

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

June 28, 2016

Present: Mayor Jim Thornton; Council Members Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, LeGree McCamey, Mark Mitchell, Norma Tucker and Nick Woodson

Also Present: Interim City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thornton, the invocation was given by Yvonne Lopez, Ark Refuge 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 June 14, 2016 and a Special Called Meeting on June 14, 2016.

Mr. Edmondson expressed concerns regarding the closure of a portion of Horace King. Staff was directed to explore alternative solutions and report back at the July 12 work session.

On a motion by Ms. Tucker seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Manager to execute a Water Sales Agreement with the City of Greenville, Georgia.

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously adopted the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1:

For the expenses of the City Government and its activities for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, the amounts contained in the General Fund, Utilities Fund, General Capital Improvements Fund, Electric Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Telecommunications Fund, Gas Fund, Sanitation Fund and Community Development Fund as shown in the Budget for the City of LaGrange, dated July 1, 2016 are hereby adopted and appropriated for the departments and activities of the City shown therein.

SECTION 2:

A copy of the Budget, dated July 1, 2016, is on file in the office of the City Manager of the City of LaGrange and is by this reference incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3:

If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. The Mayor and Council of LaGrange hereby declare that it would have passed the remaining portion of this Ordinance had it known such part or parts would be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

This Ordinance after its adoption and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective on July 1, 2016.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ June 14, 2016

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ June 28, 2016

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ June 28, 2016

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

ATTEST: /s/ Meg Kelsey, Deputy City Manager – Administration and Finance _____

On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council unanimously adopted the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

TO LEVY AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016; TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1:

The millage rate necessary to produce revenue from taxation of tangible real and personal property in the City of LaGrange which, when combined with other revenues reasonably expected to be received by the City during the year, other than revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to this Section and which would provide revenues sufficient to defray the expenses of the City for the year is computed as follows:

- (a) For the purpose of raising revenue to pay the cost of the general government, ordinary expenses and for other purposes authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia _____ 5.15Mills

The millage rate of 5.15 as thus ascertained is then reduced by 5.15 mills, the millage rate which, if levied against the tangible property within the City of LaGrange, would produce an amount equal to the distribution of the proceeds of the tax imposed by the join County and Municipal Sales and Use Tax for the twelve-month period. Applying the reduction of the millage rate to the millage rate necessary to produce the total revenue results in the millage rate for the calendar year 2016 of -0-.

SECTION 2:

If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. The Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining portion of this ordinance had it known such part or parts would be adjudged invalid, or unconstitutional.

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BY: /s/ James C. Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Meg Kelsey, Deputy City Manager – Administration and Finance

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Alan Slaughaupt as the voting delegate for the Georgia Public Web Board Election.

Ms. Yvonne Lopez spoke briefly and expressed her appreciation to the Mayor for funding the Ark Refuge Ministry in the coming fiscal year.

Several residents of Leonard Road, unincorporated Troup County, requested that the City extend water lines to their homes. City staff was directed to look into the request.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Ms. Tucker, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. At the end of the executive session, on a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the meeting.

Mayor Thornton announced that after a three month search that Meg Kelsey was the only finalist for the City Manager position. The City Council received 49 applications, selected 11 for interview with a search consultant, and invited five to interview in-person with the City Council. A fourteen day waiting period is required under Georgia law and Council will take action on the appointment on July 12, 2016.

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

Mayor

Deputy City Manager, Administration/Finance