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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
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City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 14th, 2023 at 4:30 pm.
Flemington City Hall – 156 Old Sunbury Rd. 31313
Public Participation in Person or Watch on Facebook Live

Present at City Hall:

Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem David Edwards
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")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Telephone:
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Councilwoman Rene' Harwell (Entered at 5:00 pm.)

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, February 14th, 2023 at 4:33 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 Mayor Hawkins and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Evans
4. *Councilman Logan made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 10th, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance and provided the law enforcement report for the month of January.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of January and the Hotel-Motel Tax Report for December 2022.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
The Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment Ordinance amendment was tabled for a future meeting.

Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council to report that Talon Development, LLC, (the builders of Helen's Haven Apartments under construction on Patriots Trail) was inadvertently issued permits without remittance of the impact fees due to the City of Flemington. Talon Development requested the remittance be extended so that it could be included with their closing financing with the special condition that a Certificate of Occupancy would not be issued until the full

\$142,993 was remitted. Various payment arrangement scenarios were suggested, to include meeting with the developers to discuss the situation and hear their possible solutions. The GA DCA ("Department of Community Affairs") is sponsoring the construction project. Ultimately, *Councilman Edwards made a motion to allow Talon Development to remit a minimum of 50% of the impact fee due the City of Flemington within thirty (30) days and any remaining balance by sixty (60) days with no interest accumulation. Should the 30-day minimum payment fail to be met, a "stop work" order shall be issued immediately. Should any remainder owed at the 60-day mark not be met, a "stop work" order shall be issued immediately. Should the construction complete before the impact fee is remitted in full, a Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued for the project until said impact fee is satisfied in its entirety. Extensions would not be granted. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* Mr. Stafford will compose a formal letter to inform Talon Development of the Council's decision and the terms.

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. The City Engineer, Mr. Marcus Sack, reported to Council that the sidewalk project on Highway 84 was 80-85% completed, with finishing work, hydro-seeding, and additional compaction testing still to be done. He also shared that the FY23 LMIG (local maintenance improvement grant) had been submitted a list of hot spots for repair had been compiled with approximately \$100,000 in small patch repairs. Mr. Sack also reported that he would come before Council in March to review the results of the traffic counts on seven Flemington roads.
- b. Mr. Larry Golden with Golden & Associates, CPA's came before Council to report that his firm was in the process of completing the FY22 audit. He stated that no significant deficiencies were found and that he would like the Governance Board to meet with them to go over the draft audit findings before presenting it to the Council at the next Council meeting.

No Update(s)

- Millage Rate – C. Stafford
- Fire Truck Purchase Agreement – C. Stafford
- Road Maintenance Priority List – M. Sack
- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- City Hall Electronic Upgrades – D. Edwards

Completed Business

- None

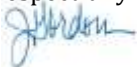
9. ON THE HORIZON

- a. February 2023
 - 14th – Council Meeting @ 1630
 - 20th – City Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- b. March 2023
 - 14th – Council Meeting @ 1630
 - 17th – St. Patrick's Day
 - 29th – County-Wide Mid-Year Review @ 0830 (17 South Rod & Gun Club)

10. *Executive Session (if needed)*

11. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.*

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