

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

October 11, 2016

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; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Pastor Danjel Heard and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 27, 2016.

A public hearing was held to receive comments to receive comments on a request to rezone 430 Hammett Road from R-1, residential to HDR-LU, high density residential. Ms. Threadgill presented a request from C. Anthony Okeke to rezone 430 Hammett Road from R-1, Residential to HDR-LU, High Density Residential – Limited Use District.

The developer, Mr. Okeke discussed details of the project outlining a 57 unit single family housing product. Area residents presented a petition against the request due to traffic, density and concerns about the effect on home values. Council urged the developer and area residents to find a mutually agreeable solution and report back to the next work session.

In response to a question by Mr. Edmondson, Ms. Threadgill explained that R1 is a less restrictive zoning district but requires larger lot sizes and does not allow for higher density. HDR-LU, High Density Residential – Limited Use District allows for more density but there are more restrictions.

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 THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 430 HAMMETT ROAD AND OWNED BY C. ANTHONY OKEKE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request for a sign variance for 2408 Whitesville Road. No comments were received. On a motion by Mr. McCamey and second by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to grant the sign variance.

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

On a motion by Mr. Woodson and second by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize to appropriate funds not to exceed \$45,000 for the design and construction management of the skate plaza by Stantec.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson and second by Mr. McCamey. Council voted unanimously approve the Mayor and the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Conveyance of Downtown Properties and Development of Downtown Hotel.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously adopted 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 RENAME A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY “PANTHER WAY”; 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:

Pursuant to Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that portion of Forrest Avenue, from its intersection with Broad Street to its intersection with Dallas Street, be and the same is hereby renamed “Panther Way.”

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 _____ September 27, 2016 _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ October 11, 2016 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ October 11, 2016 _____

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Meg Kelsey, City Manager _____

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously adopted 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 NAME A CERTAIN ROADWAY WITHIN THE CITY “TOM HALL PARKWAY”; 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:

As provided in Code Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that street as highlighted in the color blue on the attached Exhibit “A,” from its intersection with Whitesville Road northeast to its intersection with Hamilton Road, be and the same is hereby named “Tom Hall Parkway.”

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.

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On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously adopted 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 RENAME A PORTION OF SOUTH DAVIS ROAD AS “OLD SOUTH DAVIS ROAD”; 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:

As provided in Code Section 15-5-6 of the Code of the City of LaGrange, that portion of South Davis Road from its intersection with Whitesville Road east to its termination, as highlighted in the color green on the attached Exhibit “A,” be and the same is hereby named “Old South Davis Road.”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

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Mr. McCamey shared with the Council that the parking lot behind Solomon's has completed construction and is now available for use.

Ms. Kelsey shared a letter from Lisa Boatwright that complemented our Animal Services staff. It mentioned how wonderful it has been to work with Chris Bussey, Casey Olsen and Billy Mann on multiple projects.

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

Mayor

City Manager