

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

March 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; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Minister Johnnie Freeman, First Baptist Church Fannin Street 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 February 28, 2017.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an application to rezone 613, 615, and 617 Hines Street and 404 Kings Street from R-2, residential to C-3, general commercial. Ms. Threadgill reviewed conditions outlined in the planning board recommendation that would restrict ingress/egress onto the property from Horace King Street; require rear service doors and dumpsters to be oriented along the western property line and screened to the maximum extent possible from all adjoining roadways; and require that each street facing wall shall include architectural treatments (no blank walls) to soften the appearance and contribute to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Threadgill also noted that the Board had considered recommending a C-1 zoning designation, but instead recommended these conditions due to setback limitations. Mr. Ben Yates, applicant for the property owner, spoke in favor of the C-3 zoning without the imposition of conditions or restricted uses. Dr. Tucker, resident of the Calumet Village, spoke on behalf of the community and expressed concerns about the possible usage of this property under the C-3 zoning. Staff was directed by the Council to explore ways to limit the uses under the C-3 zoning designation. 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 WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 613, 615 AND 617 HINES STREET AND 404 S. HORACE KING STREET AND OWNED BY GREENWOOD PROPERTIES, LLC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Bobby Carmichael and Becca Eiland, representatives from the Downtown Development Authority, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding ongoing downtown projects. Mr. Carmichael presented an update on the Wild Leap Brewery, the Bull Street Extension and the downtown hotel. Ms. Eiland discussed upcoming events to be held at Sweetland Amphitheatre. No action was taken.

Council received a Notice of Claim for damages filed on behalf of Candrelis Mayes and Octavia Cook. Following discussion, on a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to deny the claim and forward to the insurance company.

Michele Ashmore, a member of the Beechwood Community, presented a request to relocate the entrance to subdivision from North Greenwood Street to Granger Drive. Ms. Ashmore explained that with the changing demographics of the community and the upgrades to Granger Park, the neighborhood would prefer the entrance be at Granger Park instead of at North Greenwood. Ms.

Ashmore presented a petition to staff. Council directed staff to review the petition and submit a formal recommendation.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
ON 111 JANE FRYER ROAD AND JIM HESTER DRIVE**

WHEREAS, through agreement dated May 10, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto, the City of LaGrange authorized conveyance of certain real property to the Development Authority of LaGrange;

WHEREAS, said authorization was conditioned upon Authority conveying a portion of said property to a local industry on or before December 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, although the transaction between Authority and the local industry did not close by December 31, 2016, Authority and said local industry continue to work toward consummating the transaction as initially outlined and approved by City;

WHEREAS, City desires to extend and ratify its approval for Authority to transfer and/or grant a right of first refusal as to the property at issue, as more fully set forth in the attached, through and including December 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, and it is so ordained by the authority thereof, that Authority shall have through and including December 31, 2017, to consummate the real property transactions authorized by Intergovernmental Contract Regarding Conveyance of Industrial Property, dated May 10, 2016.

SO ORDAINED this 14th day of March, 2017.

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
(SEAL)

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Assistant City Manager

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Ms. Tucker, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor and Assistant City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Contract with the Development Authority to sell approximately 9 acres of industrial property adjacent to Corporate Park East. A copy of the contract is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council unanimously adopted 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 CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE LEE'S CROSSING PRECINCT; TO REPEAL

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That Section 1-5-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting the first paragraph within subsection (b)(6), which designates the polling place for the Lee's Crossing Precinct, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new initial paragraph within Section 1-5-2(b)(6) to read as follows:

“For Precinct Fourteen (the “Lee’s Crossing Precinct”), the polling place shall be the Troup County Administration Building and shall be that portion of Precinct Fourteen (District 14) which lies within the corporate limits of the city as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended by annexation, described as follows:”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

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

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ February 28, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ March 14, 2017

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ March 14, 2017

BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Teresa Taylor, Assistant City Manager

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey announced that the Granger Park retention pond will begin the dredging process in the next few weeks to remove silt and improve the appearance of area. Fountains will be also be installed to assist with aeration of the water and also improve water quality.

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

Mayor

Assistant City Manager