



**City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting**

MINUTES

June 21, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rhonda Haight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rhonda Haight, Council Members Angie Arp, Jack Taylor, Christy Kay, City Attorney Chuck Conerly, City Administrator Eric Soroka, and City Clerk Amy Mintz.

2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Council Member Taylor.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

a) May 26, 2022 – Special Called Meeting

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable)

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

5. Called Public Hearings (rezoning or appeals authorized by Ordinance)

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- a) A ZONING ORDINANCE/ACTION AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, BY REZONING ONE PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, BEING TAX PARCEL BR01 136 OWNED BY LATTY, LLC AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY DEED ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS ZONING ORDINANCE ("PROPERTY") AND REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ("R-2") TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ("C-2"); REPEALING CONFLICTING ZONING ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

Adopted as Ordinance No. BR2022-19.

- b) A ZONING ORDINANCE/ACTION AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, BY REZONING TWO PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, BEING TAX PARCELS BR03 033 AND BR03 034 OWNED BY SEARLES FOUNDATION AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND FUND, LLC AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 9.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY DEED ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS ZONING ORDINANCE ("PROPERTY") AND REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL ("C-2") TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ("R-3"); REPEALING CONFLICTING ZONING ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)

A motion to approved was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

Adopted as Ordinance No. BR2022-20

City Attorney discussed the following ordinance to be voted on:

- c) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ("BUSINESS REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE II ("OCCUPATIONAL TAXES") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO REASSIGN CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE; TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEADLINES' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously.

Adopted as Ordinance No. BR2022-18

City Attorney discussed the following ordinance for the first reading:

- d) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION") ARTICLE VII ("TAXATION AND FINANCE"), DIVISION 3 "(ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO REASSIGN CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (FIRST READING)

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6. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

- a) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$6,780 TO REPLACE THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE BAUGH HOUSE.

7. Action Agenda Items (Items requiring the approval of the City Council)

(NONE)

8. Discussion Agenda Items (NONE)

9. Reports

- a) Downtown Development Authority Update

Council Member Arp provided an update.

- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update

Mayor Haight advised the parade will be held on July 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

- c) Certificate of Appreciation for LOGO Design

Mayor Haight presented the award to Megan McDaniel.

10. Public Comments

- a) Ken Brenneman
- b) Dr. Jimmy Diaz

11. Executive Session (if needed)

A motion to enter into executive session was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously. Executive session opened at 5:18 PM.

A motion to adjourn executive session was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously. Executive session adjourned at 5:40 PM.

City Attorney discussed a resolution to adopt a 90-day moratorium on the acceptance of applications to rezone property within the city of Blue Ridge and the acceptance of land disturbance and building

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permits with in the "CBD" "C-2" AND "R-3" zoning districts.

A motion to adopt resolution BR2022-21 was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

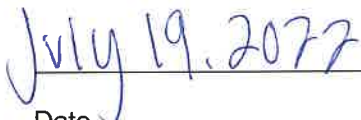
A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.



Mayor, Rhonda Haight



City Clerk, Amy Mintz



Date



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