

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
CITY COUNCIL
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

December 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham

PRESENT: Council Members Taylor Watson, Tony Towns, and Kevin Leckenby; City Attorney Bill Pickering; and Chief Todd Gann.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Council Member Kevin Leckenby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICATION FOR PRIVILEGE LICENSE - MICHAEL LOVE - 1304

MOCKINGBIRD LANE: Mr. Michael Love appeared before the Council to request a privilege license for the operation of a graphic design and promotional business products business at his home at 1304 Mockingbird Lane. Mr. Love explained the nature of his business, MML Designs, which is done by computer and over the internet. There will be no inventory at the residence, no employees other than Mr. Love, no customer activity, and no signage. Council Member Kevin Leckenby made a motion to approve Mr. Love's application for a privilege license. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

FRANK YOUMANS – REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT: Mr. Youmans appeared before the Council to request that the City abandon its right of way adjacent to Mr. Youmans' home at 318 Marvin Lane. Mr. Youmans asked that this portion of the right of way be abandoned solely to him, since the right of way crosses his driveway. Mr. Youmans stated that he would obtain and pay for the necessary survey and the legal instruments needed to accomplish the abandonment. Mr. Youmans expressed his belief that other portions of the right of way had previously been abandoned. Mr. Youmans added that the nearest property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mo Ahmadi, would not be affected by Mr. Youmans' proposal and would have access to their own driveway from the end of Marvin Lane. Mr. Youmans also plans to discuss this matter with another nearby property owner, Gus Glascock. City Attorney Bill Pickering stated that the City had abandoned other rights of way under similar circumstances when the City had no need to retain the right of way. Mr. Pickering added that Mr. Youmans would need to provide confirmation that the remainder of this particular right of way had, in fact, been abandoned. If not, the City would probably want to address the abandonment of the entire right of way at the same time rather than doing this piecemeal. Council Member Tony Towns made a motion that the Council preliminarily approve the abandonment of the right of way adjacent to Mr. Youmans' and Gus Glascock's property, subject to Mr. Youmans providing confirmation that

the remainder of the right of way has already been abandoned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

MARK HUFFINES – DISCUSSION OF FUTURE APPLICATION FOR HOME

SHARING PERMIT: Mr. Huffines, who resides at 1307 Peter Pan Road, appeared before the Council to explain plans for the renovation of his home, which would include the addition of a master bedroom and mother-in-law suite. The mother-in-law suite would be used by his parents and family members when visiting. The suite is fully integrated with and accessible to the remainder of the house, although the suite would have its own entrance. Mr. Huffines is interested in using the suite for home sharing when it is not being used by family. Mr. Huffines wanted to obtain confirmation that the Council did not, in principle, see a problem with the use of the mother-in-law suite for home sharing. Mr. Pickering noted that no action or formal approval by the Council was being requested and stated that Mr. Huffines would need to submit his renovation plans to the Municipal Planning Commission for approval and that the renovations would have to be completed in accordance with the approved plans before a home sharing application could be made. Mr. Pickering also confirmed that Mr. Huffines understands that, with home sharing, he would need to be present in the home while guests were there. Mr. Huffines stated that he understood and that this would not be an issue since the home is Mr. Huffines' primary residence. Building Official Larry Reed was present, stated that he had reviewed Mr. Huffines' renovation plans, and confirmed that the plans would be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. No action by the Council was taken or requested. The Council Members present did not state any objections to Mr. Huffines' proposed use of the suite for home sharing. It was noted that the Home Sharing ordinance limits the number of home shares which may be approved. Mr. Huffines stated that he would not expect his renovations to be completed for about a year, but it is unlikely that the number of home shares in the City will have exceeded the limit contained in the ordinance by that time.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM: No report. Planning Commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE – TAYLOR WATSON: Council Member Taylor Watson provided the monthly police report.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE – TONY TOWNS: Council Member Tony Towns reported that the committee was working on procedures and guidance for the implementation of stormwater plans for subdivisions such as Kirkgate.

PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN LECKENBY: Council Member Kevin Leckenby reported that staffing issues have continued to force the Public Works Department to focus on day-to-day activities and fleet management rather than the department's long-term wish list. The department has added a new staff member but is still short staffed. Salt for the roads has been purchased, and Daniel Cates is working on its safe storage. City Manager Kenny Lee has scheduled a final walk through with Southeast Connections to review the gas line work. Residents are asked to let Mr. Lee know of any issues so they can be addressed. The next Dumpster Day is Saturday, January 7. Electronics are now accepted for parts recycling.

STORMWATER REPORT – BRAD HAVEN: Mr. Haven submitted a written stormwater report which was in the Council packet.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE –PUMP STATION REPAIRS - WES HASDEN: Mr. Hasden reported that the City was finalizing an updated agreement with Newsome Engineering, the consulting engineer for the Chickamauga Trail pump station project.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham advised that Mayor Bennett was unable to attend today's Council meeting but that he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Pickering
City Attorney and Acting Clerk