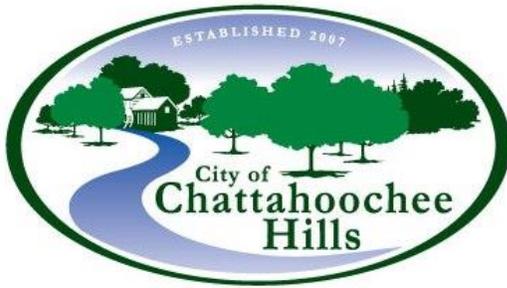


Agenda
Regular Work Session of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
November 29, 2018/6:00 p.m.

Discussion Items

1. Council Meeting Agenda Review
2. Historic and Cultural Resources Commission – Mike Morton
3. Agritourism Regulations – Tom Reed



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Date: December 4, 2018
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mike Morton, City Planner
Subject: An Ordinance to create a Historic and Cultural Resources Commission

The proposed ordinance would create a commission to develop a Historic and Cultural Resources plan for the city. The proposed commission would make progress on two of the items in the Comprehensive Plan's Short Term Work Program:

- Develop Historic Resources Plan
- Develop Cultural Resources Plan

The proposed ordinance does not authorize the commission to designate historic sites or districts. The proposed ordinance also does not make the city eligible for Certified Local Government status that would qualify the city for certain preservation grants. However, other funding sources are available and the commission may be able to help property owners qualify for some of them.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Chattahoochee Hills was established in 2007 and expressly granted powers to protect and preserve the natural resources, environment, and vital areas of the city; to provide comprehensive city planning to ensure a safe, healthy and esthetically pleasing city; and to provide for maintenance of a variety of public amenities, including cemeteries, cultural, recreational, and conservation sites;

WHEREAS the City of Chattahoochee Hills adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2016 that identifies the vision of the City to achieve the balance of keeping the rural character foremost and intact, including the rural roads – both paved and gravel and the rural viewsapes, and identifies the desire to undertake planning for historic and cultural resources;

WHEREAS, the residents of Chattahoochee Hills have expressed their desire for the local government to undertaken planning for historic and cultural resources through express statements in the Community Work Program of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS the Chattahoochee Hills City Council desires to establish a planning committee for the purpose of overseeing the development of a Historic and Cultural Resources Plan, and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT SO RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills as follows:

Section 1: The Chattahoochee Hills Historic Commission (“Historic Commission”) is hereby created.

Section 2: A new section be added to Chapter 2, Article IV to be numbered Section 2-83, to include the following:

- (a) The Historic Commission shall be composed of not less than three (3) members nor more than five (5) members who shall serve one-year terms, which shall begin on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year. Members may serve successive terms. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section or otherwise in this Code, the council shall establish qualifications for members of the Historic Commission.
- (b) Each member shall be nominated by the mayor and approved by the city council.
- (c) Members must attend two-thirds of regularly scheduled meetings within their yearly term. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Historic Commission.

(d) Members filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed.

(e) A consecutive appointment is permissible. If no replacement has been appointed at the end of a member's term, they may continue to serve at the pleasure of the mayor and council, except in such cases when a replacement has not been named due to a decrease in the number of members.

(f) Any member may be removed for cause by a vote of at least three members of the city council.

(g) The Historic Commission members may receive reimbursement for customary expenses previously approved and incurred in conjunction with any authorized activity of the Historic Commission.

(h) The Historic Commission shall meet in accordance with an established schedule of meetings as approved by the city council. The chair of the Historic Commission shall have the authority to cancel any meeting for which no action items or public hearings are scheduled on the agenda provided that notice of such cancellation must be given to the city clerk in sufficient time for the city clerk to provide public notice of such cancellation as required under state law.

(i) The powers and responsibilities of the Historic Commission shall be as follows:

- (1) Prepare an inventory of any property within the City that meets that criteria for consideration as a historic resource, which includes buildings, structures, objects, sites or districts that
 - a. Are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, or
 - b. Are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past, or
 - c. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - d. Have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important to history or pre-history.
- (2) Advise on the restoration or preservation of any historic properties acquired by the City.
- (3) Conduct an education program on historic properties located within the City.
- (4) Make investigations and studies of matters relating to historic preservation as the city council may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate.
- (5) Seek out state, federal or private funds for historic preservation and make recommendations to the city council for the use of funds acquired.
- (6) Promote the use of long-term conservation and preservation mechanisms including conservation easements and transfer or purchase of development rights.
- (7) Undertake identification and mapping of gravesites, cemeteries and burial grounds in the City.
- (8) Identify and make recommendations for the preservation of scenic viewsheds and other elements of the cultural landscape that contribute to the unique rural environment of

the City as described in the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and other city documents.

Section 3: The within ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Section 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS, ___ day of _____, 2019.

Approved:

Tom Reed, Mayor

Attest:

Dana Wicher, City Clerk
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