

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

March 22, 2022

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Rev. Fred Stanley, and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 8, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located at 304 Broad Street from TN-MX to DT-MX. No comments were received and 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 THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON BROAD STREET AND OWNED BY EVELYN A. MANSOUR; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone property located in the 800 block of New Franklin Road from TN-R and SD-MH to CR-MX. No comments were received and 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 THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON NEW FRANKLIN ROAD AND OWNED BY MK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to annex and zone property located at 1350 LaFayette Parkway from Troup County GC to CR-MX. No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY B'S MEAT MARKET, LLC, AND LOCATED ON LAFAYETTE PARKWAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON LAFAYETTE PARKWAY AND OWNED BY B'S MEAT MARKET, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Tabitha Coverson, Executive Director of Communities in Schools, updated the Council on the progress from this past year. Ms. Coverson thanked the Council for their continued support. The Council praised Ms. Coverson's work in the community and thanked her for her service.

Holly Winner, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, updated the Council on how the Red Cross has assisted in our community this past year. Mayor Thornton thanked Ms. Winner for the update and for their presence in our community.

Phil Nations, Candidate for the Troup County Commission Chair in the upcoming election, introduced himself to the Council. Mr. Nations told of his background in the community, and stated he was looking forward to working with the Council and the city as a whole. Mayor Thornton thanked Mr. Nations for coming.

Mr. Kostial presented to the Council a recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals regarding UDO text amendment for minimum distance requirements. On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously not to amend the current text for minimum distance requirements.

Mr. Kostial presented to the Council a recommendation from the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals regarding UDO text amendment for industrial parking ratio requirements. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted to call for a public hearing to be held on April 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gaskin expressed his concern for continued violence in the community. He would like to see more love in LaGrange.

Ms. Kelsey presented to the Council information regarding the City of LaGrange Tax Allocation District (TAD) Number One – Commercial Gateway. She explained that the TAD was established in 2012 and there has been no development on this project. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Edmondson, Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to terminate the Tax Allocation District Number One. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the City Manager's Office.

Ms. Kelsey also presented information to the Council regarding the City of LaGrange Tax Allocation District (TAD) Number Three – Veterans Village. She explained that this TAD was also established in 2012 and there has been no development on this project. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to terminate Tax Allocation District Number Three. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the City Manager's Office.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson 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 MODIFY THE LAWFUL SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS; 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 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subparagraph (a)(4)b., in its entirety. The remainder of the subparagraphs within Section 10-20-4(a)(4) shall be alphabetically re-designated appropriately.

SECTION 2:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom the entry entitled “Cannon Street School Zone,” in its entirety.

SECTION 3:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, a new entry to be entitled “Tom Hall Parkway,” to read as follows:

“*Tom Hall Parkway*, from its intersection with Hamilton Road/S.R.
1 to its intersection with S.R. 219, 45 miles per hour.”

SECTION 4:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting the entry entitled “Greenville Street,” in its entirety.

SECTION 5:

That subsection (b) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein, in proper alphabetical order, an entry to be entitled “Hills and Dales Farm Road,” to read as follows:

“*Hills and Dales Farm Road* in its entirety, 40 miles per hour.”

SECTION 6:

That subsection (a)(2) of Section 10-20-4 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein a new subparagraph h., to read as follows:

“h. S.R. 14 Spur from a point 680 feet south of Lukken Industrial Drive East to a point 380 feet north of Lukken Industrial Drive East, a distance of 0.26 miles, 45 miles per hour, school days only, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.”

SECTION 7:

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

SECTION 8:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ March 8, 2022

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ March 22, 2022

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ March 22, 2022

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that we are excited to promote our city-wide Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It litter cleanup event Friday, April 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. This year we are showcasing our new litter picker machinery that picks up litter 10 times faster than City staff alone. We are also asking our community to let us know about local dump sites. Lunch will be provided at Sweetland after the cleanup and all City offices will reopen at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Van Schoor then showed the Council a video that will be released on March 23, 2022.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Thornton.

Mayor

City Clerk