

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

August 14, 2018

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Teresa Taylor; City Clerk Sue Olson; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill; Communications Manager Katie Van Schoor

Absent: Council Member Willie Edmondson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Yvonne Lopez of Ark Refuge and Boy Scout Robert Polk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 24, 2018.

City Council recognized the LaGrange Fire Department for receiving the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) Accredited Agency Award on August 9, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. Deputy Chiefs Phillip Rice and John Brant thanked the Council for their support while working to achieve the accreditation.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a request to rezone 504 Greenville Street from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial, to C-3, General Commercial. No comments were received and Council heard a 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 AT 504 GREENVILLE STREET AND
OWNED BY DARRELL TRAYLOR AND SANDY JO
TRAYLOR; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO
FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance prohibiting solicitation within public rights-of-way. No comments were received.

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone property located on Pegasus Parkway at Orchard Hill Road from G-I, General Industrial, to R-3, Residential. The Board of Planning and Zoning recommended approval with conditions. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on September 11, 2018.

Kenneth Brewer came before the Council requesting to change the name of East Crovat Street to Boss Street to honor Anthony Jerome Freeman, a well-known community leader that was born and raised on East Crovat Street. Council Member Gaskin made the recommendation that if Council agreed to change East Crovat Street, they should also consider changing West Crovat Street to make it consistent and less confusing. On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously voted to call for a public hearing on August 28, 2018. Mayor Thornton directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the name change and for staff to mail letters to the affected residents notifying them of the public hearing.

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

Ms. Kelsey informed the Council of a request from Donz, Inc. to donate property located on Wright Street to the City. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to accept the property contingent upon a clear title search by the City Attorney.

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 MODIFY THE UTILITIES DISCOUNT PROVISION WITHIN CHAPTER 20-20; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously voted to table the second reading of an ordinance prohibiting solicitation within public rights-of-way until August 28, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Gore, Council unanimously voted to adopt 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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CARD FOR ALL POURING ESTABLISHMENTS; 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 subsection (a) of Section 30-20-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-31(a) to read as follows:

“(a) No person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for malt beverages or beer may be employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.”

SECTION 2:

That subsection (a) of Section 30-20-172 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-172(a) to read as follows:

“(a) No person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for alcoholic beverages may be

employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.

SECTION 3:

That subsection (a) of Section 30-20-239 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting said subsection in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-239(a) to read as follows:

“(a) No person whose duties involve dispensing, serving, selling, handling or taking orders for wine may be employed by an establishment until such person has been issued an alcoholic beverage card (ABC card) by the police department indicating the person to be employed is eligible for such employment.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

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

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ July 24, 2018

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ August 14, 2018

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ August 14, 2018

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

In good news closing comments, Ms. Van Schoor announced that August 15, 2018 is City Hall Selfie Day. She encouraged everyone to take a selfie in front of City Hall and post it on Facebook or Instagram.

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

Mayor

Clerk