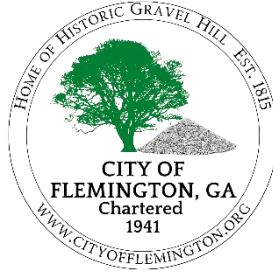


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 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 (entered at 4:35 pm.)
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Phone: None

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 9th, 2024 at 4:34 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 said in unison.
4. *MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 11th, 2024 meeting as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14th, 2024 special called meeting. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Lieutenant Gallob with the LCSO gave a report for the month of June and introduced Deputy Wilson as the second Flemington deputy that panel selected. *MPT Edwards made a motion to accept Deputy Wilson. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
6. Council reviewed the June 2024 General Fund transaction report and balance sheet.

7. NEW BUSINESS

i. Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC")

a. Mr. Jeff Ricketson came before Council with two items of business.

- The first item presented was the still pending proposal from Mr. Ben Carr with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government ("CVIOG") to implement a master plan for the City. There were three options presented ranging from no-cost to \$150,000. Mayor Hawkins cautioned the body to review the budget as this venture would be an unbudgeted item. After some dialog, the Council consensus was to engage CVIOG for the no-cost rendering, but to utilize the City Engineer in the future.
- The second item was a request from Maybank Holding and Rentals, LLC to rezone 13.4 acres (petition number 2024-036-FL&H) consisting of parcels 068002 (within the City of Hinesville boundary), 068005, and 068006 (zoned R-20, MHP and MHP, respectively) to ATR (Attached Residential) for townhomes. The development has 52 townhomes in total; with approximately 36 within Hinesville city limits and 16 Flemington units which will be platted within a cul-de-sac. The special conditions recommended by the LCPC were: a 30-foot buffer maintained along the cemetery property line, improvements to Old Sunbury Road, sound attenuation features and deed disclosures to future residents, avigation and noise easement to Liberty County and the cities of Hinesville and Flemington. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the rezoning with standard and special conditions with stipulation of approval only if the City of Hinesville subsequently approves the rezoning as well. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

b. Ms. Kelly Wiggins with the LCPC came before Council with three items from World of Beer, located at 1434 E. Oglethorpe Highway.

- First item: standard business license application. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the business license for World of Beer. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- Second item: alcohol license with Sunday sales contingent on the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy from the Hinesville Fire Marshal. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the alcohol licenses. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- Third item: sign permit. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the sign permit. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

ii. Mayor Hawkins brought two documents before the Council for the Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax ("TSPLOST") 2. He explained that TSPLOST1 was for a period of five years and that TSPLOST2 (if approved by voter referendum in November) would run for a

period of 6 years. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Liberty County to manage TSPLOST2. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution for referendum. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- i. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the FY23 Impact Fee Capital Improvement Element (“CIE”) adoption resolution. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- ii. *Mr. Marcus Sack with M.E. Sack Engineering reported that there was a bid opening for the full-depth reclamation of Old Sunbury Rd, Wallace Martin Dr, and Joseph Martin Rd and that two bids were received. Both bids were over budget. Mr. Sack offered several actions for the Council to consider, including negotiating with the lowest bidder, seek additional funding from GDOT (Ann Purcell), changing the scope, or a combination of any/all three. He stated that the City is short \$395,000 and that the low bid price is only valid for 60 days. He also shared that the cause of the higher bid was due to the full-depth reclamation having to go deeper to meet the Board of Education’s standards for bus travel. MPT Edwards made a motion to go with the low-bidder with Mr. Sack initiating negotiations for cost of construction. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

No Update(s) Available

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd.
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold*)
- Millage Rate – R. Harwell (*on hold*)

9. ON THE HORIZON

- a. July 2024
 - 22nd – 26th – City Clerk’s Office Closed (City Hall open)
- b. August 2024
 - 13th – City Council Meeting

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of real estate and litigation at 5:37 pm. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* Open session was resumed at 6:38 pm. Mayor Hawkins shared that there was a presentation with Jimmy Shanken on available real estate and that litigation with Bridge Capital Investments was moving forward.

11. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.*