

City of Flemington

January 8th, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Rene Harwell
Council Member Keith Moran

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Thomas Giannotti (in lieu of Craig Stafford)
City Clerk Jenelle Gordon
SGT Jason Colvin

ABSENT: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Hawkins on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 4:32 pm. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Mayor Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Moran.
3. ***Mayor Hawkins stated that there would be an addition to the Agenda to include Mr. Jeff Ricketson, LCPC, with a sign variance permit request from Strike Hard CrossFit.
4. *Councilman Evans made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Moran seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
5. Councilman Edwards announced that Flemington Deputy SGT Eric Allen received a new post. The new proposed Deputy was SGT Jason Colvin. Also announced was Councilman Edwards' promotion to MAJ and the Liberty County Jail Administer. Council congratulated Councilman Edwards on his promotion.
6. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for December.
7. Leah Poole, LCCVB, came before Council with her semi-annual update. Ms. Poole presented a slide-show of the various impacts, awards, publications and achievements of the Convention & Visitors Bureau over the last six months.
8. Final Reading & Adoption of the Flemington Impact Fee Ordinance (Published in the Coastal Courier 11/10/18 and 12/29/18) –
 - a. Public Hearing - *Mayor Hawkins opened the floor for any public comments. None were made.*
 - b. *Councilman Dasher motioned to adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*

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9. New Business

- a. LaQuinta Audit (March – November 2018) – The City Clerk reported that LaQuinta Corporate failed to provide GMA with backup documentation of their non-taxable exemption claims for the time period of March through November, 2018. Ms. Gordon provided Council written recommendations from both GMA and the City Attorney, Mr. Stafford, to have a Notice of Deficiency served to LaQuinta Corporate. *Councilman Dasher motioned to have a Notice of Deficiency served to LaQuinta Corporate. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
- b. Transfer of Street Light Billing at Flemington Oaks – Mayor Hawkins presented Council with a written request from RTS Homes to transfer billing of the street lights in Flemington Oaks to the City. Mr. Ricketson confirmed that the street lighting was in compliance with Flemington's ordinances. *Councilwoman Smith made a motion to accept billing for the street lighting at Flemington Oaks. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
- c. ****Added Agenda Item** – Sign Variance Permit Request. - Jeff Ricketson, LCPC, requested Council to approve a temporary sign variance permit for Strike Hard CrossFit. Strike Hard CrossFit owner Maria Sanders was in attendance and presented Council the proposed signage graphics. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to approve a six month sign variance permit for Strike Hard CrossFit to erect a sign at the road, in compliance with Sign Ordinance standards. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*

10. Executive Session (Personnel) – Councilman Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. Council exited to Executive Session at 5:22 pm.

Councilwoman Smith motioned to reopen regular session. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. Resumed Open Session at 6:04 pm.

Mayor Hawkins stated that during Executive Session, the City Clerk, Jenelle Gordon, was appointed to permanent, full time status with a pay increase to \$16.⁰⁰per hour. SGT Jason Colvin was approved as the new Flemington Sheriff's Deputy.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Schedule Workshop for Zoning – A Workshop for zoning would be coordinated by the City Clerk.

12. Round Table

- a. Councilwoman Harwell stated that Keep Liberty Beautiful was having a "Bring One for the Chipper" event on January 12th, 2019. Councilman Dasher requested additional shredding days for recyclables.

13. Adjourn – Councilman Dasher motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Edwards. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.