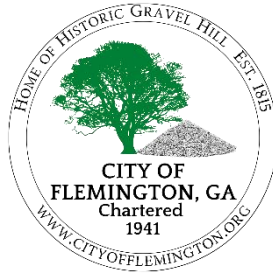


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 9th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

FLEMINGTON CITY HALL ♦ 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Building Assistant Holly Kennedy
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees.
3. The invocation was given by Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Patel.
4. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 12th, 2024 meeting as corrected. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the March 26th, 2024 special called meeting minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. LT Anthony Gallob with the LCSO gave a status report for the month of March. Council discussed the need to research possible speed humps for some of the neighborhoods.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of March 2024. There were some inquiries into October 2023 remittance for La Quinta to which Mr. Stafford replied that he is looking into the matter with the new Hotel Occupancy Tax company retained by GMA called HdL Companies. The City Clerk was reached via telephone during the discussion and she clarified that the City had been receiving monthly remittances from HdL and relayed that they did not send monthly reports like The Resource Professionals used to, but that she would investigate additional reporting upon her return from training. The Council requested monthly reports like what TRP provided in the past.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (“LCPC”) came before Council with several items of business. First, he presented a home-based business license request for Llama Mama Cleaning LLC located at 152 WW Winn Ave. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the business license for Llama Mamma. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.*

Mr. Ricketson then presented three home-based business licenses for Mr. Jody Smiley; Jody Smiley Landscaping, LLC, Southern Coast Hauling, and Southern Coast Maintenance located at 265 Kallquist Dr. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the three home-based business licenses. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. ****Councilwoman Smiley recused from voting on the three Mr. Smiley business licenses due to a conflict of interest.***

The need for Council to review and approve home-based business licenses was addressed and the consensus of the Council was that the Mayor had the authority to approve such new licenses going forward without having to present them to the Council.

Mr. Ricketson then relayed to Council that he had brought copies of the maps for future land use in association with the comprehensive plan. The conversation varied from the City purchasing land and building a “downtown” in McLarry’s Curve, annexation, finding a developer, infrastructure, and creating a master plan. Mr. Ricketson stated that he would reach out to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia to inquire about how to get started.

The final item of business was the Alcohol Ordinance amendment. After discussion, it was determined that the ordinance needed one more revision before adoption to allow management and a cleaning crew to remain in the building after the required closing time.

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, briefed Council that the full-depth reclamation of Wallace Martin, Joseph Martin and Old Sunbury Rd. would be ready at the end of the month to go out to bid. He stated that his goal was to have all three streets finished before school starts in the fall.

No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. or Possible 144 Spur (*next update expected in 2024*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- Millage Rate – R. Harwell (*on hold*)

9. ON THE HORIZON

- a. April 2024
 - 19th – Earth Day @ Bryant Commons (need volunteers)
 - 27th – Citywide Clean Up @ 0900
- b. May 2024
 - 1st – 3rd - Small City Conference in Carrollton, GA
 - 27th – City Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

10. Executive Session – *MPT Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion and Executive Session began at 6:14 pm. Open session was resumed at 6:14 pm. Mayor Hawkins announced that the City will proceed by sending a letter requesting mediation with the surety bond holder for Bridge Capital Investments for the Highway 84 TSPLOST sidewalk project.*

11. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*