

# Buford City Commission

November 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 4, 2024 at Buford City Hall and all Commission members were present.

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Burge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the November 4, 2024 meeting.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Chairman Beard recognized Darryl McEachin for his twenty (20) years of service with the City.

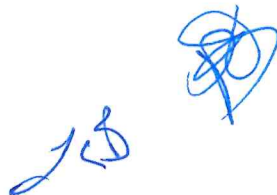
Chairman Beard stated that this portion of the meeting would be set aside for public hearings.

## Special Use Permits:

**#SUP-24-19:** TAG Auto Solutions, LLC requested a special use permit for the property located at 5217 Bellewood Court. The special use permit requested is to allow towing vehicles to this location for diagnostic and calibration work. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Automotive work shall take place within the building. Outdoor work on equipment shall be prohibited.
2. Outdoor storage of parts, junk vehicles, or automotive repair-related equipment shall be prohibited.
3. This special use permit is approved for TAG Auto Solutions, LLC only and shall expire should the applicant vacate the property.
4. Parking of vehicles are to be in designated striped parking areas only.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0



**#SUP-24-20:** Blue Diamond Pumps, Inc. requested a special use permit for the property located at 5047 B.U. Bowman Drive. The special use permit requested is to allow temporary storage containers on the northwest side of the property. Applicant was not present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Outdoor storage shall be inside the temporary containers and not accumulated outside in the areas.
2. The containers are removing seven required parking spaces as shown on the plans. Parking shall not spill into areas that are not striped and designated as parking spaces. On-street parking is prohibited.
3. The temporary containers shall be removed from the site eight (8) months from the date of approval of the special use permit.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

**#SUP-24-22:** Steve White requested a special use permit for the property located at 4965 Lanier Islands Parkway, Suite 101. The special use permit requested is to allow a fast-food drive-thru service. The applicant was present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Approval of this special use permit is for Jimmy John's and will expire should the current owner vacate the site.
2. The applicant shall provide the Planning Director with a calculation of square footage for the building. The calculation is to provide an accurate parking calculation using the correct parking ratios for retail use. Should the calculations indicate the current conditions for parking cannot be met the applicant must apply for a parking reduction variance.
3. The approval of the special use permit does not confer approval for any non-compliant components depicted on the submitted site plan. All applicable federal, state, and local codes must be adhered to for the proposed development, unless variances have been granted to allow specific deviations.
4. All parking and driveway surfaces to be asphalt or concrete with curb and gutter meeting the minimal standards of the City of Buford Development Regulations.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

**#SUP-24-23:** Hakim Hillard requested a special use permit for the property located at 4965 Lanier Islands Parkway, Suite 112. The special use permit requested is to allow a vape shop. The applicant was not present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to deny the request.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

**#SUP-24-24:** Shine Bright Auto Solutions requested a special use permit for the property located at 5215 Palmero Court, Suite 103. The special use permit requested is to allow mobile detail and tint applications. Two business owners were present. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Automotive work shall take place within the building. Outdoor work shall be prohibited.
2. Outdoor storage of parts, junk vehicles, or automotive repair-related equipment shall be prohibited.
3. This special use permit is approved for Shine Bright Auto Solutions only and shall expire should the applicant vacate the property.
4. Parking of vehicles are to be in designated striped parking areas only.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

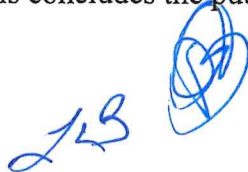
**Annexations:**

**Plat #700/#Z-24-31:** Seefried Industrial Properties requested annexation and rezoning for the property located at 4602 Bennett Road from AR-III to M-1. Doug Smith spoke on behalf of the applicant. Hall County did not object to this annexation and rezoning. No one spoke against the request. Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the request with the following conditions:

1. Recommendations from the review and report of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) shall be incorporated into the final site plan design and reviewed for compliance by the Planning Director.
2. The final development design shall be substantially similar to the site plan provided with the application including the sizes of the proposed buildings and parking.
3. Building elevations shall be similar in material and color to the elevations provided by the applicant. Building permit plans and elevations are to be approved by the Planning Director and may include concrete tilt-up construction.
4. The site shall be approved to have retaining walls in the front yard. The final design, location and material to be approved by the Planning Director.
5. The development shall include a 20' enhanced landscape strip, adjacent to the right-of-way, planted with a mixture of evergreen trees and shrubs to provide an effective screen from Friendship Road. The final landscape plan is to be submitted to the Planning Director.
6. Outdoor lighting shall be contained in cut-off luminaries and shall be directed toward the property so as not to reflect into adjacent properties or rights-of-way.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.





Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve extension of #SUP-15-14 at 4560 Atwater Court, Suites 101-102 to allow church operations to continue for an additional one (1) year.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve updates to City of Buford Personnel Policy, subject to the approval of City Attorney.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve recommendation of city engineer for renewal of water and sewer annual contracts for an additional year with JDS, Inc. with a contract price increase of 7.5%.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #18137-32 in the amount of \$37,393.61 to Breaux & Associates for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #23 in the amount of \$2,713,279.00 to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. for Buford City Stadium project.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #1015 in the amount of \$619,642.00 to Digital Scoreboards, LLC for Buford City Stadium project.

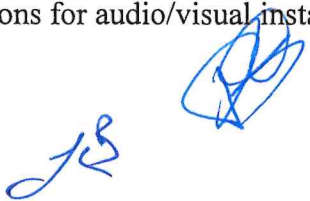
Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$82,307.24 to dB Integrations for audio/visual installation at Buford City Stadium.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #3 in the amount of \$215,109.32 to dB Integrations for audio/visual installation at Buford City Stadium.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #3 in the amount of \$374,191.57 to JDS, Inc. for New Bethany Road sewer improvements project and utilize American Rescue Plan funds (ARPA).

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize final change order and final payment in the amount of \$139,410.00 for Buford Senior Academy addition project and payment #1 in the amount of \$11,422.08 for Buford Senior Academy sign to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2403-002-2 in the amount of \$20,280.24 to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. for legion fields playground project and utilize SPLOST funds.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$202,091.00 to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. for Buford City Gym Parking project and utilize SPLOST funds.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of Invoice #2403-033-1 in the amount of \$94,005.58 to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. for French's Boulevard repair project.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #22 in the amount of \$8,007.00 to Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. for New Street relocation project and utilize SPLOST funds and general funds.

Ayes 3  
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.



After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

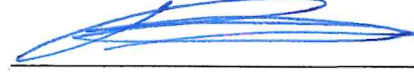
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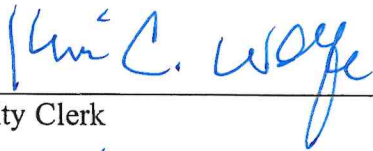
Phillip Beard, Chairman



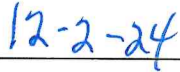
Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk



Date