

FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Palmer Dasher
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Charles Richardson

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Sergeant Eric Allen
City Clerk Lori Taylor

ABSENT: Mayor Sandra Martin
Council Member Donnie Smith
Attorney Craig Stafford

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Councilman Palmer Dasher motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August meeting and accept them as written. Councilman Charles Richardson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.*
4. Deputy Eric Allen was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of August and September.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Reports for both August and September.
6. LCPC – Allen Seifert addressed council on behalf of the LCPC Technical Advisory Committee. He requested that the City name a representative to assist in reviewing and updating ordinances. He stated that the committee will work in four phases consisting of : Phase 1 – organize and educate, Phase 2 – review current regulations and request input from stakeholders in the community, Phase 3 (largest phase) – update each section of the development ordinance, Phase 4 – present the update to the public and elected boards for approval and adoption. He stated that the planned completion is scheduled for 2019 and that the committee will meet monthly. Mayor Pro Tem asked if council could get back with him at a later date with a named representative. Mr. Seifert replied that would be fine.
7. LCPC – Jeff Ricketson presented council with request from Josh Wheeler for a specific development plan/preliminary plat for Flemington Village (Savannah Commons) Phase 1. He stated that it is a residential PUD with 116 single family units. He reminded council that in May, the entrance road plan was approved subject to GDOT approval. Since then, GDOT has required that the entrance road be moved 500 feet to the west of the original location. Water and sewer will be provided by the City of Hinesville. Councilman Richardson inquired if an alignment with Wallace Martin could be an option instead of creating another intersection. Mr. Ricketson stated that GDOT had studied it extensively and this was the only option that was provided by GDOT. Several council members questioned the traffic impacts of the additional intersection. Marcus Sacks stated that there are a few options that could affect the traffic flow, including the median project and/or a traffic signal, both of which are not in the immediate future. He stated that GDOT has been made aware of the development plans so it can be included in the future plans of the area. Phase 1 consists of 116 lots, with 245 units remaining in future phases. They are asking for

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approval to move the density from lower to higher density. Mr. Ricketson stated that the PUD allows the flexibility to move the density around but not change the overall net density. Phase 1 development will begin in the rear of the property. LCPC's recommended approval with standard conditions. Mr. Sacks stated that all the detention ponds, nature trails, greenspace, sidewalks, and HOA will all be included as stated in previous meetings. Sidewalks will be bonded for two years. *Councilman Richardson motioned to approve the specific development plan/preliminary plat for Phase 1 as presented by LCPC. Seconded by Councilman Edwards. All Approved. Motion passed.*

8. Leah Poole presented council with the quarterly update from the Liberty County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

9. Stephanie Osteen with Friends of Ft. Morris presented council with a request for a grant of \$1500.00 to be used for three annual programs (Independence Day, Come and Take it, and Colonial Christmas). She stated that the funds are used in providing visitors with free admission as well as marketing the events. Councilman Dasher inquired about the legalities of providing the funds. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins suggested tabling the decision until reviewed and approved by the city attorney. *Councilman Dasher motioned to approve the \$1500.00 grant pending attorney review. Council Richardson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*

10. Old/New Business

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins updated council on the repair project on Mr. Godwin's property in Tremain Estates. He stated that the yard and fencing is completed, but there was some damage to the driveway caused by the equipment used by the county. He has submitted two estimates for council's review to have the driveway repaired. *Councilman Dasher motioned to accept the \$2500.00 estimate from Pete's Concrete for the driveway repairs. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
- b. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins proposed to council to have a Candidate Meet & Greet event prior to the municipal election. He suggested to set the date as October 26, 2017. He stated that Hasit Patel has offered the meeting room at the LaQuinta at no cost. He has also received a quote from Susan McCorkle from the Liberty Regional Medical Center dining facility for catering finger foods and drinks for \$250.00. *Councilman Dasher motioned to approve the Candidate Meet & Greet event as well as the location and catering. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
- c. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins discussed the city's holiday lighting event. He suggested that the city plan the event this year. He suggested that council decide on the date and details at the next meeting.
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins presented council with a proposal to put in a new door and sidewall in the hallway of city hall. The new door would provide more security for the clerk as well as the city's vital records. He presented council with two estimates for the work, ranging from \$1085.00-\$1200.00, excluding the cost of the door. *Councilman Richardson motioned to accept the proposal not exceeding \$1500.00. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
- e. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins briefed council on the GEMA Elected Officials meeting that he attended in Jesup.
- f. Councilman Edwards expressed some concern with the dilapidated building on Hwy. 84 with the debris around the building and the commercial trucks parking in the lot. Councilwoman Evans shared in his concern about the condition of the building.
- g. Councilman Richardson shared the minutes from the Transit Meeting that he attended during the month, which showed that the ridership is increasing.

11. *Councilman Dasher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Second by Councilman Edwards. All agreed. Motion passed.*