

Buford City Commission

November 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 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. Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the November 7, 2022 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the October 3, 2022 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:

#SUP-22-17: Mike Vahle requests a special use permit for the property located at 4624 Friendship Road. The special use permit requested is to allow a three-story self-storage facility. Applicant was present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. No outdoor storage of junk vehicles is allowed on the site.
2. Landscape and architectural design shall follow Section 1316.1 – Design Requirements, Buford Zoning Ordinance.
3. Parking design shall follow the standards outlined in Section 1316.1 – Design Requirements, Buford Zoning Ordinance.
4. The final permitted plan shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with this application.
5. The final plan needs to be approved by the Planning Director.
6. To allow the corporate color orange on the building as per the building elevation provided with this application.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



#SUP-22-18: Buford Lanier Storage, LLC requests a special use permit for the property located at 6702 McEver Road. The special use permit requested is to allow self-storage facility with boat and RV parking and storage. Mitch Peevy spoke on behalf of the applicant. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Approval of this special use permit is for Buford Lanier Storage, LLC and will expire should the applicant vacate the site.
2. A 15-foot replanted buffer with evergreen trees and shrubs shall be provided adjacent to the east side of the property where it abuts the residential site. The final plan needs to be approved by the Planning Director.
3. The road frontage shall have a 10-foot landscape strip with a variety of evergreen trees and shrubs. The final plan is to be approved by the Planning Director.
4. Entrance limited to one driveway to be approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.
5. No accumulation of junk boats and no mechanical work on boats and RVs are allowed.
6. All parking and driveway surfaces to be asphalt or concrete with curb and gutter meeting the minimal standards of the City of Buford Development Regulations.
7. The fence and gate along the frontage of McEver Road shall be a black metal decorative fence with brick columns. The remaining fence along the sides and rear shall be a black coated chain link fence.
8. The building elevations shall be constructed of brick, stucco, or stone on all four sides.
9. All drive isles shall be no less than 24 feet in width.
10. The final permitting plan shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with this application.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

#SUP-22-21: Powerstroke Specialty, LLC requests a special use permit for the property located at 1046 Parkway Court, Suites A, B, C, D, and E. The special use permit requested is to allow Ford diesel pickup truck repair and restoration. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Business operations shall not include outdoor storage of business products for repair. The site shall be maintained in an orderly manner.
2. All vehicles shall park within hard surface designated striped parking spaces only.
3. Approval of this special use permit is for the current applicant and will expire should the applicant vacate the site.
4. Up to 25 vehicles shall be stored on the site in an orderly manner waiting for repairs.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

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



Chairman Beard stated that agenda item #5 would be deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve change to New Year's Day Holiday from Monday, January 2, 2023 to December 30, 2022.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt ordinance/resolution to facilitate a study of package store licenses in light of the November 8, 2022 referendum and to establish a regulatory scheme as to the location and number of licenses with the City of Buford and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve additional year to extend SUP-15-14 at Atwater Court, Suite 101-102 to allow church operations.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve exemption plat for Felicia Butler adding property to 3240 Shoreland Drive.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to table the request by Hall County Public Works to eliminate curb, gutter sand sidewalks requirements for fire station to be located at 5711 & 5719 Holiday Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to approve extension of solid waste franchise agreement with Republic Services subject to approval of City Attorney.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve automobile lease agreements between City of Buford and Buford City Schools.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize Chairman and City Manager to sign election forms for MEAG Power Off-System Sales Margins and Voluntary Deposits into the Municipal Competitive Trust (MCT) account.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of LaGrange and Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) for purchase of excess reserve and excess capacity.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize the transfer of scholarship funds to the Buford City Schools Foundation.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to acquire easements for pedestrian and streetscape project on West Moreno Street from South Lee Street to West Main Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement to purchase properties located on Bona Road.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve purchase of properties located on 555 New Street (7-295C-002) in the amount of \$300,000, 151 S. Harris Street (7-295A-044) in the amount of \$10,000 and 146 Forest Street (7-296-031B) in the amount of \$170,000 and transfer properties to the Downtown Development Authority.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to appoint Mark Cunningham to Buford Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to adopt amendments to the City of Buford Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Ordinance.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to amend budget and contribute \$1500.00 per singer for Buford Community Girls Chorus Portugal tour in January 2023.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve City of Buford 2023-2024 theatrical season, concerts and performances at Buford Community Center.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve special event application for Buford Sports Complex for flag football in January and February of 2023.

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. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Keck & Wood for engineering and design services for the City of Buford Multi-Use Trail – Garnett Street Extension with services partially funded by Transportation Alternative Funds through the Department of Transportation.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment of invoice for Southside WPCP Tertiary filter replacement project to Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$149,823.60.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #2 for Hamilton Mill Road gas replacement project to CEDS Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$247,567.50.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #17 for water works replacement project to Ruby-Collins, Inc. in the amount of \$742,497.70.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #8 for Buford High School baseball and softball bleachers and scoreboards project in the amount of \$101,550.20.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #8 for Buford High School visitor fieldhouse project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$77,052.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #1 for Heraeus Boulevard widening, curb and sidewalk project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$270,856.46 and pay with SPLOST funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Authorize payment of Invoice #5 for Buford Middle School renovations/modifications project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,406.57.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment of Invoice #6 for passive park at Harris Street project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$152,108.55.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #1 for Buford Southside Water Treatment Plant Office Building project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$13,095.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #3 for New Street relocation (Buford High School Stadium) project to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$436,949.62.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #18137-07 in the amount of \$96,310.82 and Invoice #18137-08 in the amount of \$91,089.45 to Breaux & Associates.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

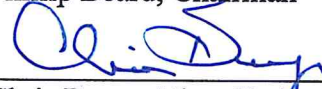
Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

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

Ayes 3
Nays 0



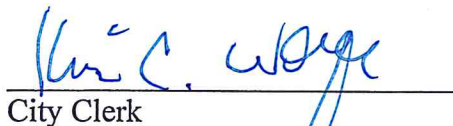
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner


City Clerk

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Date