

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

September 12, 2023

Present: Mayor Willie Edmondson; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs, Jim Arrington and Quay Boddie.

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Ann Baker of Word of Grace Christian Center, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Childs, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 22, 2023.

Mayor Edmondson presented Kenny O'Dell with a 25-year service award. Mr. O'Dell works as a supervisor in the water division and both Mayor Edmondson and Director of Utilities Patrick Bowie spoke of his time with the City and his important contributions over the years.

City Manager Meg Kelsey having recently resigned from LaGrange Development Authority, upon motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Arrington and unanimously passed, Council voted unanimously to appoint Patrick Bowie to fill the remainder of Ms. Kelsey's term.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation that the Mayor and Council rezone property located at 433 Gordon Circle from suburban single-family residential district (SU-R) to traditional neighborhood medium-density residential district (TN-MR). No comments were received from the public. Mayor Edmondson closed the public hearing.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation that the Mayor and Council rezone property located in the 200 Block of Render Street and East Render Street from traditional neighborhood residential district (TN-R) to corridor mixed use district (CR-MX). No comments were received from the public. Mayor Edmondson closed the public hearing.

Tripp Penn, President of the LaGrange Rotary Club, appeared before the Mayor and Council to highlight Community Service Week. Mr. Penn thanked not only the local civic clubs, but also other groups and individuals who serve people in need in our community. Mr. Penn also invited the Mayor and Council to the upcoming LaGrange Rotary Club Gala celebrating the club's 100-year anniversary.

City Planner Mark Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to adopt a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance relating to vinyl siding. On a motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on October 10, 2023.

City Manager Kelsey presented copies of the August, 2023 financial statements and payment of bills in excess of \$2,000.00 for Council's information. Ms. Kelsey also presented a proposed budget amendment allocating an additional \$50,000.00 overtime for the LaGrange Police Department. Upon motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously approved the budget amendment.

Council heard a first reading 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 MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON GORDON CIRCLE AND OWNED BY WILLIAM LUTHER JONES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 RENDER STREET AND EAST RENDER STREET AND OWNED BY JOSEPH D. THOMPSON; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10-30 TO MODIFY THE REGULATIONS REGARDING TETHERING OF DOGS; TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT THE OVERBURDENING OF DOGS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On motion of Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. Gore, Council approved the following ordinance by vote of 4-0, with Mr. Childs abstaining:

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 YOUNGS MILL ROAD AND OWNED BY THE VIVIAN PHILLIPS CHARITABLE TRUST; 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 district) to TN-MR (traditional neighborhood medium-density residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land located on Youngs Mill Road and known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Number 050-2A-002-003.

SECTION 2:

That the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to reclassify from use zone SU-R (suburban single-family residential district) to TN-MR (traditional neighborhood medium-density residential district) the following described real estate, to wit:

All those tracts or parcels of land located on Youngs Mill Road and known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 050-2A-002-003A and 050-2A-002-002.

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.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED/REJECTED _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED/DISAPPROVED _____

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

In closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor noted the record attendance at Sweetland this season and also reminded Council and those in attendance of the ability to participate in the upcoming installment of LaGrange 101.

There being no other business, Mayor Edmondson adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk