

Buford City Commission

October 5, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was held on October 5, 2020 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.

Chairman Beard called on Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash. Chairman Nash spoke and reflected on her time as Chairman and the works that Buford, Gwinnett County and its Cities had accomplished. She thanked Buford for supporting her during years as her term will conclude at the end of 2020.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the October 5, 2020 Commission meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the September 8, 2020 regular meeting and the September 8, 2020 special called meeting as presented by staff.

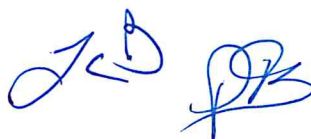
Ayes 3
Nays 0

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

Rezoning:

#Z-20-11: Abdul Asaad requests rezoning for the property located on Buford Highway, being parcels 7-258-172/174 from RM to C-2. Chuck Ross 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. The two subject parcels, 7-258-172 and 7-258-174, shall be rezoned from RM (Multi-family Residential District) to C-2 (General Commercial District).
2. The required 75' undisturbed zoning buffer adjacent to residentially zoned parcels to be reduced to a 37.5' undisturbed buffer with a 5' structure setback. The buffer area is to remain undisturbed except to replant gaps in the existing vegetation with a mixture of evergreen trees and shrubs to provide an effective year round screen. Final design shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
3. Stormwater management systems shall be clear of any required buffers and structure offsets.
4. The development shall comply with requirements of the City of Buford Zoning Ordinance Section 1316.



5. Architectural façade treatments shall be of brick, stone or stucco or combination thereof. Final building/canopy elevations to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
6. The construction documents shall include sidewalks and bike racks. At a minimum the plan shall include sidewalks spanning Buford Highway to the standards of the City of Buford Zoning Ordinance Section 1316.
7. The developer shall submit approval from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the driveway entrance off Buford Highway and shall provide a traffic study if required by GDOT.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Zoning Modification:

#ZM-20-06: Dillon Lee, 279 Alexander Street, requests to amend zoning condition #1 from commission meeting of November 5, 2018 to reduce ranch style townhomes from 2,200 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. and two-story townhomes from 2,400 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following condition:

1. Townhomes shall be four sides brick and subject to the approval of the Planning Director.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated at this time there would be a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget and 2020 millage rate rollback for Gwinnett and Hall County property taxes. Chairman Beard gave an overview of the budget and the public was given an opportunity to provide comments on the budget and millage rate rollback. The audience did not have any comments or questions regarding the proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget, the 2020 proposed Gwinnett and Hall County millage rate or the proposed 2020 millage rate for Hall County with the LOST rollback.

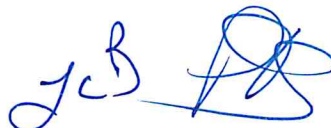
Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the 2020 property tax millage rate for Buford City Schools in Gwinnett County of 12.65 mills and 13.194 mills for Hall County. Hall County Local Option Sales Tax rollback is 0.544 mills with a net millage rate for property taxes in both Gwinnett and Hall County of 12.65 mills.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt Fiscal Year 2021 Operating budget resolution.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve subrecipient agreement between Gwinnett County and City of Buford for use of U. S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Gwinnett County and the City of Buford regarding Thompson Mill Road at I-985 interchange study.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to negotiate and sign amendment to gas supply contract and supplemental contract (Gas Portfolio V Project) each between the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) and City of Buford, Georgia and for other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Buford, Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, to provide for open container consumption in certain areas and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize the surplus of City property located on Old Swimming Pool Road and Mount Salem Road and advertise sale of properties.

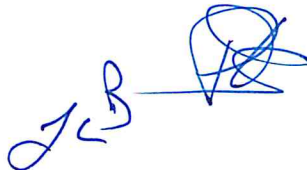
Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve pole attachment license agreement for distribution poles by and between Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation and City of Buford.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to ratify purchases of properties located at 106 Main Street for \$165,000.00 and 96 Main Street for \$300,000.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

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Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to amend Buford City Schools budget in the amount of \$32,250.00 for purchase of football helmets with splash shields.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve expenditures for plaques and for installation of Stonehedge Garden Club art structure located on Main Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve extension of hardship request for one (1) year by Faith Free Full Gospel Church allowing a modular trailer for children's classroom use at 539 Washington Street.

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
Abstain 1

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #3 for Church Street stormwater improvements project in the amount of \$76,693.59.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 for Moreno Street water improvements project in the amount of \$388,214.25.

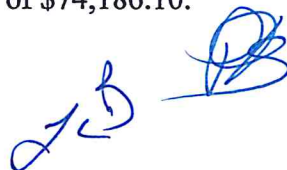
Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #10 for SR324 at SR124 gas relocation project in the amount of \$122,355.90.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve payment #3 for Dacula Road at SR8 gas relocation project in the amount of \$74,186.10.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #24 for the Buford parking deck project in the amount of \$359,804.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #12 for the legion fields improvements project in the amount of \$410,051.00.

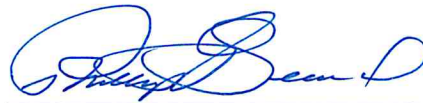
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Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

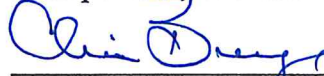
Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's report.

After a brief discussion with the audience regarding construction and noise at an industrial site on SR 347 and the operation of a business in a residential district on Shoal Creek Road, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



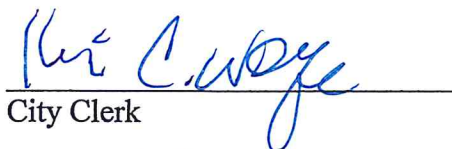
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk

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Date