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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of  
**FLEMINGTON**  
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GEORGIA



City  
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.  
Flemington, GA 31313

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall – 156 Old Sunbury Rd. 31313  
Public Participation in Person or Watch on Facebook Live

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  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk  
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: None  
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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, both in person and virtually.
3. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Harwell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Evans.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the action minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallb provided the law enforcement report for the month of July and introduced CPL Styles as the new Deputy.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of July 2023.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**  
Ms. Mardee Sanchez with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with three items of business.

The first item Ms. Sanchez presented was a request for a PUD amendment 2023-048-FL from Habersham Development Group, LLC on behalf of Herbert L. III and Pamela Stacy for mixed use development to include townhomes and climate-controlled storage. The property is located on the corner of E. Oglethorpe Hwy. and OC Martin Dr. and consists of 10 acres +/- which was included in the Tranquil South 163-acre PUD and zoned commercial. (PUD approved 8/8/2017.) The only entrance to the property would be on OC Martin Dr.

Several members of the Council were concerned that not all the owners of the property were listed in the documents. The Council tabled this item to circle back to later in the meeting while the information was being collected by Mayor Allen Brown of Hinesville.

The second item was zoning petition 2023-050-FL submitted by MPT Edwards to rezone 1.37 acres +/- from R-20 Single-Family Residential to AR-1 Agricultural Residential District for expansion of a bee apiary. The property is located at 188 Old Sunbury Rd. MPT Edwards gave a presentation on his apiary. *Mayor Hawkins opened the public hearing for the rezoning at 4:52 pm. Hearing no comments, the public hearing closed at 4:53 pm. Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the zoning petition. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. \*\*MPT Edwards recused himself and did not vote.*

The meeting then circled back to the PUD amendment. Mayor Brown listed the owners as Richard Bradley III, Lana D. Ray, James D. Anderson, Daniel Anderson, Bradley Anderson, Alan Anderson, Herbert Stacy III, Pamela Martin Stacy Autrey, Theron Fox Jr. *Mayor Hawkins opened the public hearing for the rezoning at 5:08 pm. Hearing no comments, the public hearing closed at 5:08 pm. Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the rezoning application for Habersham Development Group. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. \*\*Councilwoman Evans recused herself and did not vote.*

Ms. Sanchez' final item of business was a sign permit for Shadow Pointe, a DR Horton development on Patriots Trail. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the sign permit for Shadow Pointe. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Virgil Jones, the Liberty County Tax Assessor, gave a presentation to Council on how millage rates are calculated, including exemptions. He stated that he would be willing to do the billing for the City at a rate of 2-2.5% or per parcel, whichever was most favorable for the City.
- b. Mr. Paul Simonton of Simonton Engineering presented Council with the final reading of the Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment Ordinance Amendment for adoption. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. With the City's CD resting in the general fund at Ameris, *MPT Edwards made a motion to invest the CD funds into a money market account at Ameris Bank. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- d. They YMCA requested a FY24 charitable donation from the City. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the YMCA. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- Roads – D. Edwards
- City Hall Electronics Upgrade – D. Edwards

9. ON THE HORIZON

- a. July 2023
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Hinesville Fire Dept. Ribbon Cutting @ 1000
- b. July 2023
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Small Cities Conference in Dublin

10. *Executive Session (if needed)*

11. *Councilman Patel made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk