

FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Martin
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins
Council Member Charles Richardson
Council Member Palmer Dasher
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Donnie Smith

ABSENT: Council Member Gail Evans

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Stafford
Deputy Sergeant Eric Allen
City Clerk Lori Taylor

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, May 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by David Edwards, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April meeting and accept them as written. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.*
4. Deputy Eric Allen was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of April.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report.
6. City Engineer Matthew Barrow was absent due to illness, but phoned in prior to council meeting stating that he would send an engineering update by email as soon as he was back in the office.
7. Gabby Hartage/Abe Nadji - LCPC:

Action Items

- a. Adoption of the Tree Protection and Landscape Ordinance – Ms. Hartage stated that, per Council's request at last month's meeting, both Jeff Ricketson and Attorney Craig Stafford have researched the Tree Ordinance and the procedure for adopting and have found no problems with adopting it. *Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins motioned to adopt the Tree Ordinance as proposed, seconded by Councilman Richardson. All approved. Motion passed.*
- b. Preliminary Plat for Savannah Commons Entrance Road (fka Flemington Village) – Mr. Nadji presented the preliminary plat for the entrance road for Savannah Commons. The total acreage is 25.74 acres. The entrance road will have an eight foot sidewalk on one side and a five foot sidewalk on the other, and will have curb and gutter along the commercial area, as well as a 10 foot tree planting strip on both sides of the road. They request a variance to transition from curb and gutter to roadside swale when the road transitions from commercial to residential. There will be a decel lane on Hwy.84. A cul-de-sac will be at the end of the road for future development. LCPC recommended approval with both standard and special conditions, and they need council approval for the variance from curb and gutter to roadside swale. Marcus Sacks addressed some of councils concerns. He stated that the name change from Flemington Village to Savannah

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Commons was strictly for marketing purposes. Councilman Dasher did not agree. He felt the name "Savannah Commons", if used, would cause immediate confusion. He strongly recommended something which would not require an explanation. He suggested something like "Flemington Commons". Mr. Sacks responded "WE will consider the suggestion for a name change." Councilman Dasher indicated his interest in changing to a less "confusing" name remained. He said that curb and gutter will be in the commercial areas and only the roadside swale in the residential area. The preliminary plans are for each subdivision to have its own entrance, thus no homes will have a driveway on the main entrance road. He also addressed concerns regarding traffic, and a possible stop light on Hwy 84. He stated that it has been considered and the traffic impact study has shown that a signal would not be needed until more development happens in the future. It would probably be 5-7 years before they would meet the DOT criteria for signalization. He informed council that they would first start with the timbering of the land, then follow with the construction of the road. The commercial area, about five acres, will be cleared and graded first. *Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins motioned to approve the preliminary plat for the Savannah Commons entrance road, subject to the GDOT approval, and to approve the variance for the transition from curb and gutter to roadside swale. Councilman Richardson seconded. All approved. Motion passed.*

8. LCCVB – Proclamation for National Travel & Tourism Week – signed by Mayor Martin and photo taken with staff from LCCVB.
9. Unfinished/New Business:
 - a. Donations Report – Attorney Craig Stafford stated that he spoke to an attorney at GMA regarding the City's giving of donations. The law states that the City cannot give donations unless it receives compensation for the donation, unless the city charter states otherwise. The City must be able to justify how it will benefit from any donation given.
 - b. Deputy Vehicle Update – Councilman Edwards provided council with an itemized list of equipment that may need to be purchased and installed on the new deputy vehicle once it is delivered. He stated that some of the old equipment may be re-used, but the list is the complete list of possible needed items.
 - c. Mayor Sandra Martin informed council that we will have the FY18 budget meeting at the June council meeting.
10. *Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Second by Councilwoman Evans. All agreed. Motion passed.*