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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
FLEMINGTON
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City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 12th, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall – 156 Old Sunbury Rd. 31313

Public Participation in Person or Watch on Facebook

Present at City Hall:

Mayor Paul Hawkins
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Telephone:
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Mayor Pro Tem David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Absent:

None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 at 4:33 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 Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hawkins.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance via Zoom and provided the law enforcement report for the month of June.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of June.
7. Mr. Joey Brown, County Manager for Liberty County, presented Council the SPLOST 7 Intergovernmental Agreement. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the SPLOST 7 Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
Ms. Gabby Hartage with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with three items of business.

- First, she presented an event permit for the two-year anniversary for the Street Soldierz Motorcycle Club located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. The club anticipated 50-75 participants and the event would be held over two days. There was discussion regarding whether Council would waive the requirement for an off-duty law enforcement officers (“LEO”) presence during the event, the City Attorney advised and the consensus was that the ordinance should be followed. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the event permit with one LEO. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- The second item of business was signage change out from Red Roof Inn to Clarion Pointe and one new wall sign at 70 Wallace Martin Dr. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the signage. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- The final item of business Ms. Hartage presented was a proposed ordinance amendment to reduce the speed limit within neighborhoods to 25 miles per hour. There was discussion regarding which streets should be mentioned in the ordinance and some confusion regarding O.C.G.A. and GDOT requirements. Mayor Hawkins tabled the discussion until further information could be gathered.

Ms. Mardee Sanchez with the LCPC presented Council the Final Plat for Tranquil South Phase 5. This was the final phase in the original planned unit development (“PUD”) which consisted of 55 homes. There were 267 lots in the PUD, however the City of Hinesville only gave approval for water and sewer for 243 homes. She stated that the Tranquil South Expansion PUD would be going before the Planning Commission on July 21st, 2022. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the Tranquil South Phase 5 Final plat with dedications of the streets and drainage and with standard and special conditions. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

***Councilwoman Smiley recused herself due to conflict of interest.*

- *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the YMCA. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the ½ page ad in the Liberty County Magazine for \$900.00. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- Mayor Hawkins tabled the discussion regarding the City’s CD to shop rates.

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- The Mr. Marcus Sack reported that there was a bid opening for a contractor for the Highway 84 sidewalk project. After confirming the bid, *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the lowest bidder, Bridge Capital Investment Corp, for \$518,607.00. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- Mayor Hawkins told Council that after reviewing the budget with the City Clerk, he felt the FY23 budget could sustain a second LEO at a salary and benefit package of approximately \$80,000.00. Mayor Hawkins had spoken with Sheriff Bowman who stated that it would not be difficult to recruit the deputy. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to onboard a second LEO. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- The Mayor then revisited the tabled LEO office addition at City Hall. He reiterated that the cost of construction would be funded 100% using the LEO portion of the impact fees, to which the City already had over \$57,000.00. Mayor Hawkins tabled the topic until the next meeting until he could receive a written estimate for the construction costs.
- Mr. Jody Smiley of Jody Smiley Landscaping’s current contract includes \$500 for street sweeping. Mr. Smiley quoted the City an additional \$1,250.00 per month to street sweep all off-system in Flemington once per month to include all curbs (curves) and gutters. (Total of \$1,750.00 per month for street-sweeping.) *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the additional service. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwoman Smiley recused herself due to conflict of interest.*

- Mayor Hawkins relayed that he had spoken to the Project Manager and the clearing of areas of brush, bushes and trees would begin soon. He also noted that stakes had been placed in the yard at City Hall showing where the street would be located at the end of signalization.

10. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to a State Rd. *(next update expected in 2023)*
- Full Depth Reclamation of Wallace Martin Dr. *(on hold for funding)*

11. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- None

12. ON THE HORIZON


- July 2022
 - 12th – Council Meeting
- August 2022
 - 9th – Council Meeting

13. Executive Session

- Councilwoman Evans made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 6:02 pm.*
- Mayor Hawkins gaveled to resume Open Session at 6:50 pm. *Councilman Logan made a motion to increase the City Clerk's salary to \$20.47 per hour (pay grade "L"). Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

14. *Councilman Patel made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:


Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council:August 9th....., 2022 as written/~~corrected~~.