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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
FLEMINGTON

GEORGIA



City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11TH, 2022 AT 4:30 PM.

FLEMINGTON CITY HALL • 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON or WATCH ON FACEBOOK

PRESENT AT CITY HALL: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Hasit Patel
Council Member Larry Logan
Council Member Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Deputy SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) Council Member Rene' Harwell
Council Member Gail Evans
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

ABSENT: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 at 4:38 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present via Zoom video conferencing.
2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and on Zoom. Zoom participants were instructed to keep their sound muted until they needed to speak.
3. Invocation by Mayor Hawkins and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Logan.
4. Because it was the first Council meeting of the newly elected City Council, the Council needed a Mayor Pro Tempore. *Councilman Patel made a motion to nominate Councilman Edwards as the Mayor Pro Tempore. No other nominations were presented, therefore all approved. The motion passed.*
5. Mayor Hawkins relayed that the City was in need of one financial signature holder. Councilman Logan volunteered to accept the responsibility.
6. Mayor Hawkins then announced that all prior committees were dissolved.
7. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the December 14th, 2021 minutes as written. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
8. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of December 2021.

9. Council reviewed the Expense Reports for the month of December 2021.
10. Ms. Karen Randolph presented Council the first quarterly report from First Transit, the new public transportation provider for Liberty County. She shared that they are transitioning from large busses to half size to optimize maneuvering. One stand-out accomplishment was that ridership had doubled in the last year.

11. New Business:

- a. Ms. Gabby Hartage with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (“LCPC”) had a business license request from One 11 Beauty, located at 1705 E. Oglethorpe Hwy ~ Suite A. The owner, Ms. Shanna Wilson, said she will offer esthetician services and will sublet space to individuals who offer a host of beauty services. Ms. Hartage stated that she was taking the temperature with Council regarding large pictures on the front door and windows, as they do not meet the signage ordinance. Councilwoman Smiley advised Ms. Wilson to bring a mock up to the next meeting so that Council could view them. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the business license for One 11 Beauty. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

12. Business in Progress:

a. *Status Updates*

- i. Next on the agenda was the transfer of billing from RTS Homes to the city for the streetlights in phase 3 of Tranquil South. *Councilman Patel made the motion to transfer the billing to the city. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- ii. Councilman Edwards reported to the Council that he and the Mayor had ridden through all of the neighborhoods at night to see if there were lighting issues occurring. The pair concluded that a streetlight was indeed necessary on Old Hines Rd. between Old Sunbury Rd. and OC Martin Dr, across the street from the subdivision. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to have Georgia Power install a tall streetlight on the aforementioned location. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- iii. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, reported that the TSPLOST project of sidewalks down Hwy 84 from the Performing Arts Center to Liberty High School was moving along.
- iv. Signalization at McLarry’s Curve: Mayor Hawkins spoke with the representative for GDOT and was told that the contract let in January and they anticipate beginning construction in April.
- v. Millage Rate: Mayor Hawkins and the Council will hold a workshop on February 1st, 2022 to have Ms. Glenda Roberts from the Liberty County Tax Assessors Office go over the millage rate process again. He stated that he also would have Mr. Andrew Harrison with Custom Audio Video present Council with solutions to the City’s current technologies.
- vi. Aging Impact Fees: The Mayor stated that a new Fire Committee would need to be formed due to all prior committees dissolved at the beginning of this election term. Councilman Edwards, Councilman Patel and Councilman Logan voluntarily accepted the responsibilities of the committee. Council concurred.

b. No Update

- i. Old Sunbury Rd. designation as a state road: Next update is expected in 2023.
- ii. Full Depth Reclamation of Wallace Martin: No change.
- iii. American Rescue Plan Funds: No change.

13. Councilwoman Harwell shared that at Liberty Regional they were still having heavy positive COVID-19 cases with the Omicron variant and other variants are still around. She provided current statistics and urged residents to get vaccinated and get the booster shot. She said that a person fully vaccinated with the booster increases protection 75%. Those with only two shots reduces protection at around 35%.

14. The Council collective (and those in the gallery) took a special moment to recognize Councilman Patel as the first Councilmember of Indian descent and Councilman Larry Logan as the first African American elected to Council.
15. Adjourn: *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smiley. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved



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