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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

August 8th, 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 ("MPT") David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: None
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, September 12th, 2033 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 MPT Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Logan.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 24th, 2023 special called meeting. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallb provided the law enforcement report for the month of August.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of August 2023.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
Ms. Lori Parks with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") presented an application for a sign permit for Hunter's Haven Apartments at 152 Patriots Trail. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the sign. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Ms. Mardee Sacher with the LCPC presented the preliminary plat for Strickland Tract 1 in Tranquil South. The plat has 54 lots and will comprise of 54 lots on 30 acres. The homeowner's association will be

responsible for the general maintenance of the drainage easement (swells) behind the lots. Ms. Sanchez said that the LCPC will provide a map of Tranquil South in its entirety for the Council. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the preliminary plat with dedications to the extensions of existing streets, stormwater improvements and drainage easements for functional maintenance. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwoman Smiley recused herself from voting due to conflict of interest.****

Mayor Hawkins provided the Council with a quote from Mr. Andrew Smith to repair the floor buckling in the rear of City Hall by removing the floor and replacing it. MPT Edwards shared that the repair may be covered under warranty from Ram Jack. Mayor Hawkins was tasked to contact them. *MPT Edwards made a motion to authorize Dream Home Builders to do the repairs if not covered under warranty with Ram Jack. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Councilwoman Harwell reported that she was still trying to connect with Mr. Virgil Jones with the Liberty County Tax Assessors office regarding instituting a millage rate for the City.

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

9. ON THE HORIZON

a. September 2023

- 14th – 15th – Liberty Countywide Workshop (leave the afternoon of the 13th)
- 26th – 29th - Robert E. Knox Fall Training Event @ Jekyll Island

b. October 2023

- 9th – Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- 28th – Rivers Alive Citywide Cleanup

10. *Executive Session (if needed)*

11. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk