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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of  
**FLEMINGTON**  
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GEORGIA



City  
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.  
Flemington, GA 31313

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall • Public Participation in Person

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins  
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher  
Councilman David Edwards  
Councilman Hasit Patel  
Councilwoman Gail Evans  
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell  
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Zoom:  
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Absent: Councilwoman Leigh Smiley  
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30 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 Councilman Dasher.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell 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 August. He then expressed the need for a laser for speed detection. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to approve the purchase of a laser used for speed detection for \$2150.00. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of July.
7. Mr. Spier Flanders was in attendance to express his gratitude for the donation the City made to the Manna House.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with a business license request for Play Datez, a daycare center located within Connections Church. The owner, Kamaria Boston was also in attendance. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the business license for Play Datez daycare center. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

- b. Ms. Mardee Sanchez from the LCPC presented the Street Excavation Ordinance for its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve and adopt the Street Excavation Ordinance. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. Mayor Hawkins stated that the Council had only received one stipend increase in sixteen years. Citing significantly increased duties, Councilman *Edwards made a motion to increase the Mayor's stipend to \$1250.00 per month, the Mayor Pro Tem to \$850.00 per month and Councilmembers to \$550.00 per month beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

## 9. BUSINESS IN PROCESS

### ***Status Update(s)***

- a. Mayor Hawkins revisited the tabled request for a LED sign from tvliquidator.com for City Hall to be placed in a temporary location TBD. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to approve the LED sign for City Hall. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with Councilwoman Evans opposed.*
- b. Mayor Hawkins presented the Water & Sewer Extension and Service IGA with the City of Hinesville for the relocation of water and sewer lines in McLarry's Curve due to GDOT signalization. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the Water & Sewer Extension and Service IGA with the City of Hinesville for adoption. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. Mayor Hawkins relayed that City Hall had the need to purchase a generator to keep City Hall in operation during a loss of power. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve a generator purchase from Liberty Propane for City Hall. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- d. Mr. Sack stated that the survey had been completed for the engineering for sidewalks from OC Martin Dr. to Liberty High School. Initially, the cost was estimated at \$391,333.00 but the final cost is estimated at \$330,000.00, which is funded by the County TSPLOST. Liberty High School may pave from the city limit to the school. Mayor Hawkins brought up that he is working on resurfacing Wallace Martin Dr. in the future.
- e. Mayor Hawkins stated that the LCPC had addressed the issue of David's Auto and the disabled vehicles in the common area.
- f. Mr. Ricketson said that Mr. Ben Jones has been contacted to finish cleaning up the billboard installation debris. Council agreed to give Mr. Jones until October 1<sup>st</sup> to remove the debris. The LCPC will ensure the cleanup is completed.
- g. Mayor Hawkins contacted GDOT and inquired about a groundbreaking ceremony at the signalization site. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and social distancing, a ceremony and group picture would not be possible.
- h. Mr. Ricketson stated that the next court date with the Magistrate regarding pending was September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Ms. Latanya Baker had begun the process rezone the property; therefore Mr. Ricketson felt the Magistrate would extend the court date pending the outcome of the rezoning. Ms. Baker was in attendance and stated that the only services she offers at 125 Baker Beal Ln. are free doula sessions for pregnant women and teens. She stated that she owns the Spa on Fort Stewart and that massages and other services are done there. Ms. Baker was unaware that a business license was required for operation in Flemington.
- i. Mr. Ricketson shared with Council that there is pending rezoning action to expand Tranquil South. The next phase of Tranquil South is 96.5 acres and will have about 250 homes. There was strong concern regarding the new resident's access to Hwy 84 and the impact the traffic could make.

### ***No Update(s) Available***

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Road (next update expected in 2023)
- Signalization at McLarry's Curve
- *With Impact Fees aging, Mayor Hawkins said that starting at the beginning of the year that his focus is the City Complex. The consensus of Council was to make planning for the City Complex a priority.*
- *Fire Committee Report*
- Millage Rate
- American Rescue Plan Funds

- Apartment Complex on Patriots Trail
- *Mr. Ricketson and Mr. Sack both felt that the expansion of Flemington Village on Patriots Trail was around 42 houses.*

10. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Sack reported that the paving of Kallquist was complete and came \$650.00 under budget.
- b. Mayor Hawkins related that the carpet has been installed in the Council chambers around the dais and that the loveseat, arm chairs and Council chairs had been steam cleaned.

11. ON THE HORIZON

- a. October 2021
  - TBD - Meet the Candidates Event
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> - River's Alive Event
- b. November 2021
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Business License Renewals Begin
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Election Day @ Performing Arts Center
  - TBD - Decorating City Hall (Interior & Exterior) for the Holidays
  - TBD - Annual Tree Lighting Event
  - TBD - Financial Audit
  - TBD - Citywide Holiday Light Maintenance and Installation

12. Executive Session (if needed)

13. Adjourn – *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_ as written/corrected.