

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

January 10, 2023

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Willie Edmondson; Council Members Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs 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 Pro-Tem Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Ann Baker, Word of Grace Christian Church, 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 December 27, 2022.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone 703 Lincoln Street from Traditional Neighborhood Residential (TN-R) to Traditional Neighborhood Mixed Use (TN-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 LINCOLN STREET AND OWNED BY CALLAWAY FOUNDATION, INC; 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 for Thoroughfare Design Standards. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to rezone 5 parcels located on Tom Hall Parkway from Activity Center Mixed Use (AS-MX) to Activity Center Mixed Use (AC-MX). On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kostial presented information to the Council regarding a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to amend the Character Area Map in the Comprehensive Plan for a parcel located on Whitesville Road. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held on February 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Childs expressed concern to the Council for the lack of restrooms at the new Moss Woods Park located on McGregor Street. Mr. Edmondson asked that this be put on the Work Session agenda for January 24, 2023 for further discussion by the Council.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the December 2022 financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to establish the qualifying fees for the November 2023 Municipal Election.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Sam Mitchell to a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Brian Shumate to a five year term on the LaGrange Development Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mark Mitchell, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington and Meg Kelsey to one year terms on the LaGrange Governmental Finance Corporation, and to appoint Leon Childs to a one year term.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Sue Olson to a one year term on the LaGrange Troup County Memorial Park Board.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to reappoint James Baker to a one year term as Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Luther Jones to a one year term as Assistant Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tom Gore to a one year term on the Records Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Nathan Gaskin and Jim Arrington to one year terms on the Solid Waste Management Authority, and to appoint Leon Childs to a one year term.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Nathan Gaskin to serve on the Troup County FEMA Board until the City of LaGrange hires a new Fire Chief who will then serve on this Board.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted to appoint Mark Mitchell to a one year term as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Good News for tonight is that our LaGrange Youth Council held an ice skating/pizza party with West Georgia Star students last night at Sweetland on Ice. Each Youth Council member paired up with some students to fellowship, enjoy ice skating, and have a fun pizza party. The Youth Council Members encouraged the young people to be the change they want to see in the world and hopefully join the LaGrange Youth Council when they get a little older. A brief video was shared with the Council.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Edmondson.

Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk