

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

October 10, 2017

Present: Mayor 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; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Von Schoor; Director of Public Safety Lou Dekmar

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given Father Tim Gadziala of St. Peters Catholic Church and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Gore, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 26, 2017.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to abandon an alley lying between Broome and Margarite Street. Dr. Solt, a property owner of an adjoining property expressed his support for the request. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to abandon the alley.

Dr. Glenn Dowell appeared before the Mayor and Council and announced a partnership between seven local organizations to align providing a pipeline of services for youth and their families. Dr. Robert Tucker and Peter J. Skandalakis, District Attorney for the Coweta Judicial Circuit, stated his support in the program. Chief Dekmar also spoke and explained the importance of this program and its potential impact in decreasing crime.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 109 Webster and 103& 105 W. Hillside Drive R-2, Residential to C-3, General Commercial. The Board of Planning Zoning recommended approval. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on November 14, 2017.

Council received a Notice of Claim for damages filed on behalf of Marcus Kemp. On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to deny the claim.

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

Ms. Kelsey announced that Great Wolf invited the council to a hard hat tour on October 26, 2017. She proposed canceling the work session on October 26, 2017. There were no objections.

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session to discuss sale of real estate. At the end of the executive session, on a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

Ms. Kelsey presented a resolution to authorize the purchase of 206 Ridley Avenue. She stated the contract price was \$330,000 and the City had no current plans for the property. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted to authorize the purchase of 206 Ridley Avenue according to the terms of the contract.

Ms. Kelsey discussed a potential sale of 1220 Hogansville Road to the State of Georgia. Back in 2015, the State reached out and inquired about the possibility of purchasing the property. City staff negotiated a sale price of \$1 million. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the sale of 1220 Hogansville Road.

Zsa Zsa Heard appeared before the Mayor and Council to announce a Stop the Speeding campaign at 5 pm at Lucy Morgan on Thursday, October 12, 2017.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor stated, on October 9, LaGrange was one of three cities featured in GPB's "Hometown Georgia." This is an hour long documentary focusing why residents love their hometowns. Some of the people and landmarks featured included Charlie Joseph's, Annie Green, Hills & Dales, the Dragon Boat Races, and the Cochran Gallery. She also announced the Ray will be featured on The Weather Channel Sunday October 15 at 9pm on the show "Top 10 Ways to Save the World."

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

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Assistant City Manager