

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

April 25, 2023

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Jimmy Pruitt, Grace Baptist Church, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 11, 2023.

Staff member and Youth Council Advisor Adam Speas introduced the graduating class of the LaGrange Youth Council. Chair Jack Baker, Social Committee Chair Render McCloud, and Outreach Committee Chair Alisa Lee gave the Council an overview of their projects and accomplishments for this past year. Mayor Edmondson presented each graduating member with a certificate and thanked them for the hard work and effort they have put into this program.

Mr. Gaskin, Mr. Childs and Mayor Edmondson commented on the Work Session meeting held earlier this date, where various members of the judicial system came together to discuss juvenile crime in the city. Mayor Edmondson thanked Mr. Mitchell for organizing the meeting.

Ms. Kelsey reported that the City had received a request for additional funding from the LaGrange Memorial Library. The library has requested a total of \$600,000 in additional funding, \$200,000 from Troup County, \$200,000 from the Callaway Foundation, and \$200,000 from the City. The request is due to a shortfall in their budget for the new library currently under construction, and these funds are needed for office furniture and other items. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to approve the funding request for \$200,000.

Ms. Kelsey reported that Nutwood II will be located at 300 Main Street, and the owner would like to donate a piece of the right-of-way to allow for City crews to construct and maintain a streetscape. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to accept the right-of-way.

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 ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HANDLEY LAMONT WEATHERS AND LOCATED ON VERNON ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, HANDLEY LAMONT WEATHERS, SR. (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 HANDLEY LAMONT WEATHERS, SR. 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 1.

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 May, 2023.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ April 11, 2023

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ April 25, 2023

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ April 25, 2023

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN LAND LOT 9 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT, TROUP COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN SET AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF VERNON ROAD, A PAVED ROAD WITH A 70' RIGHT OF WAY, AND THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF TERESA DRIVE, A PAVED ROAD WITH A 50' RIGHT OF WAY AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED. THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF VERNON ROAD SOUTH 59 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 490.00 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND AT THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF WEATHER CIRCLE, AN UNOPENED ROAD WITH A 30 RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY ON WEATHERS CIRCLE NORTH 29 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 197.44 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 51.12 FEET, A RADIUS OF 125.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 07 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, WITH A CHORD LENGTH OF 50.76 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 74.27 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 49.95 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 48.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 34.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET AT THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF WEST POINT RD, AKA US 29/S.R.14, A PAVED ROAD WITH A VARYING RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 130.57', A RADIUS OF 1357.39', A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 35 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, WITH A CHORD LENGTH OF 130.52 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 27.90 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 185.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 145.00', A RADIUS OF 150.00', A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 57 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, WITH A CHORD LENGTH OF 139.42 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET AT THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF TERESA DRIVE; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 30 FEET 17 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST WITH A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 4.427 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, 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 VERNON ROAD AND OWNED BY HANDLEY LAMONT WEATHERS, SR; 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 CR-MX (corridor mixed use 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 1832, 1836, 1854 and 1872
Vernon Road, and also known as Troup County Tax Map Parcel
Number 071-1A-000-088.

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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ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Bill Stump and to appoint Sandy Lee to four terms on the Downtown Development Authority of the City of LaGrange (DDA II).

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to appoint Quay Boddie to the Troup County Board of Health.

The Good News we would like to share tonight is that we are proud of our LaGrange Youth Council and what they have achieved in the past year. Just a quick reminder that we are still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year, the deadline is next Friday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m. A big congratulations to our seniors! We will miss you and we're proud of you.

Also, we want to thank everyone who participated in our Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It litter cleanup Friday. It was a great day of fellowship and cleaning up our community! We managed to pick up 80 yard of trash and debris and 20 yards of tires. We have a video we would like to share with our mayor and council tonight.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk