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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of  
**FLEMINGTON**  
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GEORGIA



City  
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.  
Flemington, GA 31313

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 David Edwards  
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell  
Councilman Larry Logan  
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk  
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Telephone: None  
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: Councilwoman Gail Evans  
Councilman Hasit Patel  
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:33 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 and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hawkins.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the action minutes from the May 9th, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 work session action minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of May 2023.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with two items of business. The first item presented was the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") for adoption. There was a public hearing held in May and the UDO would be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt the UDO. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The second item was a business license request for Hair by ShaVonne, a hair braiding business to be located within One 11 Beauty at 1705 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. The owner of the business is Ms. Alicia Fenner. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the business license request. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Virgil Jones, the Liberty County Tax Assessor, was unable to attend the meeting and his presentation was tabled until the July meeting.
- b. Mayor Hawkins presented the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for adoption. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt the FY24 budget. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, stated that he was working on re-pricing the road improvements needed throughout the City. Mr. Sack reported that the sidewalk project on Highway 84 (sidewalks from the Performing Arts Center to Liberty High School) had installation and drainage issues and that a meeting would need to be set with the contractor to discuss rectifying aforesaid issues.
- d. Council reviewed the draft FY22 Capital Improvements Element (“CIE”) for the Impact Fee Program and *Councilman Logan made a motion to adopt the resolution to transmit the draft to the Coastal Regional Commission (“CRC”). Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- e. Councilman Edwards reported to Council that he was researching an audio/video system for the Council room and would bring his findings before Council once a tech has a chance to review the proposed system.

No Update(s)

- Millage Rate – C. Stafford
- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)

8. ON THE HORIZON

a. June 2023

- 19<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> – GMA Annual Convention in Savannah
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Personal Financial Disclosures Due

b. July 2023

- 4<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting @ 1630

9. *Executive Session (if needed)*

10. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk