

Mayor
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City Administrator
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City Clerk
Amy Mintz

City Attorney
Chuck Conerly

City of Blue Ridge City Council Meeting Agenda

March 15, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - a. February 15, 2022 (Council Meeting)
 - b. March 1, 2022 (Downtown Parking)
4. **Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable)**
5. **Called Public Hearings (rezoning or appeals authorized by Ordinance)**
 - a) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION") ARTICLE III ("DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS") DIVISION 7 ("CITY PLANNING COMMISSION") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO CHANGE THE MANNER BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ARE APPOINTED. (SECOND READING)
 - b) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ("BUSINESS REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE V ("SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS"), SEC. 10-198 (EFFECTIVE DATE, TOLLING; SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT; NONCONFORMING GRANDFATHERED USE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS FOR SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)
 - c) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 ("TRAFFIC CODE"), ARTICLE II ("PARKING SCHEDULES") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE,

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GEORGIA BY REPEALING AND REPLACING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, SECTION 22-51 ("RESTRICTED PARKING"); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

- d) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, ESTABLISHING GENERAL PURCHASING REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 6.31 ("PURCHASING"); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

6. Consent Agenda

- a) Motion to approve an invoice in the amount of \$66,800 to Brannen Ford for two (2) 2022 Ford Explorers as included in the 2022 budget.
- b) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED INMATE BOOKING AND HOUSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FANNIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- c) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THAT CERTAIN MODIFICATION TO THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 LOAN FROM THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.
- d) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000.

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

8. Reports

9. Public Comments

- a) Downtown Development Authority Update
- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update
- c) John Tucker – Liquor Store
- d) Shannon Marren – Copper Express
- e) Henry Fehrmann
- f) Martin Velasquez
- g) Elliot Wilborn – Alcohol Ordinance

10. Executive Session (if needed)

11. Adjournment

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