

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

September 8, 2020

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT DEL AVANT, 141 MAIN STREET, LAGRANGE, GA.

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; City Attorney Jeff Todd

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Michael Jackson, Confidence Missionary Baptist Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 25, 2020 and the Council Retreat held on August 25, 2020.

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a lease agreement with American Capital Financial Services. A copy of the agreement 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 REGULATIONS CONCERNING CURB CUTS AND DRIVEWAYS; TO REQUIRE A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR OWNERS OF DRIVEWAYS CONSTRUCTED OVER CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARD REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT FOR DRIVEWAYS DAMAGED OR RQUIRED TO BE RELOCATED DUE TO A CITY ROAD OR UTILITY MAINTENANCE ISSUE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey 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 AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE CODE SO AS TO MODIFY THE PROHIBITION OF DISORDERLY HOUSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGE OF KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE AGAINST AN OWNER; TO REQUIRE NOTICE PRIOR TO CHARGE; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; 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 35-1-7 of the code of the City be amended by deleting said section, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 35-1-7 to read as follows:

“Sec. 35-1-7. – Disorderly houses.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a disorderly house, where noisy or riotous persons assemble to the common annoyance and disturbance of citizens in the neighborhood.
- (b) It shall also be unlawful for any owner having control over a house to permit the use of same as a disorderly house as described in this section; provided, however, before charging under this subsection written notice shall be provided to the owner, giving fair notice of this subsection and the conduct proscribed thereby.
- (c) Each violation of this section shall be considered as separate and distinct offense.
- (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).”

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.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ August 10, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND ADOPTED _____ August 25, 2020

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ August 25, 2020

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news, closing comments Ms. Van Schoor reported that she is close to solidifying the 2020-2021 LaGrange Youth Council, and the new members will be inducted at the City Council meeting on September 22, 2020. Ms. Van Schoor also announced that the Marketing/Communications Department will collaborate with several nonprofit organizations to help them bring virtual events to the community. They have featured LaFayette Day 2020 with a virtual celebration for the LaFayette Alliance, and will be assisting in this year’s virtual HOPE for a Day celebration. They plan to assist the community as much as possible while providing a safe way to celebrate local events.

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

Mayor

City Clerk