

Buford City Commission

March 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was held on March 7, 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, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the March 7, 2022 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to change the April meeting to April 11, 2022.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard recognized Andy Puckett and Jane Hunter for their 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-22-03: BGAPW, LLC requests a special use permit for the property located on South Lee Street, being parcel 7-268-183. The special use permit requested is to allow condominium units within an industrial development. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The ownership of the proposed buildings can be as condominiums. The owner shall establish a Property Owners Association (POA) to maintain and repair the common ownership of the property.
2. The proposed development shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with the special use permit application.
3. To incorporate the zoning conditions for #Z-20-16 approved by the City Commission on January 4, 2021.

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4. All four (4) buildings shall have enhanced storefront architectural treatments and shall be approved by the Planning Director prior to the issuance of any permits.
5. To allow a fence to surround the first two (2) buildings. The fencing shall be black metal decorative fence with brick columns on all four sides of the property as approved by the Planning Director.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Amendment:

#ZA-22-01: Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend development regulations by adding the following language:

Section 4.1.1: ...to exempt road improvements for individual residential lots permitted by the property owner who will occupy the dwelling for a minimum of two (2) years.

- Owners who build a house will be exempt from 6.8.1 and 6.8.2 road improvement requirements.
- Two (2) years is a reference to O.C.G.A. 43-41-17 exempting the requirement for a contractor's license for owners which build a house and will occupy the residence for two (2) years.

6.8.1 and 6.8.2: ...Such road improvements shall include public roadway adjacent to individual single-family detached or duplex residence on buildable lots of record, both remodels, with the addition of square footage, and new construction, except as provided in Section 4.1.1. In consideration of safety, the City, at its discretion, may require payments for improvements in lieu of installation by the permittee.

- Road improvements include widening substandard streets with adequate rights-of-way, curb and gutter, widening, stormwater, etc.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Modification:

#ZM-22-02: Handsel Morgan Village 2021, LP, c/o Paces Foundation, Elliott Street/South Street, requests to modify condition #10 of the zoning conditions approved June 7, 2021 to allow a 30' utility/access easement instead of 40' along Elliott Street and to allow retaining wall anchoring system to be outside utility easement. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

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

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the exemption plat for 495 Forest Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve final plat for Wade Orr Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve final plat for Shoreland Drive.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve final plat for Hutchins Drive.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to sign Quitclaim Deed for surplus of right-of-way and combine with 185 Rowe Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize Chairman to sign Quitclaim Deed transferring properties, parcels 7-294B-007 and 7-294B-095, located on Elliott Street/South Street to Buford Downtown Development Authority.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve purchase of properties located at 584 New Street (7-296-005D) in the amount of \$220,000, 584 New Street (7-296-158) in the amount of \$200,000, 730 New Street (7-296-005A) in the amount of \$165,000, 540 New Street (7-296-005) in the amount of \$170,000, 450 Forest Street (7-296-090) in the amount of \$475,000 and 584 New Street (a.k.a. 680 New St.) (7-296-002) in the amount of \$375,000.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt resolution authorizing the City of Buford, through its legal counsel, to exercise powers of eminent domain in the acquisition of certain interests in real property situated in Buford, Gwinnett County, Georgia, being parcels 7-296-003B, 7-296-003A, 7-296-004A, 7-296-004, 7-296-120 and 7-296-004B; and other purposes. Chairman Beard asked the audience if there were any questions and/or comments regarding the eminent domain. Several audience members

inquired about the project. Eddie Ingram and Charles Smith complained of low water pressure. Chairman Beard stated that the City would have the water department check the pressure.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize renewal of 2022-2023 general liability and property insurance policy package with Sterling, Seacrest & Pritchard.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve special events located at Buford Community Center, Art-tiques Vintage Market November 11-13, 2022 and wedding, April 16, 2022, to be held at the amphitheatre on East Main Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve Charles Black Construction invoices for North Harris Street Streetscape (3) in the amount of \$83,871.85, South Harris Street Streetscape (#3) in the amount of \$55,819.89, West Main Street Streetscape (#1) in the amount of \$9,409.00, and new Buford High School stadium (#2) in the amount of \$1,456.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #26 for legion fields improvements project in the amount of \$12,815.00.

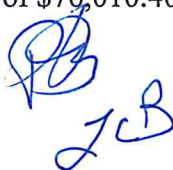
Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #9 to Ruby Collins, Inc. for water plant expansion project in the amount of \$656,457.78.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #1 for Sardis Church Road gas relocation project in the amount of \$76,010.40.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

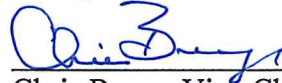
After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3

Nays 0



Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk

3-7-22

Date