

"Preserving
Our Heritage,
Shaping Our
Future"



Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
FLEMINGTON
★
GEORGIA



City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 12th, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall • Public Participation in Person or via Facebook Live

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Councilman David Edwards
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Zoom:
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) None

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, October 12th, 2021 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 Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Evans.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 14th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance and presented Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of September.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of September.
7. The City Engineer, Mr. Marcus Sack, gave Council an update on the Hwy 84 TSPLOST project. Mr. Sack reported that projected cost to install the sidewalks from O.C. Martin to the city limit was estimated at \$344,673 and that the next step was the design phase. The Board of Education had not commented on piggybacking and carrying on the sidewalk to Liberty High School from the city limit.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Donation Requests from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for Funding

- Ms. Leah Poole with the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce requested a donation to extend current monthly school appreciation and quarterly outreach to first responders and/or hospital personnel.
- Ms. Hunter Hanna with the Liberty County Convention & Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) requested a donation of \$10,000 - \$15,000 to fund a campaign to target affluent African American women 30-55 years old to visit Liberty County.
- Ms. Simone Norsworthy with the Hinesville Area Arts Council requested a donation of \$15,000 to fund free art supplies for virtual art classes.

In compliance with ARPA’s requirements for an application process and reporting duties, a decision was not made regarding award and the Mayor said he would call a workshop.

b. Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (“LCPC”)

- Ms. Gabby Hartage came before Council with a rezoning petition for 1.1 acres from A-1/R-1 to B-2 at 125 Baker Beal Ln. The LCPC Board recommended disapproval at their meeting on September 21st, 2021. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to disapprove the rezoning request. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- Ms. Mardee Sanchez came before Council with three items of business.
 1. First, she presented an amendment to the subdivision ordinance to include verbiage that water and sewer in Flemington is owned by the City of Hinesville and must be installed to their standard with an effective date of November 1st, 2021. *Mayor Hawkins opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comments. Hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing. Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the amendment to the subdivision ordinance. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
 2. Ms. Sanchez then presented Council with the final plat for phase four of Tranquil South which included an extension of WW Winn Rd and Turpentine Trail. She confirmed that all retention ponds would be fenced, and once fenced would be dedicated to the HOA for maintenance. There was some concern from Council about flooding on lots 104-106. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the final plat of phase four of Tranquil South and acceptance of dedications as noted on the plat with standard and special conditions. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. *Councilwoman Smiley recused herself from all discussion and vote due to conflict of interest.**
 3. The last item was information regarding the Flemington Villages’ subdivision expansion on Patriots Trail, which would consist of 45 lots. The preliminary PUD plat to go before the Commission later in the month. The Council again expressed concern regarding flooding. Ms. Sanchez stated that there were new FEMA maps coming out which will remove the flood way. Additionally, Ms. It was that the flooding issue was where the two canals/creeks meet. Mr. Sack will work with the county on that issue. He will also go back to the builder to request a 7.5 foot side setback instead of the 5 foot minimum.
- *Mayor Hawkins opened a Public Hearing for the earlier rezoning petition for 125 Baker Beal Ln. Hearing no comments, Mayor Hawkins closed the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m.*

9. BUSINESS IN PROCESS

Status Update(s)

- a. Mayor Hawkins relayed that the next court hearing regarding the operation of an unlicensed business would be October 20th at 9 a.m.

No Update(s) Available

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Road (next update expected in 2023)
- Signalization at McLarry’s Curve
- Impact Fee Aging
- Fire Committee Report
- Millage Rate
- American Rescue Plan Funds
- Apartment Complex on Patriots Trail

10. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- a. Three purchases were complete. (Installation TBD)
- LED Sign
 - Generator
 - LEO Laser Speed Detector

11. ON THE HORIZON

- a. October 2021
- 14th - Meet the Candidates Event 6 p.m. at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites
 - 23rd - River's Alive Event
 - 30th - Trick or Treating from 6-8 p.m.
- b. November 2021
- 2nd - Election Day @ Performing Arts Center 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 - 29th - Annual Tree Lighting Event

12. Mayor Hawkins gave a general reminder that political signs can be out, but that they needed to be out of the right-of-way. There was some concern that some of the political signs were being removed. Mayor Hawkins assured the Council that he had not removed the signs. It was mentioned that some of the businesses have unpermitted temporary signs up. Mr. Ricketson of the LCPC said to report signs to them for code enforcement.

13. Executive Session (if needed)

14. Adjourn - *Councilman Dasher made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: _____ as written/corrected.