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THE CITY OF
Flemington

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CITY HALL
156 OLD SUNBURY ROAD
FLEMINGTON, GA 31313

Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13TH, 2020



PRESENT AT CITY HALL: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
Deputy SGT Grant Porter, Liberty County Sheriff's Office

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Leigh Smiley
Council Member Rene' Harwell

ABSENT: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 4:34 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present via Zoom video conferencing.
2. Invocation by Councilman Edwards, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Hawkins.
3. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and on Zoom. He asked that participants keep their sound muted until they need to speak.
4. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting as written. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Grant Porter was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of October.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of September.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt the 5-Year Comprehensive Plan. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
 - b. Ms. Maryann Smith came before Council to request a donation for Carpathia Paws (an animal rescue). *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve a donation to Carpathia Paws in the amount of \$500.00. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Dasher voting nay.*
 - c. Mr. Hunter Key with the Coastal Regional Commission reported that they are working with the County with next generation technology for data and callers. The new 911 system is ready to accept voicemail, text and providing updated GIS. The technical working group in each City (TBD) works to make recommendations to change street names to the City Council for possible renaming. An example

would be Oak Rd. in Hinesville and an Oak St. in Flemington. A manual was created as a guideline for each municipality.

- d. Mr. Cole Wilder came before Council via Zoom to request a donation to the Boy Scouts. No motion was made.
- e. Ms. Gabby Hartage with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission came before Council for two items of business. First, she presented a rezoning petition for 5.06 acres of land from A-1 to R-1. *Mayor Hawkins opened the public hearing. Hearing to comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. *Councilwoman Smiley recused herself due to conflict of interest. **

The next item of business was a sign permit and two event permits for Motor Cycle Club, Home of 1919 located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to approve the sign permit and two event permits. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. Business in Progress:

a. Status Updates

- i. Ms. Gordon shared that the City's Impact Fee Annual Update submission had been approved by the Department of Community Affairs.
- ii. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the 2019 Capital Improvements Element Update. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- iii. The Kallquist Design progression is on target. Easements are being secured.
- iv. The Mayor shared that the Solid Waste transfer to resident's property tax bills was approximately \$220.00 per year for solid waste and polycart. Council must adopt an Ordinance no later than December 8th, 2020 requiring curbside collection to be effective January 1st, 2021.

b. No Update

- i. Old Sunbury Rd. designation as a state road: Next update is expected in 2023.
- ii. Millage Rate: No change.

9. Completed Business

- a. Ms. Gordon shared that all of the disbursements to the non-profit organizations chosen by the Council in August were complete and that nice press coverage was received.
- b. Mayor Hawkins stated that the City had concluded its business with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Parcels 16, 18 and 20A. Per the agreements, the white picket fence was removed and the City Hall sign relocated closer to the building.
- c. The Mayor also remarked that the repair of the street at the Smiley Subdivision on Old Hines Road was complete and that the project looked really good.

10. There were three Request for Appointment self-nominations to fill the remainder of Councilwoman Smith's unexpired term. Those applicants were Dr. Tim Byler, Mr. Hasit Patel and Mr. Elliott Godwin. Each person was allotted time to address the Council and all applicants did so via Zoom. Council expressed that they were all fine candidates.

11. Mayor Hawkins stated that Councilwoman Harwell's term with Keep Liberty Beautiful was expiring and asked Council if anyone would like appointment to the board. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to appoint Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk to the Keep Liberty Beautiful board. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

12. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. Executive session began at 6:25 p.m.*

Councilman Dasher made a motion to re-enter into Open Session. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Open Session resumed at 6:25 p.m.

Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to appoint Mr. Hasit Patel to fill Councilwoman Smith's unexpired term on Council. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

13. **Adjourn:** *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smiley. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: November 10th, 2020 as written/~~corrected~~.



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