

# BUFORD CITY COMMISSION MEETING

October 5, 2020  
Buford City Arena  
7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge to the Flag.
2. Approve the agenda as presented.
3. Approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 regular meeting and the special called meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **4. Rezoning:**

#### **I. #Z-20-11**

**Abdul Asaad  
Buford Highway  
Parcel: 7-258-172/7-258-174**

**Requesting rezoning from RM to C-2**

### **Planning & Zoning Recommendation**

#Z-20-11: Abdul Asaad request rezoning for the property located on Buford Highway, being parcels 7-258-172/174 from RM to C-2. Chuck Ross spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated this is two (2) vacant lots zoned for multi-family and that use would not ever be developed on this property. He stated that a convenient store/gas station is the highest and best use for the property and a good location for the residents in the area. Chairman Perkins commented that this area is heavy traffic volume and a dangerous location for vehicles to enter Buford Highway. Jason Williams, civil engineer, stated they could propose to relocate the entrance on Buford Highway to the north to help mitigate traffic concerns. Mr. Ross said they would be glad to have a traffic study done and would contact the owners of Hartford Run to get permission to access their driveway. There were no

objections from the audience. After a brief discussion, motion by Homer Whiting and seconded by Harley Bennett to recommend approval of the rezoning to C-2 with the following conditions. Chairman Perkins voted against the request.

1. The two subject parcels, 7-258-172 and 7-258-174, shall be rezoned from RM (Multi-family Residential District) to C-2 (General Commercial District).
2. The required 75' undisturbed zoning buffer adjacent to residentially zoned parcels to be reduced to a 37.5' undisturbed buffer with a 5' structure setback. The buffer area is to remain undisturbed except to replant gaps in the existing vegetation with a mixture of evergreen trees and shrubs to provide an effective year round screen. Final design shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
3. Stormwater management systems shall be clear of any required buffers and structure offsets.
4. The development shall comply with requirements of the City of Buford Zoning Ordinance Section 1316.
5. Architectural façade treatments shall be of brick, stone or stucco or combination thereof. Final building/canopy elevations to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
6. The construction documents shall include sidewalks and bike racks. At a minimum the plan shall include sidewalks spanning Buford Highway to the standards of the City of Buford Zoning Ordinance Section 1316.
7. The developer shall submit approval from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the driveway entrance off Buford Highway and shall provide a traffic study if required by GDOT.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 1

5. **Zoning Modification:**

I. **#ZM-20-06**

**Dillon Lee  
279 Alexander Street  
Parcel: 7-294A-082  
R-100 for Townhomes**

**Requesting rezoning to modify condition #1 from Commission meeting of November 5, 2018; Reducing ranch style townhomes from 2,200 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. and two-story townhomes from 2,400 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft.**

6. Conduct public hearing for 2020 property tax millage rate rollback and proposed tax increase for Gwinnett and Hall Counties.
7. Conduct public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget.

**END OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. Approve 2020 property tax millage rate for Buford City Schools in Gwinnett County of 12.65 mills and 13.194 mills in Hall County with a Local Option Sales Tax rollback of 0.544 mills. The 2020 net millage rate for property taxes in both Gwinnett and Hall counties is 12.65 mills.
9. Approve Fiscal Year 2021 Operating budget resolution.
10. Approve subrecipient agreement between Gwinnett County and City of Buford for use of U. S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds.
11. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Gwinnett County and the City of Buford regarding Thompson Mill Road at I-985 interchange study.

12. Authorize Chairman to sign amendment to gas supply contract and supplemental contract (Gas Portfolio V Project) each between the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) and City of Buford, Georgia and for other purposes.
13. Consider approval of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Buford, Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, to provide for open container consumption in certain areas and other purposes.
14. Authorize the surplus of City property located on Old Swimming Pool Road and Mount Salem Road and advertise sale of properties.
15. Consider approval of pole attachment license agreement for distribution poles by and between Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation and City of Buford.
16. Ratify purchases of properties located at 106 Main Street for \$165,000.00 and 96 Main Street for \$300,000.00.
17. Amend Buford City Schools budget in the amount of \$32,250.00 for purchase of football helmets with splash shields.
18. Consider approval of expenditures for plaques and for installation of Stonehedge Garden Club art structure located on Main Street.
19. Consider hardship request extension of one (1) additional year by Faith Free Gospel Church to allow for an additional classroom at 539 Washington Street.
20. Authorize release of pledged funds with Peoples Bank & Trust.
21. Authorize payment #3 for Church Street stormwater improvements project.
22. Authorize payment #1 for Moreno Street water improvements project.
23. Authorize payment #10 for SR324 at SR124 gas relocation project.

24. Authorize payment #3 for Dacula Road at SR8 gas relocation project.
25. Authorize payment #24 for the Buford parking deck project.
26. Authorize payment #12 for the legion fields improvements project.
27. City Manager's Report.
28. City Attorney's Report.

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