

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

March 28, 2017

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Norma Tucker and Nick Woodson

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Attorney Jeff Todd

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

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 14, 2017.

Sharonda Martin-Washington appeared before the Council and presented on Women's History Month. This year's theme is Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business. No action was taken.

Tabitha Lewis-Coverson the Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Troup County, addressed the Mayor and Council to give an update on the progress of Community in Schools and to thank the council for their continued support. 2017 marked 40 year anniversary of Communities in School nationally. Ms. Lewis-Coverson described Communities in School as the Leading cost effective program that reduces the drop rate and increased the graduation rate. She encouraged the community and the council to attend the program's Celebrating Support Event on May 4, 2017. No action was taken.

Jeff Lukken of LaGrange International Friendship Exchange thanked the council for their support of the first annual LIFE festival held last September. The festival encompassed roughly 2,000 visitors, 90 volunteers, and 20 booths showcasing 20 countries. No action was taken.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Callaway Foundation for Haralson Park. A copy of the lease agreement is on file in the City Manager's Office.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to table the rezoning 613, 615 and 617 Hines Street and 404 Kings Street from R-2, residential to C-3 general commercial.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey briefed the Council on progress of the LaGrange Mall expansion. The Dunham's box is under construction with a turnover deadline of June 1, 2017, while Hobby Lobby will begin work on May 1, 2017. In recent negotiations, city staff has secured a gas contract for the new Dunham's Sporting Goods store.

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

Mayor

City Manager