

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

May 23, 2023

Present: Mayor Willie Edmondson; Council Members Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs and Quay Boddie

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; City Clerk Sue Olson; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; City Planner Mark Kostial

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Rev. Jimmy McMillian, Baptist Tabernacle, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 9, 2023.

LaGrange Police Chief Fiveash swore in Dale Strickland and Andree Robinson, both being promoted from the rank of Captain to Major. He also swore in Eric Lohr, Robert Kirby and Karen Sanders, all being promoted from the rank of Lieutenant to Captain. Chief Fiveash praised their work thanked them for their service. Mayor Edmondson also congratulated each of them.

Ralph Howard, President of LaGrange Optimist Club, presented the LaGrange Police Department Officer of the Year to Officer Jim Davison, and the LaGrange Fire Department Officer of the Year to Josh Williams. Mr. Howard congratulated and thanked them for their service to the citizens of LaGrange.

Miss Troup County, Jessica Roberts, came before the Council to thank them for their support of the Miss America Organization. Miss Roberts works with Paws for Mental Health, a student organization that advocates for mental health awareness with dogs.

Mr. Childs thanked the City for their support of the Youth Summit that was held last weekend. He hopes the next one will be even bigger and better.

Mr. Mitchell thanked Ms. Kelsey for the presentation of the budget during work session earlier on this date. He stated he appreciates all of her hard work to put this together.

Ms. Kelsey reported that the 2023-2024 budget had been presented to the Council as a balanced budget. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gaskin, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing regarding the 2023-2024 budget to be held on June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to declare the following items as surplus to be placed on govdeals.com for sale:

9527	2006	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO 1500	1GCEK19V46Z141064	GARAGE	\$ 20,277.00
3719	2006	FORD	F250	1FTW20P26EB41955	STREET	\$ 24,477.00
3718	2004	FORD	F350	1FDWF36P94EB52491	STREET	\$ 26,491.00
		NEW				
3669	2003	HOLLAND	TL90	1296295	ELECTRIC	\$ 43,238.00
4187	2013	CATERPILLAR	299D	0299DHNLC00611	WATER	\$ 71,775.00
3777	2005	ELGIN	EPELICAN	P4667D	STREET	\$108,894.00
N/A	2005	A720	DITCH WITCH BACKHOE	TRAILBLAZER	ELECTRIC	N/A
N/A		MILLER	WELDER		GAS	N/A
N/A		HOWSE	BUSHHOG 4' 400		LANDSACPE	N/A
3555	2008	EXMARK	LHP23KC523 MOWER	LHP23KC523	LANDSCAPE	\$ 5,303.00
3679	2014	EXMARK	LZS801KAS24 MOWER	LZS801KAS24	LANDSCAPE	\$ 11,182.00
3893	2003	EXMARK	LHP5223KC MOWER	LHP5223KC	LANDSCAPE	\$ 5,602.00
4214	2007	JOHN DEERE	757	JC0757B063156	WPC	\$ 7,079.00
3739	2002	WACKER	BS700	5270521	STREET	\$ 2,569.00
3741	2006	WACKER	BS50-21	5672018	STREET	\$ 2,328.00
N/A		CUB CADET	BLOWER WALK BE		LANDSCAPE	N/A
3572	2007	TORO	REEL MASTER	270001338	LANDSCAPE	N/A
4124	1993	KOMATSU	FG15C-15	309403A	WATER FILTER	\$ 12,800.00

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Second Amendment to the Power Purchase Contract between MEAG and the City of LaGrange. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Manager's office.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY WSL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC AND LOCATED ON SOUTH DAVIS ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, WSL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC (hereafter "Owner") is the owner of land herein referred to which is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, as defined by the laws of the State of Georgia, such land being described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto;

WHEREAS, Owner has filed with the City of LaGrange a written and signed application requesting that the land area described within Exhibit "A" be annexed to and made a part of the City of LaGrange, a copy of such request being attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, upon such request the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange have determined such application meets the requirements of laws contained within O.C.G.A. § 36-36-20, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the City of LaGrange upon accepting said application timely notified the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia, of the proposed annexation and attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is evidence that said body interposes no land use classification objection to the annexation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-11;

WHEREAS, the area proposed for annexation adjoins and is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as defined by the laws of this state;

WHEREAS, a complete survey of the area to be annexed has been prepared by a competent surveyor and has been filed with and reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia with a copy of said plat of survey being attached to the ordinance as Exhibit "D" and by this reference made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the application WSL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC for annexation of the areas contiguous to the City of LaGrange, as described in Exhibit "A" and as shown on the plat attached as Exhibit "D," be and the same are hereby approved, and the contiguous area proposed for the annexation is hereby annexed to the City of LaGrange so that such land shall constitute a part of the land within the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange as fully and completely as if the limits had been marked and defined by a special act of the General Assembly of Georgia.

