

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

September 15, 2022

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

Absent: Mayor Jim Thornton

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 Pro-Tem Edmondson, the invocation was given by Council Member Jim Arrington, and Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson 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 August 23, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a recommendation to rezone property located on Mooty Bridge Road (former Newman property) with 3 different zoning designations – Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R); Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Medium Density Residential (TN-MR); Suburban Single Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Mixed Use (TN-MX). Bill Scarborough, a resident of Wisteria Ridge Subdivision, came before the Council with concerns about personal and traffic safety. He also stated concerns with the close proximity of the new development to Wisteria Ridge. Mr. Scarborough stated that he was not protesting the development. J. M. Rawlinson came before the Council to express similar concerns with the development, but also stated he was not protesting it. He also expressed concerns about traffic and resident's safety. Coleman Cody, Wisteria Ridge Subdivision HOA President, expressed similar concerns with traffic safety, and that there is no barrier between the retail space and Wisteria Ridge Subdivision. The residents are concerned about quality of life issues. Roger Cox with Barge Design Solutions, representing American Charter Development, gave a presentation showing the design for the entire development. There were no other comments 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 ADJACENT TO MOOTY BRIDGE ROAD AND OWNED BY OXFORD CHARTER HOLDINGS, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone property located on Lukken Industrial Drive from Campus General Industrial & Agribusiness (CP-GI) to Corridor Mixed Use (CR-MX). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

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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 ADJACENT TO LUKKEN INDUSTRIAL DRIVE AND OWNED BY WALTER SCOTT DAVIS, III AND DUDLEY LUMBER COMPANY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone 2457 Whitesville Road from Activity Center Mixed Use (AC-MX) to Activity Center Mixed Use (AC-MX). No comments were received and Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

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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 ADJACENT TO WHITESVILLE ROAD AND OWNED BY WILLIAM HANDLEY, JR. AND SUSAN WALKER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation on a request to rezone property located at 510 Springdale Drive from Suburban Single-Family Residential (SU-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with Troup County regarding 800 MHz upgrade costs and repeater sites.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, 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 AMEND SECTION 10-20-96 OF THE CODE SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF VERNON 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:

That Section 10-20-96 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by inserting therein a new paragraph, in proper alphabetical order, to read as follows:

“Vernon Road, on the south side, beginning at a point 349 feet west of its intersection with Medical Center Parkway, and extending west for a distance of 24 feet, beginning at a point 427 feet west and extending west for a distance of 24 feet, beginning at a point 519 feet west and extending west for a distance of 24 feet, beginning at a point 597 feet west and extending west for a distance of 24 feet, beginning at a point 661 feet west and extending west for a distance of 21 feet, and beginning at a point 700 feet west and extending west for a distance of 21 feet west to a point 721 feet west of the intersection with Medical Center Parkway, parking is prohibited.”

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 _____ August 23, 2022 _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ September 15, 2022 _____

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ September 15, 2022 _____

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

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk _____

In good news, closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor reported that our City Manager, Ms. Kelsey, spent today talking to several Gardner Newman Middle School classes about our local government. We are very excited about not only having the platform to educate our middle school students about how the City of LaGrange and their government works but also the opportunity to continue this partnership and help create a long-term educational program focusing on local government. Also, we want to note that LaGrange 101 applications are due this Friday at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available online at www.lagrangega.org.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson.

Mayor

City Clerk