

Mayor
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Eric M. Soroka

City Clerk
Amy Mintz

City Attorney
Chuck Conerly

City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting
RECAP

May 17, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

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1. **Call Meeting to Order 5:00 PM**
 2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Whaley**
 3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved**
 - a) April 19, 2022 – Council Meeting
 - b) May 2, 2022 – Joint Meeting with County
 - c) May 2, 2022 – Joint Meeting with DDA
 4. **Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable) Approved**
 5. **Called Public Hearings (rezoning or appeals authorized by Ordinance)**
 - a) AN ORDINANCE (I) TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE III (“DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”), DIVISION 1 (“GENERALLY”), SECTION 2-52 (“DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA; (II) TO DELETE DIVISION 2 (“DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL”), DIVISION 3 (“DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”), DIVISION 4 (“WATER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT”), DIVISION 5 (“STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT”), AND DIVISION 6 (“DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDING INSPECTION”) IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND (III) TO RENUMBER DIVISION 7 (“CITY PLANNING COMMISSION”), DIVISION 8 (“BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”), AND DIVISION 9 (“AREA PLANNING COMMISSION”). (SECOND READING)
Adopted as Ordinance No. BR2022-15
 - b) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION OF MAY 3, 2022 TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF 78 WEST FAIN STREET

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(PARCEL BR01 136), OWNED BY LATY, LLC AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.38 ACRES, FROM R2 TO C2.

Approved

- c) 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. (FIRST READING)

First Reading

- d) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION OF MAY 3, 2022 TO APPROVE SEARLES FOUNDATION AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND FUND, LLC TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-3). A TRACT OF LAND TOTALING 9.08-ACRES LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOARDTOWN ROAD AND TRACKSIDE LANE AND IS IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL BR03 033 AND BR03 034

Approved

- e) 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. (FIRST READING)

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- f) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 (“BUSINESS REGULATIONS”) ARTICLE II (“OCCUPATIONAL TAXES”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF

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BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO REASSIGN CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE; TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEADLINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (FIRST READING)

First Reading

6. **Consent Agenda Approved**

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. BR 2018-12-11, BY WHICH THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE CREATED THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA (“DDA”), TO RESTATE AND CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES CONFERRED UPON THE DDA.
- b) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$12,400 FOR A KUBOTA ZD1011-3-54 RIDING MOWER WITH NELSON TRACTOR COMPANY, INC.
- c) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$3,557 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF POLICE ISSUED HANDGUNS FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

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

- a) MOTION TO ADOPT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN DOCUMENT.
Accepted

8. **Discussion Agenda Items None**

9. **Reports**

- a) Proclamation
- b) Downtown Development Authority Update
- c) Blue Ridge Business Association Update

10. **Public Comments None**

11. **Executive Session (if needed) Opened at 6:02 PM. Adjourned at 6:46 PM.**

12. **Adjournment 6:47 PM.**

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