development consistent with the Troup County Quality Development Corridor Standards. These standards are intended to apply to nonresidential development. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson and a second by Mr. Woodson, the council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on December 13, 2016 to gain citizen input.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request from Nissan of LaGrange to allow two additional wall signs on its new building to be located at 1050 Lafayette Parkway. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended approval of the request. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson and a second by Mr. Woodson, the council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on December 13, 2016 to gain citizen input.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 2201 Mooty Bridge Road and adjacent property from PUD, Planned Unit Development to R-44, Single Family Residential. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommended approval finding that 1) it didn't have a negative impact on the neighborhood or community 2) fit with the future land use plan and 3) did not constitute spot zoning. On a motion by Mr. Woodson and a second by Mr. McCamey, the council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on December 13, 2016.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to annex 11 Sunset Drive with a C-3, general commercial zoning. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson and a second by Mr. McCamey, the council unanimously voted to authorize staff to move forward with the annexation process.

Council received a Notice of Claim for damages filed on behalf of Robert Lee Herndon, Jr. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to deny the claim and forward to the insurance carrier.

Mr. Edmondson noted that a recent crime trend report showed that crime was down 10% from last year. He thanked the police department and Chief Dekmar for making LaGrange a safe place to live.

Ms. Tucker shared her experience at the National League of Cities' City Summit. She stated she would share more information in the future about opioid addictions and race and police relationships.

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

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 AMEND THE CITY CODE SO AS TO RE-DESIGNATE THE OFFICE FORMERLY KNOWN AS DEPUTY CITY MANAGER – ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER; 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 CHARTER OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE CHARTER SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE OFFICE FORMERLY KNOWN AS DEPUTY CITY MANAGER – ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council authorized the introduction of a substitute ordinance for an ordinance first read on October 11, 2016. (4-2 vote, Council Member Woodson and Mitchell voted in opposition). The substitute ordinance established conditions that included: reducing the number of lots from 57 to 44, provided a 25 foot undisturbed buffer along most of the adjoining property, provided 1200 sq. ft. minimum for houses, established architectural controls and required a 30 foot setback on the lots that adjoin Eleanor's Pond subdivision.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted to adopt the following substitute ordinance (Council Members Tucker, Edmondson and McCamey voted in favor and Council Members Woodson, Mitchell and Gore voted in opposition with Mayor Thornton voting in favor and breaking the tie.):

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

A SUBSTITUTE 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 AT 430 HAMMETT ROAD AND OWNED BY C. ANTHONY OKEKE; 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 R-1 (residential district) to HDR-LU (high density residential – limited use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located on Hammett Road in the City of LaGrange, Georgia, known by the street numbering system of the city as 430 Hammett Road and also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number 049-4B-000-025.

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 as referenced above in Section 1. Said conditions are imposed for the protection or benefit of neighboring landowners in order to ameliorate the effects of the rezoning of this property to HDR-LU, and take the form of the “Notice of Conditional Zoning,” attached herewith and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 3:

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

SECTION 14:

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

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ October 11, 2016

SUBSTITUTE ACCEPTED _____ November 22, 2016

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ November 22, 2016

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ November 22, 2016

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Meg Kelsey, City Manager

On a motion by Mr. Woodson and seconded by Mr. Edmondson, the council unanimously voted to appoint Adam Johnson to the Tree Advisory Board.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey reported a building permit was submitted by Firehouse Subs located in front of the LaGrange Mall and is hopeful that more commercial development is soon to come.

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

Mayor

City Manager