SECTION 2:

That a copy of this ordinance, together with a description of the area to be annexed thereto as Exhibit “A,” a copy of the written request for annexation attached thereto as Exhibit “B” and a copy of the plat of survey attached thereto as Exhibit “D,” all duly certified by the City Clerk of the City of LaGrange, be forwarded to and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and also forwarded to the Board of Commissioners of Troup County, Georgia.

SECTION 3:

That the area annexed as described in Exhibit “A” shall for the purposes of electing members of the City Council be within and designated as District 2.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

This ordinance, after adoption and upon approval by the Mayor and Council, shall become effective according to the terms of O.C.G.A. § 36-36-2 on the 1st day of June, 2023.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ May 9, 2023

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ May 23, 2023

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ May 23, 2023

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Annex for parcel #0392C 000 003

A parcel of land located in Land Lot 89 of the 6th Land District Troup County, Georgia, said parcel being more particularly described follows:

Commencing at a Point marking the East right of way of State Route 14 Spur and the South right of way of U.S. Hwy 29, record tie per plat book 29, page 156; THENCE South 12 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds East for a distance of 1655.19 feet to an Iron Pin Found on the Easterly right of way of State Route 14 Spur-Davis Road, a paved road with a varying right of way, and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described; THENCE leaving said right of way North 01 degrees 56 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 102.35 feet to an Iron Pin Found; THENCE South 88 degrees 37 minutes 23 seconds East for a distance of 290.00 feet to an Iron Pin Found; THENCE South 01 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 103.04 feet to a Point; THENCE South 69 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 252.59 feet to a Point on the Easterly right of way of State Route 14 Spur-Davis Road, THENCE continuing along said right of way on a curve to the left having a radius of 2500.00 feet and an arc distance of 55.26 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord of North 28 degrees 47 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 55.26 feet to a Point; THENCE continuing along said right of way North 30 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 54.90 feet to an Iron Pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said parcel contains 1.00 acres more or less.

Together with and subject to all easements, covenants, and restrictions of record.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve 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 CLASSIFY THE USE ZONE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON SOUTH DAVIS ROAD AND OWNED BY WSL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC; 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 the zoning map and ordinances of the City of LaGrange be amended so as to classify as CR-MX (corridor mixed use district) the following described real estate which is to be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of LaGrange, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land known as 187 South Davis Road and also known as Tax Map Parcel Number 039-2C-000-003.

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-66-4(d)(4), this ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective upon the latter of the following dates: (1) the date the zoning is approved by the Mayor and Council; or (2) the date that the annexation of the above-referenced property becomes effective pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-36-2.

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SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ May 23, 2023

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ May 23, 2023

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Sue Olson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Childs as the Voting Delegate to the 2023 GMA Annual Convention in June. On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Gaskin as Alternate Voting Delegate to the 2023 GMA Annual Convention in June. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Boddie as the Flag Bearer.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mayor Edmondson as the Voting Delegate and Ms. Kelsey as the Alternate Voting Delegate to the MEAG Election Committee at the MEAG 2023 Annual Meeting in July.

The Good News we would like to share tonight is that the City of LaGrange, Visit LaGrange and Troup County all received grants for projects from the Governor's Office recently. The City of

LaGrange received \$693,000 for the construction of a bike playground, Visit LaGrange received \$1.8 million for the development of the Mulberry Street Cemetery and Park, Troup County received \$2.2 million for the development of a pickleball facility, and Troup County also received \$2.2 million for the completion of a new swimming pool and pavilion at the Griggs Center. On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, as follows:

On the 23rd day of May, 2023 the Mayor and Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Council voted to exit the closed session and upon returning to open session herewith takes the following action:

1. Each member of the Mayor and Council does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, and based upon the advice of the City Attorney, where appropriate, the subject matter of the executive session was devoted to matters within the specified exception(s) set forth above.
2. The Mayor, or other presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Affidavit with support of the members of this Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).
3. Said Affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of this meeting, and shall be in a form as required by statute.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____.

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

AFFIDAVIT

Personally before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, appeared W. T. Edmondson, Mayor of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, who, having been duly sworn, states that the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting of May 23, 2023 was devoted to matters within the exceptions to the open and public meetings law. The specific relevant exception(s) are as follows:

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| _____ O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4) | Property acquisition; |
| _____ O.C.G.A. § | Property disposition; |
| _____ O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6) | Personnel matters; |
| _____ O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 | Matters of attorney-client privilege. |

Mayor, City of LaGrange, Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this ____ day
of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk