

# Buford City Commission

April 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 12, 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 April 12, 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 March 1, 2021 regular meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Chairman Beard recognized Suzi Philmon for her twenty (20) years of service with the City.

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

## Special Use Permits:

#SUP-21-03: Jim Ezell – Retail Planning Corporation requests 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. Applicant was not present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request 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 3  
Nays 0

**Annexations:**

Plat #595/#Z-21-06: Jason Jackson requests 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. Applicant was present. 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 applicant agreed with the zoning conditions. The new survey and legal descriptions were submitted to Gwinnett County and they had no objections to the annexation and rezoning. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request 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 3  
Nays 0

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. No one spoke against the request. The approval requires the owner to petition the City Commission for future uses. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Beard to approve the request. Mr. Weeks abstained.

Ayes 2  
Nays 0  
Abstained 1



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. No one spoke against the request. The approval requires the owner to petition the City Commission for future uses. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Beard to approve the request. Mr. Weeks abstained.

Ayes 2  
Nays 0  
Abstained 1

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. No one spoke against the request. The approval allows use of the property for a home and barn. Additional uses upon approval of the City Commission. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Beard to approve the request. Mr. Weeks abstained.

Ayes 2  
Nays 0  
Abstained 1

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to update and adopt the City of Buford official zoning and annexation map as presented by staff.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

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

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve exemption plat for North Harris Street East.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve exemption plat for North Harris Street West.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to 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.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to close out parking deck project and transfer SPLOST 2016 programmed funds to general fund.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman and City Manager to sign MEAG Power Year End settlement documents.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve 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 approve of City Attorney.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve amendments to residential, industrial, commercial and security light electric rate schedules and authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement with MEAG Power for purchase of solar power.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to appoint voting delegates for 2021 MGAG annual election.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve agreement with North Gwinnett Co-Op for offset of permitting fees in consideration of labor and services to the community.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Quitclaim of narrow strip of land located on Swimming Pool Road pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-37-6(g) to abutting property owners.



Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve low bid for Buford Water Works Plant replacement to Ruby-Collins, Inc.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to 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 to CEDS Construction Co., Inc.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve low bid for 2021 LMIG paving project to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve low bid to Howington, Inc. to repair detention pond in Heritage Crest Subdivision, and authorize City Manager to work with the Homeowner's association regarding payment and terms and dedication of pond to the City.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #4 (final) for LMIG 2020 paving project in the amount of \$59,223.16.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #17 in the amount of \$1,499,645.00 and change order #2 (credit for dirt sold from job site) for the legion fields improvements project.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$162,043.20 and City requested change order #3 for Bona Road Sidewalk improvement project (CDBG).

Ayes 3  
Nays 0



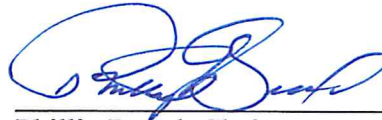
Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3

Nays 0



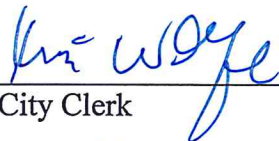
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk

4-12-2021

Date