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Future"



Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of  
**FLEMINGTON**  
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GEORGIA



City  
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.  
Flemington, GA 31313

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

July 11<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 ("MPT") David Edwards  
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell  
Councilman Larry Logan  
Councilwoman Gail Evans  
Councilman Hasit Patel  
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Present via Telephone: SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")  
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

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, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:31 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 Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by MPT Edwards.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the action minutes from the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was on Zoom and provided the law enforcement report for the month of June.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of June 2023.
7. Ms. Daisy Jones with the SOAR Re-Entry Program was in attendance to thank the Council for their \$3,333.<sup>00</sup> ARPA grant last year and to give an update on their many accomplishments helping participants who had recently been incarcerated integrate back into life.
8. Mr. Trip Duke with the Liberty County Emergency Management Agency ("LCEMA") gave a hurricane awareness briefing as hurricane season runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 1<sup>st</sup>. He strongly encouraged those with medical conditions to register with the Hurricane Registry so they can be transported to an inland hospital by ambulance. He shared that Flemington is in Zone B and that if evacuation is called, for residents to get to the Shuman Center at James Brown Park for a ride to a safe Red Cross shelter and back home. He suggested that people sign up for mobile alerts and monitor the EMA's Facebook account for official emergency updates.

## 9. 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 a request for PUD amendment for the Flemington Village PUD (approved in 2010, revised in 2013) to increase the number of units from 361 to 528 units for a 300-apartment community. The apartments would be gated, have a lease management agent on site, dog park, available mini-storage and a pool. *Mayor Hawkins opened a public hearing at 5:24 pm.* A citizen residing in Flemington Village was concerned that there is only one road in/out of Flemington Village. Mr. Sack, the project engineer, stated that the road was built to sustain all traffic (including future traffic) from the development. *The public hearing closed at 5:26 pm. Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the PUD amendment. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The second item was a sign permit for Vaden Car Rentals dba Savannah Car Rentals at 116 Patriots Trail. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the sign permit. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Ms. Mardee Sanchez with the LCPC was also in attendance with two informational items. The first was a short presentation on the signalization already approved by GDOT at the corner of Flemington Village Blvd. and Hwy 84. It was noted that there would be two left turn lanes. The second item was to set up a commercial overlay district as presented in the Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”). Council approved moving ahead with the public hearings necessary to create the overlay district and map at the August meeting.

## 10. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – *Status Update(s)*

- a. Mr. Virgil Jones, the Liberty County Tax Assessor, gave a presentation to Council on how millage rates are calculated, including exemptions. He stated that he would be willing to do the billing for the City at a rate of 2-2.5% or per parcel, whichever was most favorable for the City.
- b. Mr. Paul Simonton of Simonton Engineering presented Council with the final reading of the Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment Ordinance Amendment for adoption. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. With the City’s CD resting in the general fund at Ameris, *MPT Edwards made a motion to invest the CD funds into a money market account at Ameris Bank. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- d. They YMCA requested a FY24 charitable donation from the City. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the YMCA. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

### No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- Roads – D. Edwards
- City Hall Electronics Upgrade – D. Edwards

## 11. ON THE HORIZON

- a. July 2023
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Hinesville Fire Dept. Ribbon Cutting @ 1000
- b. July 2023
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Small Cities Conference in Dublin

## 12. Executive Session (*if needed*)

13. *Councilman Patel made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk