

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42 S.
 Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, December 20, 2021
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Vincent Williams - Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Derrick Austin – Police Chief
	Andy Welch - Attorney

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

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young.

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Breedlove made the motion approve the December 20, 2021 meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Introduction of new employees (Police Department) -Officer Steven Pritchett and Deputy Court Clerk Dayna Biles**

Chief Austin introduced new employees Officer Steven Pritchett and Deputy Court Clerk Dayna Biles to the Police Department.

- **Introduction of new employees (Community Development) – Planning Tech, Richardean Few; Development Inspector, James Tomlinson; and Code Enforcement Wendy Stephens**

Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs introduced new employees Richardean Few, James Tomlinson, and Wendy Stephens to the department.

- **Introduction of new employee – Main Street Manager, Colleen Watts –**

City Manager Tim Young introduced new employee Colleen Watts to Main Street position.

Mayor and Council welcomed all new employees. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

1. Rezoning of 36.436 +/- acres of multiple tracts (Parcel IDs: 111-01007000 (portion), 111-01007001, 111-01006051, and 111-01006052; in land lot 233 of the 2nd district -

Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs stepped forward to the podium. Mr. Gibbs led discussion the applicant; HFG Development, LLC, requests a rezoning of multiple tracts from RA (residential agricultural) to M-2 (heavy manufacturing). The applicant intends to build two (2) 75,000 square foot warehouses. Mr. Gibbs said staff is denying the request for M-2; however, recommends approval of M-1 with five conditions (read aloud).

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing.

Councilman Williams asked when this is scheduled for action and Mr. Gibbs replied January 3, 2022.

Councilman Breedlove asked what M-1 represents and Mr. Gibbs said M-1 is light manufacturing.

Councilman Williams asked a time frame expected for completion and Mr. Gibbs said normally 12-24 months; however, the applicant is present to confirm.

Mayor Price asked for any public comments for anyone in favor.

Mr. Newton Galloway: attorney on behalf of HFG Development stepped forward to comment. Mr. Galloway said the goal is six to twelve months for completion and provided a power point for review on the overhead screen. Mr. Galloway said they are requesting for approval as staff has recommended.

Mayor Price asked for comments from Council.

Councilman Williams asked if the proposed warehouses are leased yet and Mr. Galloway said no.

Councilman Boone made a comment about the type of trees he suggests for the landscape and Mr. Gibbs said the applicant will submit a landscape plan.

Mayor Price asked for any public comments in opposition and there were no comments.

Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

2. Resolution to award the bid for services associated with the installation of a traffic signal at Market Place Boulevard and State Route 42 –

Mr. Foster said this is to award the bid to Lumin8 Transportation Technologies, LLC in the amount \$152,940.00 which includes the \$25,000 contingency. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **21-12-083**.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-12-083
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

3. Resolution to adopt the annual update to the (CIE) Capital Improvement –

Councilman Shearouse referenced the email thread from Jared Lombard and asked for more clarity on “advisory comment”. Mr. Gibbs said those are only suggestions and will be addressed next year.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-12-084.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-12-084
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

4. Ordinance to approve the final plat for Barnes Station Phase III subdivision, located on Massey Lane –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-12-085.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-12-085
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

5. Request for a Special Event permit for Heritage Baptist Church youth mistletoe fundraiser December 21-24, 2021-

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request.

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

6. Resolution for LMIG for 2022 application –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-12-086.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-12-086
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS -

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS – COLLEEN WATTS

- **Resolution(s) for reappointment – Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Rod Shearouse, Aggie Combs**

- **Resolution(s) for reappointment – Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – Rachel Devitt, Jeff Mills**

Ms. Colleen Watts stepped forward and mentioned the upcoming reappointments for DDA and HPC for 2022. Nothing further.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS – CHIEF AUSTIN

Chief Austin reviewed the monthly report and gave an update total collected in November 2021 was \$65,873.00. The department completed 209 training hours in November.

- **Amendment to Police SOP Section I-005 – Criminal Investigations/Missing Persons –**

Chief Austin reviewed the amendment and said this is for action on January 3, 2022.

- **Amendment to Police SOP Section A-081 – Social Media –**

Chief Austin said this is to clarify what is/is not allowed related to social media and is a requirement as part of applying for State certification.

Chief Austin gave an update we are in the process of hiring an officer to fill the last position open for the department. We will be fully staffed once the position is filled. Nothing further.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE

Public Works Director Jack Rose gave an update plant operation are good, continuing with general maintenance and repairs. Nothing further.

ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER

Mr. Foster gave an update for the Peeksville Road extension (joining Highway 42 at Peeksville and Cleveland Street), Chase Maddox Park repairs and the additional lane on Highway 42 to Peeksville Road. We have a site visit scheduled with the sign company on January 6, 2022, for the city hall sign. Mr. Foster also gave an update on the Bill Gardner Parkway modifications, MMIP (commercial vehicle lanes), Traffic signal at Market Place and the Scatter Garden/Veteran’s Memorial. Further, Mr. Foster said we will be doing improvements (floor and wall) in the water department in January and the Railroad crossing at Colvin Drive should be open this week. Nothing further.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS

Mr. Gibbs gave an update his department has issued a total of 2,619 permits including 402 new house permits for 2021. We have issued 447 COs [327 residential and 120 commercial permits] with 467 business licenses issued for 2021. Mr. Gibbs said there are several ongoing active developments. Nothing further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

- **MOU for P-3 MMIP CVL Project #0014203- GDOT (Utilities) –**

Mr. Young said this is for work along I-75 for the Commercial Vehicle Lanes project. The city chooses Turnipseed for design work for any relocation of utilities along the corridor but will be reimbursed by the P3 contractor when chosen. Nothing further.

Mr. Young said we are waiting on confirmation for a retreat location for February and will update everyone soon.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of litigation. Councilman Williams made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:01 PM. Councilman Williams made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

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

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:02 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk