

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
October 09, 2017
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, October 09, 2017.

A Public Hearing was held to consider application #0116 by Ravi M. Thakkar for a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald to operate a convenience store/deli in a D-C zone. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Masee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the Public Hearing with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, Jones, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of September 12, 2017, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Webb made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Jones. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any other additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee opened with appreciation for those in attendance. Mayor Masee recognized frequent guest Brad King, Christine Graham, members of the FBHC Hospital Authority, FWLB Commission, and council candidates Myles Tyler and Jimmy Johnson.

Christine Graham, Executive Director of the Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Family Connections addressed council. Mrs. Graham spoke briefly about the role of Family Connections. A hand out was placed Council packets regarding data on the county profile. Mrs. Graham also provided information on some upcoming services. The Comprehensive Community Assessment is a survey to better understand the needs in BHC from citizens and what citizens feel they need. This assessment can be done on line or fill out the written assessment form. There are 4 more weeks for this assessment. Currently, 463 responses have been done which exceeds all expectations. Mayor Masee thanked Mrs. Graham for her service and community engagement.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. There is a full calendar of events for the next 30 days. Two items of interest are the November 7, Election Day, and the Harmony Jubilee with is the 2nd weekend in November.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Under reports of special committees, Council Person Michael Griffin presented a beer only on premises at Erica's Place located at 407 E Pine Street. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Griffin made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call vote: 6 yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1505**, an ordinance to correct certain errors in ordinance No. 17-1501, approved July 10, 2017. Council Person Jones motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1505**. Council Person Webb motioned to approve **Ordinance 17-1505**, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 17-1506**, an ordinance to grant a special exception with respect to the property at 102 East Central Avenue, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750; to provide for requirements and conditions; and for other purposes. Council Person Jefferson motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for approval of **Ordinance 17-1506**. Council Person Williams motioned to approved **Ordinance 17-1506**, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to close permanently for all purposes and to sell and convey the right of way the alley at 116 Loraine Avenue.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to close to vehicular traffic the portion of the public alley at 119 Poplar Street.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley at 407 West Suwanee Street between city lots 12 and 13 in square 13, block 12.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to amend the Charter of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, which was created by an act amended on August 17, 1914, as amended, under the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, to expand and clarify certain powers that may be exercised by the Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond Commission.

Mayor Masee recommended the reappointment of Ben Jacobs to the Fitzgerald Ben Hill county Library Board of Trustees for another 3 year term. This was based upon the recommendation of administration and Mr. Jacob's willingness to serve. Council Person Williams motioned to accept this appointment, seconded by Council person Griffin. Mayor Masee

asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, called for **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee noted to Council that there will be a second meeting on October 23, 2017, to further consider the Charter Amendment.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

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