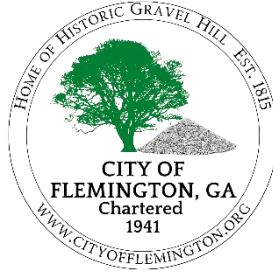


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL ♦ 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.
Public Participation in Person or Live on Facebook

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

Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Phone: Councilwoman Leigh Smiley

Absent: Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 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.
3. The invocation was given by Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 13th, 2024 meeting as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Lieutenant Gallob with the LCSO gave a report for the month of August. He shared that the 2017 Dodge Charger had reached its useful life as a LEO vehicle. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion for MPT Edwards to place the car for sale via GovDeals.com and/or any other required site. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
6. Council reviewed the August 2024 Profit & Loss statement and the Balance Sheet.
7. Mayor Hawkins signed four proclamations for Keep Liberty Beautiful; Your State Park Day and Rivers Alive.
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - i. Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC")
 - Ms. Mardee Sanchez came before council with the preliminary plat for Flemington Townhouses located at 2736 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Of significant concern for the Council was the drainage for the property and the buffer between it and Baconfield. Mr. Paul Simonton with Simonton Engineering was in attendance and addressed the concerns. Regarding the drainage: a pond will be excavated

and sit lower than the drainage flumes, with the remainder being piped to a detention canal attached to the canal, they are widening the canal itself to accommodate the additional capacity, and the homes will sit a foot above the flood plain. Regarding the buffer: a fence will be installed with decorative trees to be maintained by the HOA. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Flemington Townhouses. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwoman Smiley recused herself from the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest.***

- Ms. Lori Parks brought a business license request for 912|Living®, a real estate office located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy, Suite H. It was shared that Ms. Jessica R. Victoria purchased the entire building and that there would only be minor interior remodeling. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the business license. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

- ii. Mayor Hawkins reported that there was driveway on Old Sunbury Rd. at Flemington Presbyterian Church that had caved in in the right-of-way that needed to be repaired. The repair was due to old water and sewer lines settling. Mayor Hawkins received three quotes for the repair --- Dream Builders at \$8500, Chauncey Asphalt at \$10,000, and Jody Smiley Landscaping at \$6,850. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the low bidder, Jody Smiley Landscaping, to make the repair. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwoman Smiley recused herself from the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest.***

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- None

No Update(s) Available

- Engineering Report
- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd.
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion
- Millage Rate – R. Harwell

10. ON THE HORIZON

a. September 2024

- 24th at 1400 – FY24 Audit Governance Board Meeting at City Hall (DE, RH, LL)
- 26th & 27th – County-wide Workshop at SSI

b. October 2024

- 14th – Closed for Columbus Day
- 26th @ 0900 – Citywide Cleanup

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed.

12. ADJOURN: *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*