

Buford City Commission

February 3, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 3, 2025 at Buford City Hall 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 February 3, 2025 Commission meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the January 6, 2025 regular meeting and the minutes from the special called meeting on January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. 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-25-01: James Hall requested rezoning for the property located at 105 Scott Street from R-100 to Public. The 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. Site plan shall be provided, and it needs to show minimum parking requirements can be accommodated on site. The final site plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director.
2. The existing building shall comply with ADA accessibility requirements. ADA compliance required for all public use buildings.
3. The applicant shall provide a traffic layout plan/narratives of how pick-up/drop-off traffic is handled, and it will not impact adjacent commercial and residential uses.
4. No business-related parking shall be located on any public street.
5. Any proposed site improvements shall be in compliance with the City's stormwater management regulations.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

JS PW

AW

#Z-25-02: NWC #5 Partnership requested rezoning for the property located at 2924 Gravel Springs Road from C-2 to M-1. Grant Middleton, project engineer, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated the site would be used for a portable restroom operation facility for storage and distribution of clean portable restrooms. They would use the existing house for the office area and storage of the portable restrooms would be behind the building in the back portion of the property. The portable restrooms would be washed and cleaned before delivery to site. They would be stored and screened with a six (6) foot high solid barrier fence. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to deny the request.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Special Use Permits:

#SUP-25-01: DoDream Baptist Korean Church requested a special use permit for the property located at 1705 Enterprise Drive. The special use permit requested is to allow a church and missionary center for worship services and community outreach programs. The applicant was present and stated they would like to use the building for a church. They have approximately 30 members. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The special use permit applies to the DoDream Baptist Korean Church and at such time in the future the church leaves the building the special use permit expires.
2. The special use permit is for the operation of a church only. Weekly daycare is not approved under this application.
3. The applicant shall provide the City with the number of seats in the main auditorium to determine if the existing parking is sufficient per code. If parking is short of the required per code the applicant needs to provide a solution for sufficient parking.
4. The approval of this special use permit does not provide relief of any requirements of the Zoning Ordinance or Development Regulations.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated at this time there would be a public hearing to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of Buford as provided in House Bill 581. The Chairman explained House Bill 581 to the audience and Buford's decision to opt out. The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments. An audience member asked a question about HB 581. Chairman Beard explained the current property tax exemptions in the City.

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

Ayes 3
Nays 0

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Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve renewal of Workers Compensation policy for 2025-2026 with Summit Insurance Company.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize staff to investigate the potential abandonment of a certain portion of South Garnett Street from E. Moreno Street to E. Park Street, and, if appropriate, take the necessary steps in compliance with State of Georgia statute for the matter to come before the City Commission including the notification of adjoining property owners, subject to the City Manager, Planning Director and City Attorney approving the use and plans for the abandonment.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve City of Buford 2025-2026 theatrical season, concerts and performances at Buford Community Center.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to sign a resolution to apply for Fiscal Year 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding in the amount up to Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for a pedestrian bridge connecting to the City's sidewalk network, Buford High School and Buford City Stadium ("Project"); and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City Council of the City of Rest Haven to provide for the transfer of certain Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) monies to the City of Rest Haven in furtherance of a stormwater project; and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve surplus items as presented and authority City Manager to list items on Govdeals.com and other markets.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve landscape care bids for properties maintained at Buford City Schools and other city properties.



Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #18137-35 in the amount of \$61,797.49 to Breaux & Associates for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #26 in the amount of \$793,982.00 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #130034 in the amount of \$21,712.74 to dB Integrations for audio/visual installation at Buford City Stadium.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment of Invoice #1129 in the amount of \$1,239,284.00 to Digital Scoreboards, LLC for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize final payment of Invoice #2403-023-2 in the amount of \$4,861.13 to Charles Black Construction Co., Inc. for Bona Road Gym improvements project.

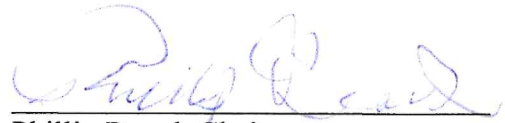
Ayes 3
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

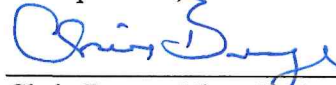
Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

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

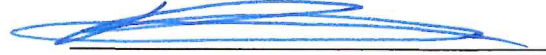
Ayes 3
Nays 0



Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk

3-3-25

Date