

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

July 26, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Willie Edmondson and Jim Arrington

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial; LaGrange Youth Council Coordinator Adam Speas

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Meckina Kendricks, Smyrna Baptist Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 12, 2022.

Adam Speas introduced Intern Abigail Hill, who spent several weeks with the Communications Department. Ms. Hill stated that she wants to pursue a career in Journalism and this was a great experience for her. She thanked Mr. Speas and Ms. Van Schoor for giving her this opportunity. Mayor Thornton thanked Ms. Hill for her report and dedication to the city.

Mr. Gaskin reported that he is concerned about the Hamilton Road widening project stalling after Georgia DOT rejected all bids for this project. He ask staff to communicate his concerns to DOT.

Ms. Kelsey reported that DASH had presented information to the Council earlier today at their Work Session regarding an infill housing development. The Callaway Foundation has approved a \$2 million Grant for the project and DASH expects Troup County to commit to \$750,000. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to approve \$750,000 in ARPA funds for this project.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution declining the tender option pertaining to Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the City Manager's Office.

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 CODE SO AS TO RENAME A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY AS WEST MULBERRY STREET; 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 CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THAT THE ABC CARD REQUIREMENT IS LIMITED TO CLASS B LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC AND LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC (hereafter “Owner”) is the owner of land herein referred to which is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, as defined by the laws of the State of Georgia, such land being described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto;

WHEREAS, Owner has filed with the City of LaGrange a written and signed application requesting that the land area described within Exhibit “A” be annexed to and made a part of the City of LaGrange, a copy of such request being attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “B”;

WHEREAS, upon such request the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange have determined such application meets the requirements of laws contained within O.C.G.A. § 36-36-20, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange upon accepting said application timely notified the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia, of the proposed annexation and attached hereto as Exhibit “C” is evidence that said body interposes no land use classification objection to the annexation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-11;

WHEREAS, the area proposed for annexation adjoins and is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as defined by the laws of this state;

WHEREAS, a complete survey of the area to be annexed has been prepared by a competent surveyor and has been filed with and reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia with a copy of said plat of survey being attached to the ordinance as Exhibit “D” and by this reference made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the application FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC for annexation of the areas contiguous to the City of LaGrange, as described in Exhibit “A” and as shown on the plat attached as Exhibit “D,” be and the same are hereby approved, and the contiguous area proposed for the annexation is hereby annexed to the City of LaGrange so that such land shall constitute a part of the land within the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as fully and completely as if the limits had been marked and defined by a special act of the General Assembly of Georgia.

SECTION 2:

That a copy of this ordinance, together with a description of the area to be annexed thereto as Exhibit “A,” a copy of the written request for annexation attached thereto as Exhibit “B” and a

copy of the plat of survey attached thereto as Exhibit “D,” all duly certified by the City Clerk of the City of LaGrange, be forwarded to and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and also forwarded to the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia.

SECTION 3:

That the area annexed as described in Exhibit “A” shall for the purposes of electing members of the City Council be within and designated as District 2.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

This ordinance, after adoption and upon approval by the Mayor and Council, shall become effective according to the terms of O.C.G.A. § 36-36-2 on the 1st day of August, 2022.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ July 12, 2022

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ July 26, 2022

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ July 26, 2022

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

All that tract or parcel of land lying in and being part of Land Lot 121, 6th District, Troup County, Georgia being more particularly described as follows: BEGIN at a rebar on the southwesterly end of a mitered corner forming the intersection of the westerly line of South Davis Road and the easterly line of Busch Drive; thence North 65 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West, along the easterly line of Busch Drive, 58.87 feet to a rebar; thence continue along said street line, along the arc of a clockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 235.26 feet and being subtended by a 240.58 foot chord bearing North 34 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds West), 252.53 feet to a rebar; thence continue along said street line North 03 degrees 56 minutes 45 seconds West 233.85 feet to a calculated point; thence leaving said street line, South 88 degrees 15 minutes 15 seconds West, 506.97 feet to a rebar on the westerly line of South Davis Road; thence South 29 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West, along the westerly line of South Davis Road, 53.15 feet to a rebar; thence continue along said street line, along the arc of a counterclockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 1562.97 feet and being subtended by a 283.48 foot chord bearing South 36 degrees 35 minutes 40 seconds West), 283.87 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, South 20 degrees 40 minutes 07 seconds West, 105.80 feet to a rebar; thence continue along said street line, along the arc of a counterclockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 1962.16 feet and being subtended by a 97.39 foot chord bearing South 25 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds West), 97.40 feet to a rebar at the northeasterly end of a mitered corner forming the intersection of the westerly line of South Davis Road and the easterly line of Busch Drive; thence along said miter, South 69 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds West, 27.92 feet to a rebar and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.30 acres.

Said property is more particularly described on that plat of survey entitled “ANNEXATION PLAT FOR FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC” dated May 24, 2022, prepared by Jefferson W. Keefe, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2787, which plat is incorporated herein for the purpose of a more complete description.

The above-described tract of land is contiguous to and adjoins the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange at the places and to the extent referred to and shown on the aforementioned plat of survey, all according to the definition of “contiguous real property” as set forth in Georgia law.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON BUSCH DRIVE AND OWNED BY FREEDOM INVESTMENTS, LLC; 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 classify as CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) the following described real estate which is to be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land known as 23 Busch Drive and designated as Tax Map Parcel Number 039-3-000-040.

