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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
FLEMINGTON
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City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

March 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 Rene' Harwell
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Telephone:

None

(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

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, March 14th, 2023 at 4:31 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 Councilwoman Harwell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Patel.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 14th, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Note: The meeting minutes were corrected to show Councilwoman Smiley present at the February meeting.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance and provided the law enforcement report for the month of February.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of February and the Hotel-Motel Tax Report for January.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council to report that the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") was ready to move forward and that they would like to proceed with a public hearing on May 9th. The Council agreed.

Mr. Ricketson also presented a sign permit for Florabelle Flowers & Gifts located at 69 Old Sunbury Rd. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the sign permit. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The last item presented was a discussion item for the front setbacks in planned unit developments (“PUD’s”). There was some dialogue regarding parking challenges and increased setbacks may place the homes closer to wetlands. Ultimately, *Councilman Edwards made a motion to instruct the LCPC to tell developers that the Council prefers a 20-foot setback in PUD’s. (No change to the ordinance, just guidance.) Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. The City Engineer, Mr. Marcus Sack presented the finalized road prioritization list. He stated that Old Sunbury Road had about 6000 vehicles per day, with a high speed of 86 miles per hour. He stated that Liberty County Commissioner Eddie Waldon had requested the list. Several members of Council requested a workshop with the City’s fund balances to go over the findings of Mr. Sack’s report.
- b. Mr. Larry Golden with Golden & Associates, CPA’s came before Council again to report that his firm was in the process of completing the FY22 audit. He stated that the CARES Act funding had created extra work and that he should have the amounts for reporting the next few upcoming weeks. He stated that the fund balances would be ready at the same time and that he anticipated presenting Council a full report at the May meeting.

No Update(s)

- Millage Rate – C. Stafford
- Fire Truck Purchase Agreement – C. Stafford
- 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. March 2023

- 14th – Council Meeting @ 1630
- 16th – 17th – Clerk to GMA/GMCA Board Planning Session in Columbus
- 17th – St. Patrick’s Day
- 29th - County-Wide Mid-Year Review @ 0830 (17 South Rod & Gun Club)

b. April 2023

- 11th – Council Meeting @ 1630
- 21st – Earth Day at Bryant Commons (CoF has a tent)
- 22nd – Great American Cleanup @ 0830

10. *Executive Session (if needed)*

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

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk