



**COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
JULY 15, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith, Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - Acting City Administrator, Richard Carothers – Attorney

Members of the Public: 0

Members of the Press: 0

WORK SESSION

The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

AGENDA

Threadgill: Today Tom Rozier submitted his letter of resignation and the following items need to be added to tonight's agenda: new business (e) acceptance of Tom Rozier's resignation, new business (f) appointment of Leigh Threadgill as City Administrator and new business (g) authorization of consulting agreement with Tom Rozier.

Spitler made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Smith seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) O-21-239 Proposed 2020 Budget Amendment 1

Salter solicited comments from the public regarding the proposed 2020 budget amendment.

There were no comments.

- b) R-21-03 Proposed 2021 Millage Rate

Salter solicited comments from the public regarding the proposed 2021 millage rate.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of June 17, 2021 Council Meeting
- b) Financial Reports for May 2021, Unaudited

McDaniel made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) O-21-239 Proposed 2020 Budget Amendment 1

Threadgill: O-21-239 is a housekeeping measure to identify a final status of expenses and revenues for 2020. I am requesting that council adopt the amendment.

Spitler made a motion to place O-21-239, an ordinance to amend the budget for the year 2020 on first read, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b) R-21-03 Proposed 2021 Millage Rate

Threadgill: You have before you a recommended millage rate of 1.746 mills for the year 2021. The recommended rate is equal to the rollback rate. As an example, for a home with a fair market value of \$575,000 in 2020, the city property tax was \$403.65. For a home of the same value in 2021, the tax will be \$401.58, which represents a 0.51% reduction in taxes year to year. The citizen Finance Committee unanimously supports the recommended rate.

Lee made a motion to adopt R-21-03, a resolution to levy an ad valorem tax for the calendar year of 2021 at the rate of 1.746 mills on all property subject to taxation in the City of Berkeley Lake. Smith seconded the motion. All remaining council members were in favor and the motion passed.

- c) Approval to Accept H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds

Threadgill: The City of Berkeley Lake is scheduled to receive approximately \$800,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding. Use of that funding is governed by federal law and guidance is provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury. For tonight, I am asking you to authorize the mayor to accept the funding as provided.

Smith made a motion to authorize the mayor to accept funding allocated to the City of Berkeley Lake under the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- d) Authorization to Purchase Land Parcel R6268 027 Adjacent to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and City Green Space

Carothers asked for a motion to approve the authorization to purchase land adjacent to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and City Green Space for \$75,000 and to ratify the expenditure of costs involved with the purchase including a title report and survey and related expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.

Lee made a motion to ratify a contract to purchase Land Parcel R6268 027 in the amount of \$75,000 and to execute all related documents to secure the property in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for related expenditures. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- e) Acceptance of Tom Rozier's Resignation

McDaniel made a motion to accept Mr. Rozier's resignation to be effective on July 31, 2021. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- f) Appointment of Leigh Threadgill as City Administrator

McDaniel made a motion to appointment of Leigh Threadgill as City Administrator effective August 1, 2021 at a salary to be approved by the Mayor. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- g) Authorization of Consulting Agreement with Tom Rozier

Carothers asked for a motion to authorize the City of Berkeley Lake to enter into a consulting agreement with Tom Rozier pursuant to which he will advise the city and the city administrator on operations and management and will receive compensation at the rate of \$100 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week and said agreement shall be for a two-year term terminable by either party upon 30 days' notice, and further move to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement to be approved as to form by the City Attorney.

McDaniel made a motion to enter into the consulting agreement with Tom Rozier subject to the terms and conditions outlined by Carothers. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

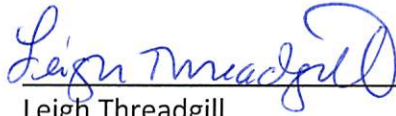
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Spitler moved to adjourn. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.



Leigh Threadgill
City Clerk

