

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

February 12, 2019

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Community Development Director Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Pastor Pete Shoger, SouthCrest Church, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 22, 2019.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone a portion of Bryant Lake Boulevard. Mr. Dennis Drewyer, the applicant for the rezoning request, presented to the Council on behalf of the property owner, Greg Rogers, information regarding the proposed plan for the property and the reason for the rezoning request. Kendall Butler, Real Estate Broker and Owner of F. L. I. Properties, spoke on behalf of current homeowners in the Bryant Lake Subdivision, opposing the rezoning. Several other property owners in the neighborhood also spoke in opposition to the rezoning. 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 ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO RECLASSIFY WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ADJACENT TO HAMILTON ROAD AND BRYANT LAKE BOULEVARD AND OWNED BY GREG ROGERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to deny the a notice of claim for damages filed on behalf of Catherine Harris and referred it to the City's insurance company for handling.

Ms. Threadgill presented to the Council a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone 705 Campbell Street from R-2 to C-3. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

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

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor shared with the Council that there will be a ribbon cutting for Southbend Park and a sneak peek of the skate plaza Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., and invited them all to attend. Also, on the same date at 5:00 p.m., the LaGrange Youth Council will host the "Bring Your Sweetheart to Sweetland Teen Movie Night" event at Sweetland Amphitheatre. They will have live music by some talented local teens and the movie will be "The Proposal." The event itself is free but proceeds from concession and carnation sales will be donated to NAMI of West GA. And last, the Youth Council will be taking a trip to the State Capitol Tuesday, February 19, 2019, to meet our Representatives and watch a Legislative session in action.

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

Mayor

City Clerk