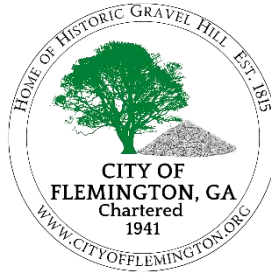


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

~~January 9th, 2024 AT 4:30 PM.~~

RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER

January 16th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

FLEMINGTON CITY HALL ♦ 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON or WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Present at City Hall:

- Mayor Paul Hawkins
- Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards
- Councilman Larry Logan
- Councilwoman Gail Evans - *entered at 5:06 pm.*
- Councilman Hasit Patel
- Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
- Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
- Craig Stafford, City Attorney
- LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO") - *entered at 5:43 pm.*

Present via Telephone:
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Councilwoman Rene' Harwell

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, January 16th, 2024 at 4:32 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 Larry Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by MPT David Edwards.
4. *Councilman Patel made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 12th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. MPT Edwards gave a brief law enforcement report for the month of December.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of December 2023.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - Ms. Mardee Sanchez with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with four items of business.

First, Ms. Sanchez, went over recommended changes to the sign portion of the Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO.”) The changes include directional signs for businesses and temporary signs. *Mayor Hawkins opened the floor for a public hearing regarding the amendment at 4:45 pm. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing at 4:46 pm.* Not addressed in the sign amendment of the UDO was any reference to an electric, wind-blown sign. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the amendment to the sign portion of the UDO pending wind-blown signs being addressed. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The second item of business was a request for a home-based business called Hinesvillemicrogreens at 226 Old Sunbury Rd. The owner, David Humphries, was in attendance and explained that microgreens only take 7-10 days until they are ready to harvest and are grown without pesticides. A sign permit was not requested. MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the business license. *Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Next was a design review and approval for Chick-fil-A, located at the corner of East Oglethorpe Highway and Flemington Village Blvd. Ms. Sanchez mentioned that the two live oaks are not on the CFA property. The building would have 2-toned brick, logos on each side of the building and brown canopies. The property would also plant foliage and trees in accordance with the Flemington landscape ordinance. Andrew Wilson from the construction team was on Zoom and shared that the full plans will come to the Council for approval soon. He anticipated the construction to be complete within the next year. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the design plans for Chick-fil-A. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The final item of business was a sidewalk easement for Hunters Haven on Patriots Trail. There was a noncompliant crosswalk on their property due to removing the old one during construction. They built a new one that is ADA compliant and requested the city accept the easement. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the sidewalk easement pending attorney approval. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, gave an update on the Local Mileage Improvement Grant (“LMIG”) funded full-depth reclamations of Old Sunbury Rd, Joseph Martin Rd, and Wallace Martin Rd. He reported that he had solicited prices for geotechnical samples and would get a quote together.

No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- City Hall Electronics Upgrade – D. Edwards
- Millage Rate – R. Harwell

9. ON THE HORIZON

a. January 2024

- 15th – Closed in Observance of MLK Day
- 26th -28th – Cities United in Atlanta

b. February 2024

- 4th – 6th– Clerk to Spring Training Conference in Jekyll Island
- 19th – City Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- 20th & 21st – UGA Planning & Zoning Training 101 & 102 @ Richmond Hill

10. *Executive Session – A motion was made by MPT Edwards to enter Executive Session for the purposes of litigation and seconded by Councilwoman Smiley. All approved. The motion passed and the Council entered into closed session at 5:14 pm. Regular session resumed at 5:45 pm. Mayor Hawkins stated that the City will sign a contract with*

Burkhalter Law Firm, the contract with Bridge Capital Investments would be terminated and a claim filed against their performance bond.

11. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.*