

Buford City Commission

July 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting was held on July 19, 2021 at Buford City Arena and all Commission members were present.

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Burge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the July 19, 2021 Commission meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the June 7, 2021 regular meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated that this portion of the meeting would be set aside for public hearings.

Special Use Permit:

#SUP-21-11: Shane Copeland requests a special use permit for the property located at 380 Poplar Street. The special use permit requested is to allow automotive repair. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. This special use permit is issued to the applicant and vacancy from the subject property by the applicant expires special use permit SUP-21-11.
2. Outdoor storage of automotive parts, junk vehicles or automotive repair related equipment shall be prohibited.
3. All automotive repair shall take place within the building. Outdoor repair operations shall be prohibited.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#SUP-21-12: The Athletic Zone requests a special use permit for the property located at 4913 Summer Oak Drive, Suite B. The special use permit requested is to allow a sports training facility. Jeff Pruitt was present on behalf of the applicant. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:



1. The special use permit is issued to The Athletic Zone and vacancy of the subject property by The Athletic Zone expires special use permit SUP-21-12.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#SUP-21-13: Auto Tires, LLC requests a special use permit for the property located at 4995 B.U. Bowman Drive. The special use permit requested is to allow installation of tires. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Outdoor storage of automotive parts, junk vehicles or automotive repair related equipment shall be prohibited.
2. All automotive repair shall take place within the building. Outdoor repair operations shall be prohibited.
3. The roll up doors shall be located in the rear of the building to be constructed and not facing the road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Amendment:

#ZA-21-02: Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend Article III, Section 1308. C-2 General Business District, Retail and Services Uses, special uses concerning automobiles fueling stations, addition of corridor along I-985.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#ZA-21-02: Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend Article III, Section, 1310. M-1 Light Industry District, special uses concerning heavy truck fueling stations, addition of corridor along I-985.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#ZA-21-02: Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend Article X, Section 1001.6 Location and Surface of Parking areas; in any district, parking required on paved surfaces.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Modification:

#ZM-21-02: Lake Blue Ridge Land Company, LLC, Intersection of Hamilton Mill Road and North Bogan Road, requests to modify condition from the May 3, 2021 meeting to change overall C-2 gross acreage from 3.75 to 4.45 acres. Eric Johansen spoke on behalf



of the applicant. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#ZM-21-03: Lake Blue Ridge Land Company, LLC, Intersection of Hamilton Mill Road and North Bogan Road, requests to modify conditions from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Eric Johansen spoke on behalf of the applicant. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request as follows:

1. Fencing and gate on North Bogan Road shall be wrought iron style with brick columns.
2. Setback on North Bogan Road shall be a minimum of 30 feet.
3. Roofs shall be a minimum of 6/12 pitch.
4. Buildings shall be 4 sides brick, stone or stucco with 20% accents.
5. Maximum number of units increases from 41 to 50.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to table delay of signing of annexation documents for parcels 7-143-053 and 7-136-010.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated at this time there would be a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget and 2021 millage rate rollback for Gwinnett and Hall County property taxes. Chairman Beard gave an overview of the budget and the public was given an opportunity to provide comments on the budget and millage rate rollback. The audience did not have any comments or questions regarding the proposed FY 2022 Operating Budget, the 2021 proposed Gwinnett and Hall County millage rate or the proposed 2021 millage rate for Hall County with the LOST rollback.

Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget to reflect actual expenditures through June 30, 2021.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve renewal of 2021-2022 health insurance policy.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve payment of Gwinnett Municipal Association, Inc. dues in the amount of \$13,446.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to ratify purchase of 0.34 acres for property located on Bona Road being parcel R7-296-099 in the amount of \$105,000.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to purchase property as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve amendments to Theatre and State Rental Agreement at Buford Community Center.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve participation with Gwinnett County and Artworks!Gwinnett, Inc. in creative economy master plan project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve transfer of 0.070 acres to the Downtown Development Authority located at E. Moreno Street and S. Harris Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve change order #5 for additional sidewalks on Bona Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve amendment to budget for summer camp athletic programs for Buford City Schools.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve sole bid for Buford Dam Road at Little Mill Road natural gas facilities relocation.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to sign Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections and Phillips State Prison.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize release of pledged funds with Peoples Bank & Trust. Chairman Beard abstained.

Ayes 2
Nays 0
Abstained 1

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve request by Ozark 54/Blue Cat Productions for filming at 5671 Shadburn Ferry Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #20 for the legion fields improvements project in the amount of \$278,733.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #1 for 2021 paving project in the amount of \$299,434.88.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 for Buford Water Works Replacement project in the amount of \$1,075,806.94.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 for 2021 Gateway Landscaping project in the amount of \$122,046.15.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #1 for Thrasher Road Drainage improvements project in the amount of \$95,564.00.


Ayes 3
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.


Chris Holcomb spoke regarding a house under construction on Little Mill Road and the lack of progress being made to complete the project. City staff will follow up on permitting. With no further business, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3
Nays 0


Phillip Beard, Chairman


Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman


Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner


City Clerk

7-19-2021
Date