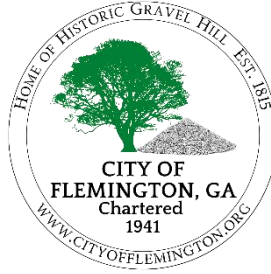


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 14th, 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 – exited at 5:44 pm.
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO") – entered at 5:04 pm.
Craig Stafford, City Attorney – exited at 6:36 pm.

Present via Phone: Councilwoman Leigh Smiley

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, May 14th, 2024 at 4:31 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 MPT Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.
4. *MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 9th, 2024 meeting as corrected. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. LT Anthony Gallob's report was moved to the end of the meeting.
6. Council reviewed the April 2024 General Fund transaction report and balance sheet.
7. Mayor Hawkins signed and presented Ms. Leah Poole with the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau a proclamation for Travel & Tourism Week.
8. Mayor Hawkins signed and presented Dr. Karen Bell with Keep Liberty Beautiful a proclamation for Pollinators Week.
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - i. The Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with several items of business. Ms. Mardee Sanchez presented to Council the preliminary plat for the fifty townhouses on the corner of O.C. Martin Dr. and E. Oglethorpe Hwy, which was part of the Tranquil South PUD amendment. The townhomes would have one car garages, no amenities and would be built by Mongo Homes. Council expressed concern over the lack of overflow parking. Mr. Trent Long was in

attendance and relayed that almost all stormwater would be routed to a single detention pond and that the HOA was responsible for the maintenance of the pond, swells behind the houses and everything behind the yards. He stated that only a small amount of drainage would be routed to O.C. Martin Dr. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the preliminary plat with standard conditions. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Ms. Sanchez presented the design plans for the storage facility located on the corner of O.C. Martin Dr. and E. Oglethorpe Highway. She stated that there would be a concrete detention pond and that the buildings would have a wood or vinyl fencing around it. She stated that the main building will have a façade with stacked stone or brick hardy board and that three of the buildings would be climate controlled. She stated that not all buildings would be constructed at the same time. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the design. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mr. Jeff Ricketson brought the changes to the Alcohol Ordinance back before the Council for approval. The changes would add: 0100 closing time for restaurants with a small cleaning crew allowed to remain, restaurant doors closed and locked at 0100, allow Sunday sales for grocery, convenience and hotels with sales hours from 12:30 pm. to 11:30 pm. There was concern expressed about customers “lingering” after the doors locked, however, *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mr. Ricketson presented a sign update for Parker’s gas station. The new design was just a slight change from the existing sign and coincides with the other stores. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the sign update. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mr. Ricketson brought the concept plan from 2015 showing a potential land usage for approximately 400 acres located in the interior of McLarry’s Curve. At that time, any plans were placed on hold for development until the signalization occurred. It was relayed that there were multiple property owners and that water/sewer infrastructure was not currently available at the location. Mr. Ricketson stated that the next step would be to obtain a scope & price for creating a downtown master plan with CVIOG before a workshop could be called.

- ii. Mr. Hardy with H&H Resources had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend the meeting with his proposal for speed humps. Mayor Hawkins stated that Mr. Hardy had relayed to him that the pricing was negotiable.
- iii. Mr. Trip Duke with the Liberty County Emergency Management Agency gave a presentation regarding the 2024 Hurricane Season. He stated that with unseasonably warm waters, there is an elevated potential for a very active hurricane season. He shared that the Shuman Center was the Liberty County rally point and strongly recommended that all citizens have a 48-hour emergency kit minimum. Mr. Duke recommends that Flemington citizens follow LCEMA on Facebook for weather updates during an emergency.
- iv. Council reviewed the FY23 Capital Improvement Element for the Impact Fee program and *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the resolution to transmit the draft to the Coastal Regional Commission for review. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- v. LT Gallob presented his report for the month of April. He also stated that the new speed detection device captured 2797 vehicles with the average speed of 19 mph from 5/2-5/6/2024 on Factors

Walk. The device captured 8072 vehicles on O.C. Martin Dr. from 5/6-5/10/2024 and there was a slight speeding issue detected.

10. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- None

No Update(s) Available

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

11. ON THE HORIZON

a. May 2024

- 27th – City Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 28th @ Noon – Public Hearing on the Draft FY23 Capital Improvement Element

b. June 2024

- 19th – City Hall Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 21st – 25th – GMA Annual Conference in Savannah

12. ADDED WITHOUT NOTICE: After a question regarding if the City could “afford” for Council to attend the Savannah GMA conference, Council requested quarterly accounting reports going forward from the CPA or clerk. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to receive the quarterly reports. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilwoman Smiley requested "P&L Statement and Balance Sheet" each month to be specified in the minutes.*

13. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.*