

Buford City Commission

February 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 1, 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 February 1, 2021 Commission meeting as presented by staff with the addition of consideration to approve construction of a house on a lot owned by the Pentecostal Church located at the corner of East Park Street and Scott Street.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the January 4, 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.

Rezoning:

#Z-21-014: IDI Logistics requests rezoning for property located at 2045 Buford Highway, being parcel 7-269-080, containing 8.279 acres, from C-2 to M-1. Gary Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that this would be an assembly of tracts for an industrial development containing one (1) 495,000 square foot warehouse facility. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject property is to be developed substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application including the sizes and heights of the proposed tilt-up buildings and associated site improvements.
2. Building elevations that include tilt-up construction shall be substantially similar to the elevations submitted with the application and shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval prior the approval of any permits.
3. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off luminaries and shall be directed in toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.
4. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes a 15ft. landscape strip along Buford Highway. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plat is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

#Z-21-02: IDI Logistics requests rezoning for the property located on Buford Highway, being parcel 7-269-084, containing 1.721 acres from C-2 to M-1. Gary Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that this would be an assembly of tracts for an industrial development containing one (1) 495,000 square foot warehouse facility. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject property is to be developed substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application including the sizes and heights of the proposed tilt-up buildings and associated site improvements.
2. Building elevations that include tilt-up construction shall be substantially similar to the elevations submitted with the application and shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval prior the approval of any permits.
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4. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes a 15ft. landscape strip along Buford Highway. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plat is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#Z-21-03: IDI Logistics requests rezoning for the property located on Buford Highway, being parcel 7-268-119, containing 3.85 acres from O-I to M-1. Gary Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that his would be an assembly of tracts for an industrial development containing one (1) 495,000 square foot warehouse facility. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject property is to be developed substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application including the sizes and heights of the proposed tilt-up buildings and associated site improvements.
2. Building elevations that include tilt-up construction shall be substantially similar to the elevations submitted with the application and shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval prior the approval of any permits.
3. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off luminaries and shall be directed in toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.
4. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes a 15ft. landscape strip along Buford Highway. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plat is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



#Z-21-04: IDI Logistics requests rezoning for property located on Buford Highway, being parcel 7-268-120, containing 21.611 acres from C-2 to M-1. Gary Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that this would be as assembly of tracts for an industrial development containing one (1) 495,000 square foot warehouse facility. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject property is to be developed substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application including the sizes and heights of the proposed tilt-up buildings and associated site improvements.
2. Building elevations that include tilt-up construction shall be substantially similar to the elevations submitted with the application and shall be submitted to the Planning Director for review and approval prior the approval of any permits.
3. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off luminaries and shall be directed in toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.
4. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes a 15ft. landscape strip along Buford Highway. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plat is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#Z-21-05: Lanier Logistics Center, LLC requests rezoning for the property located at 909 Gainesville Highway, being parcel 08-169-004002, containing 8.04 acres from M-1 to C-2. Gary Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated they would like to rezone the 8.04 acres for future commercial use along Buford Highway. A portion of the property is being proposed for a used car lot. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject properties (Lots 3A & 3B) are rezoned to C-2 with a special use permit for used car sales applied to only Lot 3A.
2. The applicant/developer is responsible for following all requirements of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) studies as required by the appropriate Regional Commission.
3. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes landscape strips. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
4. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off type luminaries and shall be directed in toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.
5. Outdoor repair of vehicles shall be prohibited.
6. Outdoor storage of business related equipment or junked vehicles shall be prohibited.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Special Use Permit:

#SUP-21-01: Michael Ewing requests a special use permit for the property located at 909 Gainesville Highway, out of parcel 08-169-004002, Lot #3A containing 3.52 acres. The special use permit requested is to allow a used car lot. The applicant was present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The subject properties (Lots 3A & 3B) are rezoned to C-2 with a special use permit for used car sales applied to only Lot 3A.
2. The applicant/developer is responsible for following all requirements of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) studies as required by the appropriate Regional Commission.
3. An enhanced landscape planting plan shall be required for review that includes landscape strips. The plan shall include a mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs and ground covers. Final plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
4. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off type luminaries and shall be directed in toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.
5. Outdoor repair of vehicles shall be prohibited.
6. Outdoor storage of business related equipment or junked vehicles shall be prohibited.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve construction of a house on a lot owned by the Pentecostal Church located at the corner of East Park Street and Scott Street.

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 authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for acquisition of right-of-way for a federal or state aid project (Moreno Street).

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement with MEAG Power for sale of excess capacity to the City of Buford on behalf of the City of Calhoun.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to negotiate and enter into an agreement to purchase properties located on New Street and East Park Street from Buford Housing Authority and the City to sell properties on Elliott Street and Arnold Street to Buford Housing Authority subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to purchase properties located at 590 Forest Street and 690 New Street by necessary means.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to ratify purchase of property located at 79 Moreno Street, 7-295A-035, in the amount of \$307,606.93 and property located at 79 South Harris Street, 7-295-031, in the amount of \$450,038.70.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to sign necessary documents to transfer City properties 7-295-031 (79 S. Harris Street), 7-295A-035 (79 Moreno Street), 7-294-016 (96 W. Main Street) and 7-294-001 (106 W. Main Street) to the Downtown Development Authority.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize renewal of 2021-2022 workers compensation policy.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize renewal of 2021-2022 general liability and property insurance policy.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$152,523.81 and payment #2 in the amount of \$300,535.05 for 2020 paving project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay, City Attorney gave the City Attorney's Report.

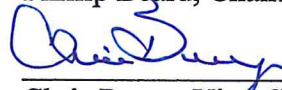
After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3

Nays 0



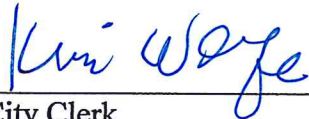
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk



Date