

CITY OF LAGRANGE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER @ 6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

WELCOME- Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT-

Mayor John Black
City Clerk, Heather Woodcox
Finance Director, Cindy Alvano

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' PRESENT-

Latosha Booker-Bishop	Jason Taylor	Jason Kinser-absent
Lucy Ricketts	Laura Taylor	Kenneth Powell
Joe Davenport	Trey Kamer	

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2025, AGENDA

Council Member Laura Taylor made a motion to table Ordinance No.16, series 2025 for further review. Second by, Council Member Jason Taylor. **Roll Call vote:**

Latosha Booker-Bishop	NO	Lucy Ricketts	NO
Jason Kinser	ABSENT	Jason Taylor	YES
Joe Davenport	NO	Kenneth Powell	NO
Trey Kamer	NO	Laura Taylor	YES

Motion did not pass: 2-5 (Council Members Bishop, Ricketts, Kinser, Davenport, and Powell Opposed)

Mayor Black made motion to move Item #10 (Director's Report) after Item #13 (First Reading Ordinance No.17)

Motion in favor passed:6-1 (Council Member Laura Taylor-Opposed)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to approve: Council Member Trey Kamer

Second by: Council Member Joe Davenport

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Noah Durahan- New owner of the local rock quarry. He wanted to let public know that they plan to continue business as usual. New business name is "Bluegrass Springs".

Kevin Jeffries- Updated Council on upcoming Planning Commission meetings regarding Data Center regulations.

Don Erler- Gave opinion regarding Data Center Planning Commission meetings.

Rob Halchins- Serves on the Data Center Planning Commission. Came to update council on the Data Center Commission meetings.

***Council Member Jason Kinser joined meeting at 7:02pm**

Cindy introduced the new Financial Assistant Paul Stottmann and the new administration assistant Shelby Tirbs.

CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO

> PAYABLES

Motion to approve: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

>FINANCIAL REPORT-2025-2026 F/Y TRIAL BALANCES

Motion to approve: Council Member Jason Kinser

Second by: Council Member Latosha Bishop-Booker

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

>BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion to approve both reports: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT-DONNA SABO

* \$23,588 Bank Balance/ about \$100,000 CD

*Presented the Mural design that will be painted in Oldham Plaza

*This Saturday is the Alley Loop Festival. Will be La Grange's first Idol contest. Food vendors, dance party with Bluey, and craft vendors. Will be 4pm-8pm.

*Showed Council what the EDC signs will look like.

LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT- JOSH RAHM

*4th Street Sewer Project – Waiting to complete paving and final clean up

*Oldham Reserve construction progress–3 contractors currently on site.

*Courts-Going to rebid

*East Peak and Trilogy sewer extension-waiting on contractors to start construction.

Motion to approve Utility Report: Council Member Joe Davenport

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.16-SERIES 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING ORDINANCE

Attorney Craigmyle summarized Ordinance No.16, series 2025

Motion to approve: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Motion to go into Public Hearing: Council Member Latosha Booker-Bishop

Second by: Council Member Kenneth Powell

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Public Hearing:

Rod Spies- came to speak in support of the proposed ordinance amendments.

The following citizens came to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance:

Chris Dremov, Rhonda Broughton, Kevin Jeffries, Robin Viel, Rebecca Clark, Blain Anderson, Sarah Little, Jeff Webb, Joe Kepler & Joe Pierce.

Attorney Craigmyle- read questions/comments submitted by Citizen Blake Hazelton. See Attached

Motion to go out of Public Hearing: Council Member Lucy Ricketts

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 8-0

Motion to table Ordinance made by Council Member Laura Taylor second by Council Member Jason Kinser.

Roll Call Vote:

Latosha Booker-Bishop	No	Lucy Ricketts	No
Jason Kinser	Yes	Jason Taylor	Yes
Joe Davenport	No	Kenneth Powell	No
Trey Kamer	Yes	Laura Taylor	Yes

Yes-4 / No-4- Mayor Black Vote-No.-Motion to table ordinance does not pass.

Discussion between Council Members.

Roll Call Vote to approve Ordinance No.16, 2025:

Latosha Booker-Bishop	NO	Lucy Ricketts	NO
Jason Kinser	NO	Jason Taylor	NO
Joe Davenport	NO	Kenneth Powell	NO
Trey Kamer	NO	Laura Taylor	NO

Motion in favor does not pass 0-YES / 8-NO

***Break 8:54pm- 9:09pm

Council Member Lucy Ricketts did not return to meeting after break.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.15-SERIES 2025-
AMENDING AND REPLACING THE CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE.

Attorney Craigmyle summarized Ordinance No.15 series 2025.

Motion to table Ordinance No. 15, series 2025 made by Council Member Jason Kinser, motion seconded by Council Member Jason Taylor.

Roll Call Vote:

Latosha Booker-Bishop	YES	Jason Taylor	YES
Jason Kinser	YES	Kenneth Powell	YES
Joe Davenport	YES	Laura Taylor	YES
Trey Kamer	YES		

Motion to table Ordinance No.15, Series 2025 passes 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.17-SERIES 2025 FOR FIRST READING-

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING MORATORIUM

Attorney Craigmyle read Ordinance No.17 series 2025 in its entirety.

