CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ● MARCH 10, 2025
MINUTES

Regular Meeting	**City Council Chamber** 107 South Lee Street - City Hall, Kingsland, GA 31548	**6:00 PM**

I. PUBLIC HEARING - STARTS AT 6:00PM

Mayor Day opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

1. Proposed Closure of the Railroad Crossing on Summerbrook Trail in Kingsland

St. Marys Railroad is petitioning to permanently close the railroad crossing located at Summerbrook Trail.

Mayor Day reminded the audience that the request to close the railroad crossing had come from St. Marys Railroad and not the city.

1. James Payne, 113 Wood Hollow Road, Kingsland, addressed the mayor and council and asked that they not allow the closure of the railroad crossing. Mr Payne cited safety issues as his main concern. He also asked about cleaning up the debris and tires that had been dumped at that intersection.
2. Jeff Hines, 106 Royal Acres Circle, Kingsland, addressed the mayor and council and asked that they not allow the closure of the railroad crossing. Mr. Hines cited safety issues during flooding. He also asked if a traffic study had been completed.
3. Josh Kukalis, 102 Wood Hollow Road, Kingsland, addressed the mayor and council and asked that they not allow the closure of the railroad crossing. Mr. Kukalis cited safety concerns and the additional time it would add for public safety and school buses.
4. Michael King, 114 Innerlake Lane, Kingsland, addressed the mayor and council and asked that they not allow the closure of the railroad crossing. Mr. King cited safety concerns, the additional time for public safety and school buses and the additional traffic it would add to Boone Avenue. Mr. King also submitted a petition to mayor and council.
5. Jennifer Elicker, 102 Wood Hollow Road, Kingsland, addressed mayor and council and asked that they not allow the closure of the railroad crossing. Ms. Elicker cited personal reasons for asking that this remain open.
6. Paul Pleasant, General Manager for St. Marys Railroad, 510 Gallop Street, St. Marys, addressed the mayor and council in regards to the requested closure. He stated that the crossing in question meets the minimum Federal standards for railroad crossings. Mr. Pleasant stated the increasing number of accidents and fatalities across the country at railroad crossings and the close calls at the

crossing in question is the reason for the closure request.

7. James Payne, 113 Wood Hollow Road, Kingsland, asked if all other railroad crossings west of the crossing in question would be closed. Mr. Payne said the number of fatalities is not good, but there is always going to be stupid.
8. Fyrth Morris, 110 East Lily Street, Kingsland, said that he found when a road is closed, it needs to go to Atlanta to be approved.
9. Paul Pleasant,General Manager for St. Marys Railroad, 510 Gallop Street, St. Marys, advised that the crossings west of the one in question had better visibility and the train speed limit is slower so there is no issues with those.
10. Demond Henson, 123 Summerbrook Trail, Kingsland, said his home is right next to the crossing, and he sees people speeding across the tracks all the time. Mr. Henson asked if speed bumps or rumble strips could be installed on either side of the tracks to slow cars down.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Day called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

III. ROLL CALL

Charles Grayson Day Jr., Mayor
Paul Chamberlin
Farran Fullilove, Councilman
Kristy Chance, Councilwoman
Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem

PRESENT:	Councilman Alex Blount Councilman Paul Chamberlin Councilwoman Kristy Chance Mayor Grayson Day, Jr. Councilman Farran Fullilove
ABSENT:	

IV. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilwoman Chance gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

V. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

1. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting

2. Approve the Agenda as Presented

3. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognize Prior Planning Commission Board Members

   Mr. Bryant Shepard
   Mr. Fyrth Morris
   Mr. Michael Haynes

Mayor Day recognized Mr. Shepard, Mr. Morris and Mr. Haynes for their time serving on the Planning Commission.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Rosetta Webster, 1049 Boone Avenue, Kingsland, addressed the mayor and council stating she was unaware of the proposed railroad crossing and that it pays to come to council meetings.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval of Annexation & Zoning Designation - Parcel 095 010B

   Brennan Reine has applied for the Annexation of Parcel 095 010B containing approximately 1.50 acres located on the south side of Boone Street in the unincorporated area of Camden County. The purpose of the Annexation is to have water and sewer access to the parcel for a proposed 4-lot single family minor subdivision development. There is existing water and sewer access in the area. The applicant is also requesting a zoning designation of R-1 (Single Family Residential) for the parcel if annexation is approved. Current zoning is C-G/General Commercial (County). **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Alex Blount
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

2. Final Plat - Settler's Hammock Phase 5

   Gary Neville, acting agent for Lamar Smith Signature Group, has submitted a

Final Plat for Settler's Hammock Phase 5, consisting of 28 single family lots on approximately 13.6 acres. **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

3. Annexation Request and Zoning Designation - 595 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Jamie Frazier Rayford has applied for the Annexation of Parcel 082C 02 006 containing approximately 3 acres located at 595 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Camden County. The purpose of the Annexation is to have water and sewer access for a single family home to be built on the parcel. The applicant is also requesting a zoning designation of R-1 (Single Family Residential). Current zoning is R-2-Low Density Residential (County). **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Paul Chamberlin
SECONDER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

4. Annexation Request and Zoning Designation - 860 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Jonathan Lang and Clifford Waye have applied for the Annexation of Parcel 082D 03 008 containing approximately .36 acres located at 860 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Camden County. The purpose of the Annexation is to have water and sewer access for the existing single family home on the parcel. The applicant is also requesting a zoning designation of R-1 (Single Family Residential). Current zoning is A-F-Agricultural Forestry (County). **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
SECONDER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr.,

Farran Fullilove

5. Annexation Request and Zoning Designation - 573 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Sabrina Burch and Louis Burch, Jr. have applied for the Annexation of Parcel 082C 02 005D containing approximately 1 acre located at 573 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Camden County. The purpose of the Annexation is to have water and sewer access for the single family home to be built on the parcel. The applicants are also requesting a zoning designation of R-1 (Single Family Residential). Current zoning is R-2-Low Density Residential (County). **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
SECONDER:	Councilman Paul Chamberlin
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

6. Variance - Camden Way Apartments

Stephen Chapin, Jr., with Camden Way Apartments has submitted a variance application for Parcel 107 016 and 107 016A located at 145 North Gross Road. The applicant is requesting a variance to Article VII, Sec. 70.1.3, #8(b)- Minimum dwelling unit size in an R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is requesting to convert an existing maintenance closet that is 388 square feet into a studio apartment unit. The square footing requirement for an apartment dwelling is 600 square feet. This will be a one-time variance request. The Planning Director and Building Official see no issues with the variance request. Zoning is R-3. **Planning Commission recommends approval.**

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
SECONDER:	Councilman Farran Fullilove
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of: Railroad Crossing Removal at Summerbrook Trail

St. Marys Railroad is petitioning to permanently close the railroad crossing located at Summerbrook Trail.

Councilman Blount made a motion to deny St. Marys Railroad's request to close the railroad crossing.
Councilman Fullilove seconded the motion.

2. Approval of: FLOCK Public Safety Camera System

An integrated public safety platform that detects, centralizes and decodes actionable evidence to increase safety, improve efficiency, and connect the community.

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve, noting that the funding will come from the School Camera Fund.

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Alex Blount
SECONDER:	Councilman Paul Chamberlin
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

3. Approval of: Purchase of Intox Machine from CMI, Inc., for $10,225.32. The funding source will be the School Camera Fund. The user department has determined this equipment to be a sole source procurement.

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Alex Blount
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Kristy Chance
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

4. Approval of: Resolution #2025-04 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Resolution

Finance Director Filiz Morrow stated that this was needed for the Grant Fund to show the in-kind match.

5. Approval of: Ordinance #2025-09 to Amend Water and Sewer Connection Fees, Section 3, Capital Recovery Fees

Councilman Blount noted that capital recovery fees were added in 2004/2005 and last increased in 2006. He stated that with the cost of the current projects in place, the increase was necessary. Councilman Blount made a motion to approve, noting that the increased capital recovery fees would go into effect as of May 1, 2025.

RESULT:	**PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Councilman Alex Blount
SECONDER:	Councilman Paul Chamberlin
AYES:	Alex Blount, Paul Chamberlin, Kristy Chance, Grayson Day, Jr., Farran Fullilove

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Fullilove stated the Mardi Gras festial was outstanding.
Mayor Day thanked K-Bay and all city staff that worked on the Mardi Gras Festival.
Councilwoman Chance reminded everyone of the Spring Carnival starting on March 20, 2025 at The Lawn.

XII. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn.
Councilwoman Chance seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.