

BUFORD CITY COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2021
Buford City Arena
7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge to the Flag.
2. Approve the agenda as presented.
3. Approve the minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting.
4. Recognize Suzi Philmon for her twenty (20) years of service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Special Use Permits:

I. #SUP-21-03

**Jim Ezell – Retail Planning Corporation
4125 Buford Drive, Suites E, F, G, H, I & J
Parcel: 7-229-110**

Requesting a special use permit to allow outside storage

P & Z Recommendation

#SUP-21-03: Jim Ezell – Retail Planning Corporation requested a special use permit for the property located at 4125 Buford Drive, Suites E, F, G, H, I & J. The special use permit requested is to allow Northern Tool to have outside storage. The applicant was present and explained that Northern Tool would like to store tools and power equipment outside in the rear of the building in a secured screened fenced-in area. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Homer Whiting and seconded by Harley Bennett to recommend approval of the special use permit as requested with the following conditions:

1. The business shall be limited to tools and power equipment only. Outdoor repairs shall be prohibited.

2. Outdoor storage area shall be contained within a solid fence screening. Final location and material to be approved by the Planning Director.
3. On-site washing of power equipment shall be done in a planned and designated location where the water runoff is not allowed to enter into the stormwater conveyance system. Plans for sanitary sewer connection shall be reviewed and approved by the City of Buford Sewer Department and Gwinnett County Water Department.
4. The special use permit is approved for Northern Tool and Equipment. Upon vacancy of this business the special use permit expires.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

6. Annexations:

I. Plat #595/#Z-21-06:

Linda Evans/Jason Jackson
408 Thunder Road
Buford, GA 30518

Property: 3104 Buford Highway, Gwinnett County
Parcel: 7-298-005
Acres: 8.25
Zoned From: C-2
Zoned To: C-2

P & Z Recommendation

Plat #595/#Z-21-06: Jason Jackson request annexation and rezoning for the property located at 3104 Buford Highway, being parcel 7-298-005, containing 5.12 acres from C-2 to C-2 and 2.37 acres from C-2 to R-100. The applicant was present and explained the request to the Board. He stated that he would quitclaim property to the adjacent property owner that would allow for the 75-foot undisturbed buffer abutting the commercial tract owned by Hany Ibrahim. Mr. Dave McDonald, attorney for Mr. Ibrahim, spoke stating his client is in agreement with Mr. Jackson giving him land to create the undisturbed buffer. The new survey and legal descriptions were submitted to Gwinnett County and they had no objections to the annexation and rezoning. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Homer Whiting to

recommend approval of the annexation and rezoning as requested with the following conditions:

1. The minor subdivision plat shall have no more than five (5) parcels subdivided from the parent parcel.
2. Homes shall be no less than 2800 square feet, excluding the basement, both finished and unfinished.
3. Homes to have a minimum two car garage.
4. Homes shall be constructed with four sides brick or stone with architectural accents not to exceed 40% on the front elevation and accents not to exceed 35% on the side or rear elevations. Accents shall include brick, stone, rock, stucco, shakes, hardiplank and concrete siding as approved by the Planning Director.
5. Lot widths shall be a minimum of 75 feet measured at the front building setback.
6. Driveways to be 18-feet in width.
7. Architectural shingles shall be used as roofing material.
8. The owner shall quitclaim property to Hany Ibrahim to create the 75-foot undisturbed buffer adjacent to his commercially zoned property along Buford Highway, being parcels 7-298-033 and 7-298-005A.
9. The existing commercial building on the property shall have building permits issued to renovate the building within three (3) months or shall have the building demolished within three (3) months.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

II. Plat #597:

Robbie B. Pruett
3603 Bogan Springs Drive
Buford, GA 30519

Property: 6102 New Bethany Road, Hall County
Parcel: 7-328-002017
Acres: 33.31
Zoned From: AR-III
Zoned To: RA-200

P & Z Recommendation

Plat #597: Robbie B. Pruett requests annexation and zoning for the property located at 6102 New Bethany Road from AR-III to RA-200. Hall County did not object to this annexation and zoning and there were no objections from the audience. Motion by Harley Bennett and seconded by Wayne Johnson to recommend approval of this annexation and zoning to RA-200.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

III. Plat #598:

Robbie B. Pruett
3603 Bogan Springs Drive
Buford, GA 30519

Property: 5978 New Bethany Road, Hall County
Parcel: 7-328-002005
Acres: 4.351
Zoned From: R-3/AR-111
Zoned To: RA-200

P & Z Recommendation

Plat #598: Robbie B. Pruett requests annexation and zoning for the property located at 5978 New Bethany Road from R-3/AR-III to RA-200. Hall County did not object to this annexation and zoning and there were no objections from the audience. Motion by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Homer Whiting to recommend approval of this annexation and zoning to RA-200.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

IV. Plat #599:

Marianne P. Morgan
3603 Bogan Springs Drive
Buford, GA 30519

Property: 6048 New Bethany Road, Hall County
Parcel: 7-328-002006
Acres: 23.63
Zoned From: AR-III
Zoned To: RA-200

P & Z Recommendation

Plat #599: Marianne P. Morgan requests annexation and zoning for the property located at 6048 New Bethany Road from AR-III to RA-200. Hall County did not object to this annexation and zoning and there were no objections from the audience. Motion by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Harley Bennett to recommend approval of this annexation and zoning to RA-200.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

7. #ZA-21-01: Update and adopt the City of Buford official zoning and annexation map

END OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Approve exemption plat for North Harris Street East. (4 homes)
9. Approve exemption plat for North Harris Street West. (5 homes)
10. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Gwinnett County and City of Buford for implementation of Thrasher Road drainage improvement project and authorize City Manager to sign easement for said project. (50/50 cost split; total cost \$62,754.00)
11. Authorize City Manager to close out parking deck project and transfer SPLOST 2016 programmed funds to the general fund.

12. Authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.
13. Authorize Chairman and City Manager to sign MEAG Power Year End settlement documents.
14. Consider settlement agreement with BFI Waste Services, LLC d/b/a Allied Waste Service of Lawrenceville/Republic Services of Georgia as a result of an audit of service providers records subject to the approval of City Attorney.
15. Consider approval of amendments to residential, industrial, commercial and security light electric rate schedules.
16. Appoint voting delegates for 2021 MGAG annual election.
17. Approve agreement with North Gwinnett Co-Op for offset of permitting fees in consideration of labor and services to the community.
18. Authorize Quitclaim of narrow strip of land located on Old Swimming Pool Road pursuant to O.C.G.A 36-37-6(g) to abutting property owners.
19. Consider award to low bidder for Buford Waterworks Plant replacement.
20. Approve low bid for relocation of gas line located on Thompson Mill Road beginning at Buford Highway for joint SPLOST road widening project with Gwinnett County.
21. Approve low bid for 2021 LMIG paving project.
22. Approve low bid to repair detention pond in Heritage Crest Subdivision, and authorize City Manager to work with the Homeowner's association regarding payment terms and dedication of pond to the City.
23. Authorize payment #4 for LMIG 2020 paving project. (final)
24. Authorize payment #17 and change order #2 (credit for dirt sold from job site) for the legion fields improvements project.
25. Authorize payment #1 and City requested change order #3 for Bona Road Sidewalk improvement project (CDBG).

26. City Manager's Report.

27. City Attorney's Report.

NOTE: The City of Buford does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities per the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992. Bryan Kerlin, City Manager, 770-945-6761, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the ADA coordinator. The City of Buford will assist citizens with special needs given proper advance notice. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program, or activity of the City should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Bryan Kerlin, 2300 Buford Highway, Buford, Georgia, 770-945-6761.