DIRECTORS REPORT-

Chief Collett-La Grange Police Department:

Updated Council on new hires and potential new hires. Spoke regarding the increase in patrols and enforcement on Allen Lane traffic. Informed Council on health issues their K-9 is currently experiencing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER

Updated council on improvements and upcoming improvements to signs at all of the parks. Committee received quotes for new fences at Eagle Creek Golf Course. Next meeting will be 10/8/25 at 5:00pm.

ORDINANCE & CODE ENFORCEMENT-LAURA TAYLOR

Committee met on 9/9/25-currently working on sign ordinance and working on updating the Code Enforcement Officer's Job Description. Next meeting will be 10/13/25 at 5:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT- No Comment

OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD BUSINESS- No Comment

OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY NEW BUSINESS- No Comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3rd, 2025.

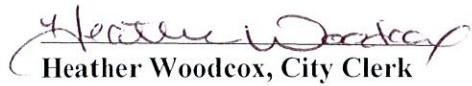
ADJOURNMENT- 10:28pm

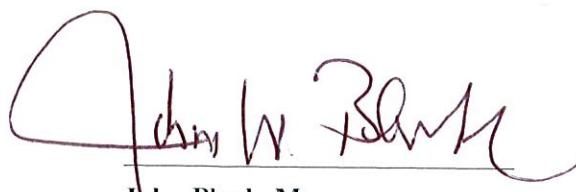
Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Laura Taylor

Second by: Council Member Jason Kinser

Motion in favor passed unanimously: 7-0

Attest:


Heather Woodcox, City Clerk


John Black, Mayor



Fwd: Proposed Amendment to Parking Ordinance

From Mayor <mayor@lagrangeky.gov>

Date Mon 10/6/2025 1:26 PM

To Shelby Tirbs <stirbs@lagrangeky.gov>

Please make a copy of these comments for me -thank you —

John W. Black
Mayor of LaGrange
307 W. Jefferson St
LaGrange, KY 40031
Office: 502-222-1433
Cell: 502-376-6799

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Haselton, W." <blake.haselton@louisville.edu>

Date: October 6, 2025 at 1:23:48 PM EDT

To: Mayor <mayor@lagrangeky.gov>

Cc: Beach Craigmyle <craigmyle@legnet.com>, Stephanie Wenther <SWenthaler@lagrangeky.gov>

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Parking Ordinance

I understand that proposed amendments to the City of LaGrange Parking Ordinance will be considered at the Council meeting tonight and, although I will be unable to attend due to a previously scheduled out of town trip, I am submitting the following written comments with a request that you share them at the Council meeting tonight during discussion of the proposal. Specific concerns as follows:

1. Referencing 72.02 B - Manner of Parking, the proposal, if enacted, will interfere with emergency vehicles (fire, police, ambulance, EMS, etc.), school buses, mailbox delivery, delivery vehicles (UPS and Amazon), and garbage trucks. Parking on both sides of the street reduces space for these vehicles, as does allowing parking in cul de sacs. Mention is also made of "circumstances, or "special circumstances", which begs the question of who determines what circumstances qualify and who determines a valid circumstance?
2. Referencing 72.03 B - Limitations of Stopping and Parking, amends the current provision prohibiting parking on a sidewalk, adding "except in residential neighborhoods where a sidewalk and a driveway to the homeowner's residence cross." People walking for exercise on sidewalks, especially seniors,

do not need to be dodging cars parked on the sidewalk or intersections of sidewalks. Sidewalks are in the public right of way. This entire section is problematic as few residents, let alone visitors, will the read the 16 exceptions listed. The proposal, if adopted, presents an enforcement nightmare for the LaGrange police and Code enforcement staff.

3. Referencing 72.45 Snow Emergencies (A) mention is made of "heavy snowfall", which is not defined, and no mention is made of sleet, ice, back ice, or road conditions. Ground temperatures influence how much of a hazard snow presents. Again, there is so much new procedure proposed that by the time the Mayor and police processed it, the time lost in doing so may add to the hazard. The City has an outstanding public works department and City Hall has a record of significant success in dealing with weather challenges.
4. Referencing 72.61 Parking in Business District, this proposal amends the parking limit within the business district from two to four hours. Parking is limited in the business district now, and with the proposed extension, will necessitate additional parking facilities. The reopening of the Courthouse will only add parking to this scenario.
5. Referencing 72.99 Penalty, this proposal reducing the fine structure to \$50, or \$25 if paid early, rather than the current progressive violation rates of \$50,\$100 and \$500. There is no incentive for repeat violators to not continue to violate the parking ordinance. An additional question is whether this provision will apply to all violations of the Parking ordinance or just those in the Business District?

Concluding, this proposal needs additional work by the Ordinance Committee, addressing the concerns expressed above. I recommend rejecting this proposal, and sending it back to the Committee, with the assumption all agree that public streets and sidewalks are not the domain of a homeowner, but are for access and use by the public for the intended purpose and services. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

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