

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber
 3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, April 5, 2021
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Keith Boone – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Matthew Long - Police Captain
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Director
Vincent Williams - Councilman	Andy Welch - Attorney
	Staff Not Present:
	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
	Jack Rose – Public Works Director

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH –

Attorney Andy Welch introduced Judge Ben Studdard and said he served as the first appointed member of Henry County State Court. He has served unopposed for many years and has over 22 years in public service. Judge Studdard is retiring soon, and Attorney Andy Welch said he thought it would be fitting Judge Studdard swear in our newly elected official.

Judge Ben Studdard stepped forward to administer oath to newly elected official Councilman Vincent Williams. Councilman Williams was joined by family and friends.

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the April 5, 2021 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Introduction of new hire – Officer Markus Hutcherson –**

Captain Matthew Long stepped forward and asked Officer Markus Hutcherson to step forward. Captain Long introduced Officer Hutcherson to Council.

Officer Hutcherson said he is happy to be here and looks forward to working with everyone.

- **Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April**

City Clerk Misty Spurling read aloud the proclamation. No one present to accept.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

1. MARCH 1, 2021- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the March 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

2. MARCH 1, 2021- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the March 15, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 1, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. MARCH 15, 2021- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the March 15, 2021 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 15, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

4. MARCH 15, 2021- EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the March 15, 2021 executive session meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED MARCH 15, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

5. DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the December 2020 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

6. JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the January 2021 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

7. Ordinance for rezoning 1.96 +/- acres from RA (Residential Agricultural) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) for property located at the northwest corner of Indian Creek Road and Tanger Boulevard, LL 168 of the 2nd district –

Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs led discussion this tract of land is estimated by the FLUM (Future Land Use Map) as neighborhood commercial and is proposed as being developed as a convenience store.

Mayor Price asked Attorney Andy Welch if the zoning of the property across from the subject property would be an issue. Attorney Andy Welch replied the two properties being next to one another is consistent with the FLUM which is a guide and policy used to make recommendations.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to deny the request. Councilman Taylor second the motion and Councilman Shearouse also in favor of denial.

Councilman Williams, Councilman Greer, and Councilman Breedlove were not in favor of the motion to deny the request. Mayor Price was not in favor of the motion to deny the request; therefore, Attorney Andy Welch confirmed the results were Three in favor and Four opposed to denial of the request. Attorney Andy Welch said another motion will have to be called.

Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve in favor of the request with second by Councilman Williams. Councilman Greer also in favor to approve the request. Councilman Shearouse, Boone, and Taylor not in favor of approval. The result was a 3/3 vote and Mayor Price broke the tie with his vote in favor to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-04-021.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-04-021
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (BREEDLOVE, WILLIAMS, GREER, MAYOR PRICE) AND THREE OPPOSED (BOONE, TAYLOR, SHEAROUSE)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Bethlehem Road Interchange – GDOT (Revised) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving MOU #21-04-022.

RESULT	APPROVED MOU #21-04-022
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

9. Resolution to authorize the park at 601 Tanger Boulevard to be named “Chase Maddox Park” in memory of Officer Chase Maddox –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-04-023.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-04-023
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young stepped forward with an update and reminder about the Joint T-SPLOST Special Called Meeting between the Henry County BOC and its Cities. We will be at City Hall joining virtually at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Mr. Young said he met with Cheri [Matthews] today and discussed the division of funds and how we are proposing to divide. We are working on retreat dates and should be getting information soon on the GMA conference that will be held in August in Savannah. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Boone made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:32 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk