

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

September 27, 2016

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

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Director of Community Development Alton West; Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill

Absent: Council Member Norma Tucker

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

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. Gore, Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 13, 2016.

Dr. Dan McAlexander, President of LaGrange College, appeared before the Mayor and Council and requested that Forrest Avenue from Broad Street to Dallas Street be renamed Panther Way. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted to proceed with the request 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 CODE SO AS TO RENAME A PORTION OF
A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY "PANTHER WAY";
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ed McBryar, Path Foundation, and Greta DeMayo, Kaizen Collaborative, appeared before the Mayor and Council and presented the Trail System (The Thread) Master Plan and Implementation Strategy. The Master Plan will serve as the blueprint for the City's greenway trail development for the next 15 years with an implementation goal to build 12 of the 29 miles of the system within 5 years. The Thread is estimated to cost roughly \$23 million. Funding sources will include City and Countywide Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and private funding. On a motion by Mr. Edmondson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Trail System Master Plan and Implementation Strategy. A copy of the plan is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to adopt the following the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Execute Contract for the Chem-Am Water Line Extension Project

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange has agreed to enter into a contract with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division ("EPD") in order to receive funds from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, EPD has submitted a Contract for the Chem-Am Water Line Extension Project to the City of LaGrange for execution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the proposed Contract is hereby approved and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute,

on behalf of the City of LaGrange the referenced Contract and any other related documents necessary to obtain the funding as provided therein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action, without further approval or action of this Council, which may be necessary or appropriate in order to fully consummate and carry out the intent of the Contract.

This 27th day of September, 2016

ATTEST:

Mayor

(Seal)

FEDERAL ID# 58-6000603

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the LaGrange City Council on the date so stated in said Resolution.

I further certify that I am the City Manager and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the official records of the LaGrange City Council and remains in full force and effect this the

27th day of September, 2016.

Signature

On a motion by Mr. Woodson seconded by Mr. McCamey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a Project Agreement with Sentury Tire North America, LLC, in substantially the form submitted to the governing authority with such changes as may be approved by the Mayor and City Manager, whose approval thereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Agreement. A copy of the document is on file in the City Manager's office.

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 CODE SO AS TO NAME A CERTAIN ROADWAY WITHIN THE CITY "TOM HALL PARKWAY"; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 CODE SO AS TO RENAME A PORTION OF SOUTH DAVIS ROAD AS “OLD SOUTH DAVIS ROAD”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On a motion by Mr. McCamey seconded by Mr. Woodson, Council voted unanimously to nominate the following slate of candidates Lou Dekmar, Meg Kelsey and Bobby Carmichael for consideration to the LaGrange Troup County Hospital Authority.

In good news closing comments, Ms. Kelsey announced the hiring of Teresa Taylor as the new Assistant City Manager. Teresa earned her undergraduate degree from Emory University and a Master’s in Public Administration from Georgia State. Teresa will start on October 3, 2016 and will assume responsibilities over the Human Resource function and various special projects. Ms. Kelsey notified the press that a reception will be held on October 6 at 5:00 at the Malone Farm to welcome Teresa to the City family.

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

Mayor

City Manager