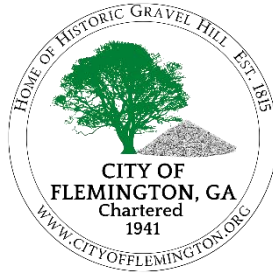


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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Present via Zoom: Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Absent: LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Councilwoman Evans and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Smiley.
4. *MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 13th, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Mayor Hawkins stated that LT Gallob was unable to make the meeting due to working at the election polls and that his February 2024 report would be emailed to the Council when available.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of February 2024. The City Clerk stated that \$50,000.<sup>00</sup> was transferred from a Land Sale savings account to the Local Mileage Improvement Grant ("LMIG") account to cover engineering invoices for the full-depth reclamation of Old Sunbury Rd, Joseph Martin Rd, and Wallace Martin Dr. The Mayor stated that as soon as GDOT began funded the \$1.3m LMIG grant to the city, a check would be issued from the LMIG account to the land sale savings account for reimbursement of the temporary "loan".
7. Dr. Karen Bell and Chairwoman Ms. Willa Lewis with the Keep Liberty Beautiful were in attendance for the signing of an Earth Day proclamation and to share upcoming Earth Day activities on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Bryant Commons in Hinesville.
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - i. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with two items of business. First, he presented a home-based business license request for Spoken Visions LLC, an event planning business located at 46 Cobble Stone Lane. *Councilwoman Smiley*

*made a motion to approve the business license for Spoken Visions LLC. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mr. Ricketson then relayed to Council that he had brought copies of the maps for future land use in association with the comprehensive plan. He asked Council to look them over and that he would come back at the April meeting to discuss them.

Ms. Mardee Sanchez, also with the LCPC, was in attendance with a proposed private fire hydrant ordinance, which the City of Hinesville (“CoH”) had adopted a few months ago and the City of Flemington (“CoF”) would also need to adopt since the CoH operates the CoF water systems. The ordinance states that anyone with a private hydrant on their property would need to be sure it had adequate water pressure, have it installed in a place accessible for the Fire Department and that the owner is responsible for maintaining the hydrant. Any new hydrants would need the Fire Marshal’s approval before installation. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adopt the private fire hydrant ordinance. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

- ii. Mr. Trent Long with TR Long Engineering briefly addressed Council to say that land clearing on the site for the 50 townhouses on OC Martin Dr had begun and that a land clearing permit had been obtained. He stated that they are not clearing close to others homes and that dirt would be moving around. Mr. Long stated that the next steps were for the Environmental Protection Division (“EPD”) to approve the water and sewer for the project, and after approval was obtained permits would be applied for.

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Ms. Glennis Smith, owner of Good to Go Jamaican Restaurant, again came before Council to request the hours of operation and sale of alcohol to change from 0100 to 0300 for restaurants, in line with the CoH’s alcohol ordinance, which was tabled at the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting to allow Council time to gather additional information. Between the February and March meetings, the Council was notified that Ms. Smith did not adhere to the hours of operation specified on her special event permit for a birthday party on 2/17/2024 and closed after 0200. (See February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes §8c.) Due to this noncompliance, the Council’s consensus was to leave the ordinance in its current form, and informed Ms. Smith she would not be granted extended hours for special events going forward.
- b. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, was unable to make the meeting.

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*)

10. ON THE HORIZON

- a. March 2024
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> – Egg Hunt at City Hall @ 1100
  - 27<sup>th</sup> – Countywide Mid-Year Review at 17 South Rod and Gun @ 0800
- b. April 2024
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day @ Bryant Commons (need volunteers)
  - 27<sup>th</sup> – Citywide Clean Up @ 0900

11. Executive Session – Not needed

12. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adjourn. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.*