

BUFORD CITY COMMISSION MEETING

November 7, 2022
Buford City Arena
7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge to the Flag.
2. Approve the agenda as presented.
3. Approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. **Special Use Permits:**

I. **#SUP-22-17:**

Mike Vahle (Public Storage)
4624 Friendship Road
08-156-002191

Request to allow a 3-story self-storage facility.

P&Z Recommendation

#SUP-22-17: Mike Vahle requested a special use permit for the property located at 4624 Friendship Road. The special use permit requested is to allow a three-story self-storage facility. The applicant was present and explained the request to the Board. He stated they are proposing one (1) climate-controlled storage building that will only have access from the inside the building. They are requesting a variance from the required number of parking spaces and to allow the use of the corporate color orange on the building. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Harley Bennett and seconded by Amy Reed to recommend approval of the special use permit as requested with the following conditions:

1. No outdoor storage of junk vehicles is allowed on the site.

2. Landscape and architectural design shall follow Section 1316.1 – Design Requirements, Buford Zoning Ordinance.
3. Parking design shall follow the standards outlined in Section 1316.1 – Design Requirements, Buford Zoning Ordinance.
4. The final permitted plan shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with this application.
5. The final plan needs to be approved by the Planning Director.
6. To allow the corporate color orange on the building as per the building elevation provided with this application.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

II. #SUP-22-18:

**Buford Lanier Storage, LLC
6702 McEver Road
08-160-001005**

Request to allow a self-storage facility with boat and RV parking/storage with a buffer reduction.

P&Z Recommendation

#SUP-22-18: Buford Lanier Storage, LLC requested a special use permit for the property located at 6702 McEver Road. The special use permit requested is to allow self-storage facility with boat and RV parking and storage. Mitch Peevy spoke on behalf of the applicant and explained the request to the Board. He stated this development would be a mixture of self-storage and boat and RV storage. He stated they are asking for a buffer reduction adjacent to residential zoned property to 0 feet. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Amy Reed and seconded by Jeff Pirkle to recommend approval of the special use permit with the following conditions:

1. Approval of this special use permit is for Buford Lanier Storage, LLC and will expire should the applicant vacate the site.
2. A 15-foot replanted buffer with evergreen trees and shrubs shall be provided adjacent to the east side of the property where it abuts the residential site. The final plan needs to be approved by the Planning Director.

3. The road frontage shall have a 10-foot landscape strip with a variety of evergreen trees and shrubs. The final plan is to be approved by the Planning Director.
4. Entrance limited to one driveway to be approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.
5. No accumulation of junk boats and no mechanical work on boats and RVs are allowed.
6. All parking and driveway surfaces to be asphalt or concrete with curb and gutter meeting the minimal standards of the City of Buford Development Regulations.
7. The fence and gate along the frontage of McEver Road shall be a black metal decorative fence with brick columns. The remaining fence along the sides and rear shall be a black coated chain link fence.
8. The building elevations shall be constructed of brick, stucco, or stone on all four sides.
9. All drive isles shall be no less than 24 feet in width.
10. The final permitting plan shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with this application.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

III. #SUP-22-21:

**Powerstroke Specialty, LLC
1046 Parkway Court, Suites A, B, C, D & E
7-299-001043**

Request to allow Ford diesel pick up truck repair and restoration.

P&Z Recommendation

#SUP-22-21: Powerstroke Specialty, LLC requested a special use permit for the property located at 1046 Parkway Court, Suites A, B, C, D, and E. The special use permit requested is to allow Ford diesel pickup truck repair and restoration. The business owners were present and explained the request to the Board. The Board stated that there were a lot of vehicles and parts on the property. They stated they have started cleaning up the site and have secured three (3) acres out of the City to store the vehicles that are waiting for service. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Jeff Pirkle and seconded by Amy Reed to recommend approval of the special use permit with the following conditions:

1. Business operations shall not include outdoor storage of business products for repair. The site shall be maintained in an orderly manner.
2. All vehicles shall park within hard surface designated striped parking spaces only.
3. Approval of this special use permit is for the current applicant and will expire should the applicant vacate the site.
4. Up to 25 vehicles shall be stored on the site in an orderly manner waiting for repairs.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

END OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Approve final plat for North Bogan Road assemblage (townhomes & outparcels).
6. Approve change to New Year's Day Holiday from Monday, January 2, 2023 to December 30, 2022.
7. Adopt ordinance/resolution to facilitate a study of package store licenses in light of the November 8, 2022 referendum and to establish a regulatory scheme as to the location and number of licenses within the City of Buford and other purposes.
8. Approve additional year to extend SUP-15-14 at Atwater Court, Suite 101-102 to allow church operations.
9. Consider approval of exemption plat for Felicia Butler adding property to 3240 Shoreland Drive.
10. Consider request by Hall County Public Works to eliminate curb, gutter and sidewalks requirements for fire station on Holiday Road.
11. Approve extension of solid waste franchise agreement with Republic Services subject to approval of City Attorney.
12. Approve automobile lease agreements between City of Buford and Buford City Schools.

13. Authorize Chairman and City Manager to sign election forms for MEAG Power Off-System Sales Margins and Voluntary Deposits into the Municipal Competitive Trust (MCT) account.
14. Authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of LaGrange and Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) for purchase of excess reserve and excess capacity.
15. Authorize the transfer of scholarship funds to the Buford City Schools Foundation.
16. Authorize City Manager and City Attorney to acquire easements for pedestrian and streetscape project on West Moreno Street from South Lee Street to West Main Street.
17. Authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement to purchase properties located on Bona Road.
18. Approve purchase of properties located on 555 New Street (7-295C-002) in the amount of \$300,000, 151 S. Harris Street (7-295A-044) in the amount of \$10,000 and 146 Forest Street (7-296-031B) in the amount of \$170,000.
19. Appoint Mark Cunningham to Buford Housing Authority Board of Directors.
20. Adopt amendments to the City of Buford Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Ordinance.
21. Authorize City Manager to amend budget and contribute \$1500.00 per singer for Buford Community Girls Chorus Portugal tour in June 2023.
22. Consider approval of City of Buford 2023-2024 theatrical season, concerts and performances at Buford Community Center.
23. Approve special event application for Buford Sports Complex for flag football in January and February of 2023.
24. Authorize release of pledged funds with Peoples Bank & Trust.

25. Authorize City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Keck & Wood for engineering and design services for the City of Buford Multi-Use Trail – Garnett Street Extension with services partially funded by Transportation Alternative Funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation.
26. Authorize payment of invoice for Southside WPCP Tertiary filter replacement project to Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$149,823.60.
27. Authorize payment #2 for Hamilton Mill Road gas replacement project to CEDS Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$247,567.50.
28. Authorize payment #17 for water works replacement project to Ruby-Collins, Inc. in the amount of \$742,497.70.
29. Authorize payment of Invoice #8 for Buford High School baseball and softball Bleachers and scoreboards project to Charles Black Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$101,550.20.
30. Authorize payment #8 for Buford High School visitor fieldhouse project to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$77,052.00.
31. Authorize payment of Invoice #1 Heraeus Boulevard widening, curb and sidewalk project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$270,856.46 and pay with SPLOST funds.
32. Authorize payment of Invoice #5 for Buford Middle School renovations/modifications project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,406.57.
33. Authorize payment of Invoice #6 for passive park at Harris Street project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$152,108.55.
34. Authorize payment of Invoice #1 for Buford Southside Water Treatment Plant Office Building project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$13,095.00.
35. Authorize payment of Invoice #3 for New Street relocation (Buford High School Stadium) project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$436,949.62.

36. Authorize payment of Invoice #18137-07 in the amount of \$96,310.82 and Invoice #18137-08 in the amount of \$91,089.45 to Breaux & Associates.
37. City Manager's Report.
38. 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.