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

February 14, 2017

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; Chief of Public Safety Lou Dekmar

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Council Member McCamey and Mayor Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 24, 2017.

A public hearing was held to discuss a request for a special use permit for a Group Residential Treatment Facility to be located at 120 Alford Street. A lengthy debate was held between supporters of the Treatment Facility and opponents to the request. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson and seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council voted to deny the special use permit for a group residential treatment facility at 120 Alford in a 4 to 2 vote. (Council Members Mitchell and Gore voted in opposition to the motion.)

Ms. Threadgill presented a request to rezone 613, 615 and 617 Hines Street from R-2, residential to C-3, general commercial. The Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals unanimously voted to recommend conditional approval of the request with the following conditions: ingress/egress shall be limited to Hines Street with no ingress/egress from Horace King Street; rear service doors and dumpsters shall be oriented along the western property line and screened to the maximum extent possible from all adjoining roadways; and each street facing wall shall include architectural treatments (no blank walls) to soften the appearance and contribute to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on March 14, 2017.

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

Chief of Public Safety Lou Dekmar presented the 2016 Annual Report for the police and fire departments. A copy of the report is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the Town Square Tax Allocation District. The amendment will extend the terms of repayment of the TAD to 25 years. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by and seconded by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted to table the annexation and zoning of 11 Sunset Drive.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Carolyn Haamid to fill a one year term on the Community Action for Improvement.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously voted to appoint Al Brannon to an unexpired term on the Downtown Development Authority of the City of LaGrange.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey shared information that Animal Services received a \$4,000 grant from Georgia Department of Agriculture to assist with costs associated with cat and dog sterilization.

There was no other business and the meeting	ng was adjourned by Mayor Thornton.	
Mayor	Assistant City Manager	