

## Buford City Commission

January 3, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was held on January 3, 2022 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 and seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the January 3, 2022 meeting with the change to move the oaths of office before the election of Commission Chairman.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the December 13, 2021 meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Mr. Jay administered oath of office to Kathleen Perkins and Bruce Fricks for Buford City Schools Board of Education, Brad Weeks and Chris Burge for Buford City Commission and Amy Reed for City of Buford Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to nominate Phillip Beard as Commission Chairman for the year 2022.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Chairman Beard to nominate Chris Burge as Commission Vice-Chairman for the year 2022.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to appoint Department Heads for the year 2022 as presented with the change of Mark West as Building Inspector. Mr. Burge abstained for the appointments of Recreation Director and Water Plant Superintendent.

*JB*

*Blk.*

Ayes 2  
Nays 0  
Abstain 1 (Burge as noted)

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

**Special Use Permit:**

#SUP-21-28: Cyndi Pedagg, The Main Event Company requested a special use permit for the property located at 170 West Main Street. The special use permit requested is to allow outdoor private events/weddings on the back lot. The applicant was present and stated they would like to have outdoor weddings on the back lot and they would screen the lot with an 8-foot privacy fence on three (3) sides. It would be for weddings ceremonies only and the reception would be held in the building. Chairman Beard stated this was a residential area and they would not be able to block the right-of-way. Mr. Burge stated he would like to see the hours be from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and no amplified music. There were no objections from the audience. Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall install an eight (8) foot tall brown vinyl solid privacy fence along three (3) sides of the property adjacent to the single-family residential lots. Final design shall be approved by the Planning Director.
2. The applicant shall limit outdoor events to wedding ceremonies only. Receptions are prohibited outside.
3. The applicant shall limit outdoor weddings to a time limit of 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Sunday.
4. Outdoor lighting shall be limited to 7:00 p.m. and should be located at a position to avoid direct illumination to neighboring properties.
5. Jones Alley shall remain open and unobstructed during outdoor events. Parking or event operations shall not be within the right-of-way.
6. Amplified music is prohibited.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

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

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve building permit fee for Ivy Creek Baptist Church in the amount of \$1,000.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to enter into a Right of Way Maintenance Agreement for SR 20 with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve City of Buford 2022-2023 theatrical season, concerts and performances at Buford Community Center.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve renewal of 2022-2023 Workers Compensation Insurance Policy.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated the turf, lighting replacement project at Buford Youth Sports Complex will be postponed.

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve amendment to the Hall County Countywide Safety Plan exchanging service areas – existing Atlanta Gas Light customer map correction and the City to be the sole service provider in a subdivision that was partially Atlanta Gas Light.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize final payment to Gwinnett County for 2017 SPLOST City/County Joint project in the amount of \$5,814.97. (Thompson Mill Road Widening)

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #4 for 2021 paving project in the amount of \$128,632.55.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Burge to approve Charles Black Construction invoices for North Harris Street Streetscape (#1) in the amount of \$4,978.00, South Harris Street Streetscape (#1) in the amount of \$11,030.00 and Sidewalk Pressure Washing (#1) in the amount of \$10,471.00.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge and seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #7 for Buford Waterworks Replacement Project in the amount of \$793,065.16.


Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

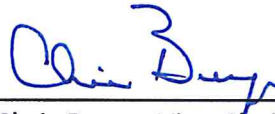
Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

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

Ayes 3  
Nays 0



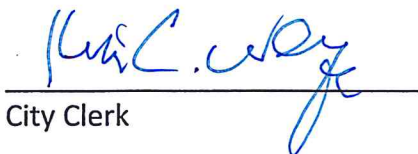
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner

  
City Clerk

1-3-2022  
Date