

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
April 10, 2017
6:00 pm**

Public Hearings took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, April 10, 2017.

A Public Hearing was held to present application 0111 by Larry Kaminsky, for an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. The request is for property at 222 North Monitor Drive to be conditionally rezoned from WLI to G-B. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Masee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to Altaf Cheema, for an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. This request is for the property at 227 East Central Avenue to have a special exception for an Automobile Service Station in a D-C zone. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Masee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, immediately following the public hearing, with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Coney, Griffin, Jefferson, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of March 13, 2017, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Webb made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors: Michael Melton, Brad King, Rawal Cheema, and Kenneth Palmer.

A communication was read from Miss Outstanding Teen Fitzgerald, Olivia Cranford. Miss Cranford thanked the City for the donation made to help make the pageant a success.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the upcoming calendar events. This week will be active with Church Holy Week Activities. Mayor Masee took this opportunity to thank Public Works and Emergency Responders on work during last week's storms. We were fortunate not to have much damage. During this time staff members were on call, employees worked long hours and Mayor Masee wanted to let everyone know how much all their works were appreciated.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Under Reports of Special Committees, Mayor Masee called on Council Person Griffin. Council Person Griffin presented an alcohol application, by Pankat Patel, for a package store located at 227 Ocilla Highway. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Griffin made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Coney. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Griffin presented a license application for Woody's Sports Bar at 411 S. Sheridan Street. This application is for beer/wine on premises and beer only off premises. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Griffin made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Coney. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Griffin presented a license application for Fazi Cheema Inc., d/b/a Hurricane Express, located at 227 E. Central Avenue. This application is for beer only on premises. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Griffin made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Webb. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a *Caption on Ordinance* for an abandonment of an alley on North Main Street.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a *Caption on Ordinance* to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fitzgerald, in regards to signs and signage.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a *Caption on Ordinance* to correct certain errors in Ordinance 17-1493, approved January 9, 2017.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a *Caption on Ordinance* to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald on the subject of appeals.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a *Caption on Ordinance* to amend Article 1, "in General" of Chapter 16, "licenses, taxes and business regulations" in regards to shopping carts.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented Ordinance 17-1491. Council Person Coney motioned to table this ordinance pending community feedback and asked to set up neighborhood hearings to receive thoughts and pass out literature regarding this ordinance. Mayor Masee accepted this motion and received a second from Council Person Webb. With no further discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented Resolution R17-002, a Resolution to grant a special exception with respect to property at 227 East Central Avenue, Fitzgerald, Georgia. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, call for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for approval of the Resolution. Council Person Griffin motioned to approved Resolution R17-002, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked if there was any unfinished business. With none heard, moved into new business.

Mayor Masee asked for consideration to appoint Sue Smith, retired nurse, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Health. Ms. Smith is very interested in the health of our community. Council Person Webb motioned to accept this nomination, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for authorization to execute the contract between the City of Fitzgerald and the Georgia Department of Transportation. This contract is for the airport's resurfacing of the taxi way and apron and replacing the beacon. Council Person Coney motioned to give approval to Mayor Masee to execute the contract on behalf of the COF, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion, and with none, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK