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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

March 8th, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall • Public Participation in Person or via Facebook Live

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: Craig Stafford, City Attorney
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: Councilwoman Rene' Harwell

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 4:32 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 Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Evans.
4. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 8th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilman Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 16th, 2022 work session minutes. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance and presented Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of February.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of February. They also executed the Hotel-Motel Resolution which they approved on February 16th, 2022 to increase the tax from 5% to 8%.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ms. Gabriele Hartage with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with four items of business.

First, she presented a temporary feather sign permit for LV Nails, located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the temporary sign for 120 days. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The next presentation was a home-based business license request for Eli & Vero's Cleaning Service at 35 Woody Ct. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the business license. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The third item was a business license request for Haze Gems, located inside One11 Beauty at 1705 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Haze Gems affixes non-invasive tooth adornment. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the business license. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The final presentation was an alcohol license for beer and wine only for Red Roof Inn, located at 70 Wallace Martin Dr. The owner, Mr. Jitendrakumar Patel, was in attendance and stated that the beer and wine would be available for purchase where the snack foods are located in the lobby in a locked fridge, but would not be consumed in the lobby. The hotel guest would purchase and then take it back to their room. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to grant the Class 1 alcohol license. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROCESS

Status Update(s)

- a. Council reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") grant application for local entities to request funding from the Council. The Council collectively wanted minor edits to the application. The non-profit 501(c) was to be updated so that more entities would be eligible to receive a grant and the per entity to be changed to per project. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the ARPA application with the above changes. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- b. The Council reviewed the draft All-Terrain Vehicle ("ATV") Ordinance. The consensus was that pg. 4 (b) would need rewording and would need the reference to golf carts removed. Lighting on motorized wheel chairs was to be added and it was noted that a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the Magistrates Office would need to be drafted. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the ordinance with the above-mentioned changes. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. Mr. Marcus Sack, City Engineer, presented a proposal for engineering site work for the future City Complex. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the proposal. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

No Update(s) Available

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Road (next update expected in 2023)
- Street Light Installations on Old Savannah Rd. & Old Hines Rd.
- Signalization at McLarry's Curve
- TSPLOST Highway 84 Sidewalk Project
- Full Depth Reclamation of Wallace Martin Dr.

9. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- n/a

10. ON THE HORIZON

a. March 2022

- 14th – ARPA Grant Application Period Opens

- 16th – ARPA Grant Advertisement to be published in the Coastal Courier
- 18th – Ribbon Cutting @ Good to Go Jamaican Restaurant @ 4pm, Councilman Patel
- 19th – Great American Clean Up @ 0830

b. April 2022

- 12th – Council Meeting
- 15th – ARPA Application Period Closes
- 22nd – ARPA Award Work Session @ 2pm
- 28th & 29th – GMA's 2022 Small Cities Conference in Dublin
- 28th – City Hall Closed

11. *Councilman Logan made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:40 pm. Open session resumed at 6:17 pm. Mayor Hawkins stated that in Executive Session, Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the part-time employment of Ms. Nahalia (Holly) Kennedy and was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. The motion passed.*
12. *Adjourn – Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: April 12th, 2022 as written/~~corrected~~.