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-66-4(d)(4), this ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective upon the latter of the following dates: (1) the date the zoning is approved by the Mayor and Council; or (2) the date that the annexation of the above-referenced property becomes effective pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-36-2.

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SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ July 26, 2022 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ July 26, 2022 _____

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY D H & A PROPERTIES, LLC AND LOCATED ON OLD AIRPORT ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, D H & A PROPERTIES, LLC (hereafter “Owner”) is the owner of land herein referred to which is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, as defined by the laws of the State of Georgia, such land being described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto;

WHEREAS, Owner has filed with the City of LaGrange a written and signed application requesting that the land area described within Exhibit “A” be annexed to and made a part of the City of LaGrange, a copy of such request being attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “B”;

WHEREAS, upon such request the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange have determined such application meets the requirements of laws contained within O.C.G.A. § 36-36-20, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange upon accepting said application timely notified the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia, of the proposed annexation and attached hereto as Exhibit “C” is evidence that said body interposes no land use classification objection to the annexation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-11;

WHEREAS, the area proposed for annexation adjoins and is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as defined by the laws of this state;

WHEREAS, a complete survey of the area to be annexed has been prepared by a competent surveyor and has been filed with and reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia with a copy of said plat of survey being attached to the ordinance as Exhibit “D” and by this reference made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the application D H & A PROPERTIES, LLC for annexation of the areas contiguous to the City of LaGrange, as described in Exhibit “A” and as shown on the plat attached as Exhibit “D,” be and the same are hereby approved, and the contiguous area proposed for the annexation is hereby annexed to the City of LaGrange so that such land shall constitute a part of the land within the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as fully and completely as if the limits had been marked and defined by a special act of the General Assembly of Georgia.

SECTION 2:

That a copy of this ordinance, together with a description of the area to be annexed thereto as Exhibit “A,” a copy of the written request for annexation attached thereto as Exhibit “B” and a copy of the plat of survey attached thereto as Exhibit “D,” all duly certified by the City Clerk of the City of LaGrange, be forwarded to and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and also forwarded to the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia.

SECTION 3:

That the area annexed as described in Exhibit “A” shall for the purposes of electing members of the City Council be within and designated as District 2.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

This ordinance, after adoption and upon approval by the Mayor and Council, shall become effective according to the terms of O.C.G.A. § 36-36-2 on the 1st day of August, 2022.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ July 12, 2022

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ July 26, 2022

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ July 26, 2022

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 8 of the 5th Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 1.575 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point marking the intersection of the West right-of-way of Old Airport Road and the South right-of-way of U.S. Highway 29 (aka West Point Road) run thence South 01° 14’ 34” West a distance of 2093.71 feet to a point; run thence South 00° 43’ 45” West a distance of 297.88 feet to the point of beginning of the property described herein; run thence South 01° 41’ 15” West a distance of 201.12 feet to a point; run thence South 84° 25’ 39” West a distance of 338.34 feet to a point; run thence North 01° 18’ 43” West a distance of 239.00 feet to a point; run thence North 84° 28’ 48” East a distance of 348.87 feet to a point which is the Point of Beginning of the property described herein.

Said property is more particularly described on that plat of survey entitled “PROPOSED ANNEXATION FOR: DH&A PROPERTIES, LLC” dated March 7, 2022, prepared by Gregory Scott Hajek, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 3214, which plat is incorporated herein for the purpose of a more complete description.

The above-described tract of land is contiguous to and adjoins the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange at the places and to the extent referred to and shown on the aforementioned plat of survey, all according to the definition of “contiguous real property” as set forth in Georgia law.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON OLD AIRPORT ROAD AND OWNED BY D H & A PROPERTIES, LLC; 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 classify as CP-GB (campus general business district) the following described real estate which is to be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land known as 118 Old Airport Road and designated as Tax Map Parcel Number 071-1D-000-051.

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-66-4(d)(4), this ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective upon the latter of the following dates: (1) the date the zoning is approved by the Mayor and Council; or (2) the date that the annexation of the above-referenced property becomes effective pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-36-2.

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AN ORDINANCE

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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 reclassify from use zone CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 205 of the 6th Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 21.293 acres, more or less, also known as Troup County Tax Map # 059-1-000-035.

SECTION 2:

That the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone CR-MR (corridor medium density residential district) to CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 205 of the 6th Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 31.983 acres, more or less, and more specifically shown as Tract 2A-F on the plat of survey attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, each of which is incorporated herewith for the purposes of a more complete description.

SECTION 3:

That the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone CP-GI (campus general industrial and agribusiness district) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 205 of the 6th Land District of Troup County, Georgia, containing 28.859 acres, more or less, and more specifically shown as Tract 2A on the plat of survey attached hereto as Exhibit “C” and the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit “D”, each of which is incorporated herewith for the purposes of a more complete description.

SECTION 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance 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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ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

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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 MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON HILL STREET AND OWNED BY BLACKWELL REALTY & LAND HOLDING COMPANY, LLC; 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 TN-R (traditional neighborhood low-density residential) to CR-MX (corridor mixed use) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that those tracts or parcels of land located on Hill Street and designated as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number 050-2D-013-003.

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/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor gave a huge shout out to our public works and utility crews during last Thursday's derecho weather event, with severe sustained straight lined winds. Our crews quickly cleared the roads and restored power after 6 hours working in the severe weather. We are very proud of our crews.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk