

**City of Locust Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
3640 Highway 42
Locust Grove, GA 30248
Monday, December 2, 2019
6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price - Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Otis Hammock – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Randy Gardner – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Vernon Ashe – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs- Community Development Director
Carlos Greer–Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jesse Patton – Police Chief
	Anna Ogg - Main Street Manager
	Andy Welch – SWWW Attorney

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

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the December 2, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- **Henry County Schools – Update from the School system – Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent**

Mrs. Mary Davis, Henry County Schools Superintendent, stepped forward with an update on the Henry County School system and Locust Grove schools. Mrs. Davis said she is accompanied by the City of Locust Grove Elementary, Middle, and High School Principals as well as Assistant Superintendents and other staff from Locust Grove Schools. Mrs. Davis provided packets for Mayor and Council to review during discussion. Mrs. Davis said the purpose tonight is to share publicly how the taxpayers’ dollars are being utilized in Locust Grove and review on each school’s academic performance. Discussion took place about the district growth and comparisons from last

year to the current year reviewed. Mrs. Davis reviewed slides on the Overall CCRPI (College and Career Ready Performance Index) performance within the district and each school in Locust Grove including Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. The CCRPI metric is designed for having a measure of accountability, and Mrs. Davis said Henry County is the fastest-improving and highest-achieving in the metro area. Further, Mrs. Davis said taxpayer dollars are at work in Henry County and discussion took place on E-SPLOST IV and V accomplishments. Mrs. Davis thanked Mayor and Council for allowing her the time to speak at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Davis said she is available for any questions. No questions or comments and Mayor Price thanked Mrs. Davis and the Henry County Schools staff. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS –

1. Hearing of the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion this is the second and final hearing before adoption on December 16, 2019. Mr. Young said we amended after the last hearing for sewer line costs and reviewed the budget allocated for General Fund and Enterprise funds including discussion on funding, revenues, and expenditures. Mr. Young said the proposed FY 2020 combined Budget is \$16,471,510.00. Discussion took place on fines and fees and further discussion on Capital improvements. Nothing further.

Mayor Price said this is a public hearing and opened for public comments. No public comments or questions. Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. NOVEMBER 4, 2019- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the November 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

3. NOVEMBER 18, 2019- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the November 18, 2019 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED NOVEMBER 18, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –

4. OCTOBER 2019 - Financial Statement –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the October 2019 Financial Statement

RESULT	APPROVED OCTOBER 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

Councilman Gardner read a letter of recusal recusing himself from all such discussion, debate, deliberation or vote, or otherwise take part in the decision-making process for unfinished business/action items five, six, ten and eleven. Councilman Gardner exited the meeting.

5. Ordinance to amend the City’s Future Land Use Map designation from low-density residential to industrial for properties located at 61/71 Jackson Street, LL 217 of the 2nd District –

Councilman Greer made referenced a question that Councilman Boone asked at the last meeting “What does GBLG mean”. Councilman Greer said the answer given was GBLG is an acronym; however, Councilman Greer said the answer was not specific and asked for clarification.

Mr. Daniel Madrigal with Scannell Properties stepped forward to comment. Mr. Madrigal replied “GBLG is an acronym that was created by our lawyers to identify this project”. Mr. Madrigal said for fun, the paralegal said GBLG is short for “Great Building Locust Grove”. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#19-12-085**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-085
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, ASHE, TAYLOR, BOONE) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

6. Ordinance to rezone properties located at 61/71 Jackson Street, LL 217 of the 2nd District from RA (residential-agricultural) to M-1 (light manufacturing) for distribution facility –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#19-12-086**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-086
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Gardner returned to the meeting.

Attorney Andy Welch arrived at the meeting.

7. Ordinance to grant a Conditional Use for attached guest quarters at property located at 106 Grove Road in LL 166 of the 2nd District –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-12-087.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-087
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

8. Ordinance for a Final Plat revision in Berkeley Lakes Subdivision in LL 164 of the 2nd District –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-12-088.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-088
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Boone asked Mr. Foster if he talked to the developer about adding a roof to the cluster box. Mr. Foster replied he spoke to the developer and the developer confirmed he does not have intentions to add a roof. Nothing further.

9. Ordinance to approve a fee increase for certain building and development permits for FY 2020 –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Ashe made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-12-089.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-089
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN ASHE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Gardner exited the meeting.

10. Resolution to accept Annexation Application for Neil and Bonnie Gardner, 342 Davis Lake Road, 24.19 acres in LL 217 of the 2nd District (RA Zoning) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-090.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-090
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – THREE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, ASHE) AND TWO OPPOSED (BOONE, GREER) (GARDNER EXCUSED)

11. Resolution to accept Annexation Application for Earl and Neil Gardner, Davis Lake Road, 24.19 acres in LL 217 of the 2nd District (RA Zoning) –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Taylor made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-091.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-091
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – THREE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, TAYLOR, ASHE) AND TWO OPPOSED (BOONE, GREER) (GARDNER EXCUSED)

Councilman Gardner returned to the meeting.

12. Resolution on the architectural plans for HD Atlanta RDC, located at 3150 Highway 42 South, Locust Grove, Georgia –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-092.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-092
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

13. Ordinance to establish the regular Meeting Schedule for the Mayor and City Council for the 2020 Calendar Year –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #19-12-093.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-093
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (GREER, BOONE, TAYLOR, ASHE, GARDNER) AND ONE OPPOSED (HAMMOCK)

14. Ordinance for the purpose to rezone approximately 3.0 acres located in Land Lot 186 of the 2nd District; to amend Section 17.04.137 entitled “Historic District Overlay”; to amend the Official Zoning Map to extend the Historic Preservation District Overlay (HPDO) boundary to incorporate additional properties along the west side of Cleveland Street, to update ownership and district information; and for other purposes –

Mayor Price read three recommendations aloud for Council to consider as follows:

- 1. Approve the ordinance as written in its entirety*
- 2. Approve properties South of Indian Creek; or*
- 3. Deny all HPDO expansion*

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Hammock made the motion to approve the request as written in its entirety by approving ordinance #19-12-094.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #19-12-094 AS WRITTEN IN ITS ENTIRETY
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN HAMMOCK
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FIVE IN FAVOR (HAMMOCK, BOONE, TAYLOR, ASHE, GARDNER) AND ONE OPPOSED (GREER)

Councilman Greer asked if Trailhead Park is included in this request. City Manager Tim Young replied the Park and Parking Lot is included; however, just non-contributing. Discussion took place and Mrs. Ogg made a comment City property only goes through an advisory process. Councilman Greer asked why the entire parking lot is not included and Mrs. Ogg replied because it is non-contributing. Attorney Andy Welch asked who’s the property in discussion and Mr. Young replied Southpoint Fellowship. Attorney Andy Welch replied this is the Church that had objections to allow them more time for further review and Mr. Welch said Council allowed ample time. Councilman Greer asked if the Church would have to come before Council if they wanted to make any structural changes in the future. Attorney Andy Welch replied yes, a request would have to come before the ARB (Architectural Review Board) for review of any changes.

Councilman Boone made a comment he didn’t receive the letter from Southpoint Fellowship in the mail until today. Attorney Andy Welch asked what the letter pertains to. Mr. Jeff Mills; Chair of the HPC, stepped forward to comment. Mr. Mills said Mr. Powell’s letter is requesting Southpoint Fellowship be excluded from the historic district. Mr. Mills said he feels like the property should have been included in the district long ago; however, Mr. Powell’s concern is if any exterior

renovations are needed in the future, costs would be higher if in the historic district. Discussion took place and Attorney Andy Welch said he needed to know what the letter said for legal purposes. Nothing further.

Councilman Boone thanked the board members for their time and research involved in this process. Councilman Greer made a comment his objection is more about the long-term aspect and said he understands there are benefits for the City but does not feel like the (Church) property needs to be included in the district. Nothing further.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

15. Special Event request for Heritage Baptist Church to host a Teen/Youth Group donation drive December 14, 2019 through December 21, 2019 –

Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs stepped forward and led discussion this request is from Heritage Baptist Church to host a donation drive on various dates in December from 2-6pm. Staff is recommending approval. Nothing further.

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

RESULT	APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

16. Resolution to execute the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the City and Georgia Department of Transportation –

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion this is for cities with a population under 100,000 people and since we are under that range, we should adopt the state’s policy as part of our program. This is part of our efforts to become a Certified Local Project Administrator on certain transportation projects and establishing a Title VI Specialist as part of the Agreement. Mr. Young said he is currently certified in Title VI and ADA as part of the overall effort of LPA certification. We are making efforts to allow other staff to attend training as well. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #19-12-095.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #19-12-095
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –

City Manager Tim Young said we will be reviewing ideas for the renovation in the old Community Development office in the coming days. The websites will be ready to release next year, and staff will attend training soon on utilization of the websites. We are continuing to work on transportation planning and working with the ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) staff for future projects. This weekend is

Christmas in the Grove and hope everyone comes to enjoy the parade and Santa. Mr. Young thanked everyone for participating and helping with the lighting of the tree on Thanksgiving. Nothing further.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION –NONE

ADJOURNMENT –

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

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:49 PM.

Notes taken by:

Misty Spurling, City Clerk