

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

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

A Public Hearing was held to consider application #0114 by Mozelle B. Smith to annex and rezone the property at 306 W. Alapaha Street from R-6 City to N-C City with conditions. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to consider application #0113 by Melvin Wilcox, Sr. to annex and rezone 190 Franklin Avenue from P County to P City. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the City of Fitzgerald Zoning Ordinance Section 12. This amendment was properly advertised. Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the City of Fitzgerald Sign Ordinance. This amendment was properly advertised. Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

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

Minutes of June 12, 2017, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Webb. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson 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 Pro Tem Jefferson welcomed all visitors: Nan and James Lee, Marion Jackson, Brad King, Lee Cumbee, Martha Powers-Jones, Christine Graham and Alex Collins. Mr. Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak.

Martha Powers-Jones presented a handout. Mrs. Jones reported the summer reading program has been successful with 240 children participating and reading 3800 books. There have been

51 programs offered at the library with over 2,000 attending. Mrs. Jones thanked Tony Wilcox of Public Works for repairing a broken water spigot beside the library.

Council Person Williams introduced two special guests from Kenya: Jonathan and Kelwin. They are students here studying about peanut production.

Alex Collins, environmental health specialist with the Department of Public Health, presented a handout on the Zika Virus. Mr. Collins expounded on ways to help prevent the spread of Zika.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mr. Jefferson invited everyone to review the Administrative Report.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1501** to rezone the property at 306 West Alapaha Street from R-6 to N-C with conditions. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1501**. Council Person Webb motioned to approve Ordinance 17-1501, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1502** to annex and rezone the property at 190 Franklin Avenue from P-County to P-City. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1502**. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 17-1502**, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1498** to amend the zoning ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald, to delete Chapter 12 and enact a new section 12 of the said ordinance. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1498**. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 17-1498**, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1496** to amend the zoning ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald, as adopted February 13, 1989 and readopted by Ordinance #1122 on April 10, 1989, specifically to provide for regulation of signs and signage. Council Person Coney

motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1496** Council Person Webb motioned to approve **Ordinance 17-1496**, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 0.96 acre in land lot 123 in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 295 Ten Mile Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia, to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the city of Fitzgerald and to rezone the said 0.96 acre parcel from R-15 County to R-15 City.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Resolution R17-004**, a resolution to call a regular general election to fill the office of Alderman First Ward, Alderman Second Ward, Alderman Third Ward, Alderman Fourth Ward, Alderman-at-Large Eastern District, Alderman-at-Large Western District and Mayor of the City of Fitzgerald, as well as Water, Light & Bond Commissioner-First Ward, Water, Light & Bond Commissioner-Second Ward, and Water, Light & Bond Commissioner, Fourth Ward. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked for approval of **Resolution R17-004**. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Resolution R17-004**, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any discussion. With no further discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mr. Jefferson asked if there was any new business. Council Person Coney requested a moment of silence for the life and legacy of former council member, and Mr. Coney's predecessor Mr. John K. Fletcher. Mr. Jefferson continued by thanking everyone for coming and asked was there any further business. Council Person Williams thanked everyone for the privilege of being the voting delegate at the GMA annual convention. Mr. Jefferson thanked our visiting Kenya Students for attending and offered the City's assistance for any needs they may have.

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

**APPROVED:**

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY CLERK**

