CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
229 MAIN STREET  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro Tem William Goldfinch IV, and Council members Thomas J. Anderson II, Shane Hubbard, Ashley Smith, and Larry A. White
ABSENT: Jean Timbes (family commitment)

STAFF:  Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Braxton Fleming, Construction Inspector/Stormwater Assistant; Mary Catherine Hyman, Planning Director; Alex Cook, Plan Reviewer; Dale Long, Police; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; David Williams, Assistant Recreation Director; June Wood, Aquatics Coordinator; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; John Rogers Director of Grants and Special Projects; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; David Williams, Assistant Recreation Direction; Kent Bitting, Public Utilities Superintendent; Taylor Newell, Information Officer; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

OTHERS: Billy and Betty Staples, Bobby R. Stalvey, Sherry Brower, Betty M. Benton, Dolan Hill, Forrest Beverly, Marc Thomas, Davis Inabnit, Kathy Ropp, Tyler Fleming, and others

The requirements for posting notice of this meeting under South Carolina’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) were met.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order. She asked for a moment of silence in respect for and in honor of the people of the City of Virginia Beach. The Mayor then introduced Dr. Tommy Richardson, from Waccamaw Baptist Association, who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the June 3, 2019 agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-05-20 (D) An Ordinance to rezone a portion (0.921 acres) of the property adjacent to 1200 Hemingway Chapel Road (PIN 36912010049) from Low/Medium Density Residential (R1) to Medium Density Residential (R2).

B. Restoration of In-Car radios in fleet vehicles (Long)

C. Purchase of a recycling truck for Solid Waste Department (Jenerette)
D. Fire Sergeant Reclassification (Hendrick)

E. Firefighter II Reclassification (Hendrick)

F. Minutes of City Council meeting – May 20, 2019 – Workshop and Council meetings

**Motion:** Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Dolan Hill** has concerns relating to traffic and stormwater runoff at the proposed Medium Density Residential (R2) subdivision at Four Mile Road.

**Betty Benton** has concerns about the potential flooding issues of her property from the proposed Medium Density Residential (R2) subdivision at Four Mile Road.

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Recognition of educational achievement by employee – Jeffrey Leveille.** Emrick informed Council that Leveille had graduated with honors from Horry Georgetown Technical College with a degree in Computer Technology.

B. **Recognition of educational achievement by employee – Taylor Newell.** Emrick informed Council that Taylor has recently graduated from the Conway Chamber of Commerce Leadership Conway Program.

C. **Employee Longevity Awards – Tammy Carter, Police Department – 20 years; Shon Doctor, Streets Department – 15 years; and Kara Gainey- 5 years.** Emrick and Council Member Hubbard presented Tammy, Shon, and Kara with their awards.

**PUBLIC HEARING and FIRST READING**

A. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (B) An Ordinance to annex approximately 65.05 acres of property located on Four Mile Road (TMS 109-00-04-015 | PIN 326-00-00-0017) and request to rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Medium Density Residential (R2).** Hyman informed Council this request was to allow for a single-family home subdivision. The intent is to combine this parcel with an adjacent parcel to make a larger subdivision. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The two people who spoke during Public Input did so in regard to this issue. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Smith, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. Goldfinch addressed the public in
regard to their concerns, while he did not know anything about potential traffic issues, developers were required by law to meet stormwater requirements. Mayor Blain-Bellamy added that the storms patterns have been varied as to what areas flood, and that the City was taking appropriate safeguards by hiring experts to provide information to allow Council to make best decision. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (C)** An Ordinance to annex approximately 13.35 acres of property located on Highway 378 (TMS 136-00-03-010 | PIN 337-00-00-0017 and request to rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Heavy Industrial (HI). Hyman informed Council that the applicant intends to develop an industrial park on the property. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no comments from the public. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to close public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (C). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (D)** An Ordinance to annex, approximately 60.57 acres of property located on Cultra Road (PIN 326-00-00-0046) and request to rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Medium Density Residential (R2). Hyman informed Council that this request was for a single-family subdivision and tie it into the exiting Rivertowne Row subdivision. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no comments from the public. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to close public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (D). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (E)** An Ordinance to rezone, approximately 5.57 acres of property located on Cultra Road (PIN 337-04-02-0079) from City of Conway Low/Medium Density (R1) to Medium Density Residential (R2). Hyman informed Council that this request was for a small triangular piece of property adjacent to the property that was just voted upon. This parcel is already within the City and the request is just to rezone it from R1 to R2 to connect the development. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no comments from the public. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to close public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-17 (E). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-017 (F)** An Ordinance to rezone approximately 0.30 of an acre of property located on Third Avenue (TMS 137-06-04-001 | PIN 368-04-04-0036) from High Density Residential (R3) to Core Commercial (CC). Hyman informed Council that the intent of this request was to develop
an office building on the property. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no comments from the public. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to close public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. White asked if this parcel had flooded and could potentially cause flooding issues. Anderson responded that this parcel is higher than the surrounding properties. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-06-017 (F). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING and FINAL READING**

Public Hearing and final reading of Ordinance #2019-06-03 (A) Amending Article F, Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 7-4-82.7, Wrecker Service, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Conway. Long informed Council that the City’s fees had not been changed since 2010 and the request was to increase the tow fees to match those of Horry County and Myrtle Beach for law enforcement use. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no comments from the public. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson to close public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the final reading of Ordinance #2019-06-03 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

A. **Acceptance of bid for two police department pursuit rated patrol vehicles.** Long informed Council that the Police Department had taken great care with their FY2018-19 capital outlay, and had a remaining balance that would allow for the purchase of two Dodge Chargers currently available on state contract. The quote for the two vehicles is $48,704. Mayor Blain-Bellamy asked Long if there were brand new vehicles, and he replied that they were. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the purchase of two Dodge Chargers by the Police Department in the amount of $48,704. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. **Recommendation on selection of firm to perform architectural design services for the new Conway City Hall.** Hyman informed Council that the City Hall Architect Committee had reviewed the 14 submittals received and interviewed the six top-scoring firms. Based upon these interviews, the Committee chose two firms, and scheduled tours of facilities designed by the two firms. On May 17, 2019, the committee toured the Sullivan’s Island Town Hall designed by Creech & Associates and the Mt. Pleasant Town Hall designed by Stubs Muldrow Herin Architects (SMHa). Based on the tours and discussions, SMHa scored the highest. Staff and the Committee recommends the selection of SMHa to perform architectural design services for the new Conway City Hall. Should Council approve the hiring of SMHa, the City would enter into negotiations for a contract for services immediately. Anderson asked Hyman if this firm would evaluate the City’s needs for the future. Hyman responded that they would talk to department heads to see what their current and projected future needs would be. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects to perform architectural design services for the new Conway City Hall. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
C. **Wayfinding signage contract.** At the April 1, 2019, City Council meeting authorized staff to begin negotiations with Signs Etc for the City’s wayfinding signage. The proposal is for $295,300 for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 included 57 signs at a cost of $174,630. This phase also includes encroachment, field survey, designs, and shop drawings at a cost of $21, be done within 6 months. Hyman noted that one sign was currently in the chambers, and that Sherry Brower, owner of Signs Etc was present to answer any questions.

Brower informed Council that originally the concept was 4x8 signs, but when looking at the City’s destinations, it became clear that most of the signs were only for one or two destinations, so rather than have large signs with only a portion of it being used, it was decided to go with blade signs for each destination. This will save on sign clutter and save money. Mayor Blain-Bellamy asked Bower to speak about the City logo. Brower said the idea of having the City logo on the street sign did not work very well. They came up with a four-sided finial that could be seen from all different directions.

Anderson noted that 5G cell towers would soon be in the City, and asked if they were small enough to fit behind the logo. Brower said depending on the size it could; however, Emrick commented that it would also depend on how the small cell technology was allowed to be regulated.

Anderson asked if electric wiring could be pulled through the signage for example, Christmas decoration. Brower said it could be done now or put in conduit and have it stubbed out.

Goldfinch asked Hyman if the signs would have to be approved by the Community Appearance Board. Hyman did not think so because it was directional signage, but she would check to be sure.

**Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the wayfinding signage contract with Signs Etc. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

- 27 properties have been purchased to date as part of the FEMA buyout program with a total cost of just over $2.25 million. Two more houses remain in the current queue. Staff is waiting for a response from FEMA and SCEMD on the additional 28 alternate properties.
- The Building Department has completed half of the deck board replacement last week and have already started on the remainder. Streets, Solid Waste, Parks and Grounds Departments have also assisted.
- Staff has been working on the Riverfront Park irrigation system. Once the irrigation system is working, the replanting of the park will begin.
- Governor McMaster will be in Conway on June 7th at 10 a.m. at the County’s EOC, M.L. Brown Building, as part of his Hurricane Preparedness Coastal Tour.
- The City is under a burn ban until sufficient rain has fallen.
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- Upcoming committee meetings: June 5th – Recreation and Administration, June 10th – Public Safety, and June 11 – Planning & Development. All meetings begin at 3:30 in the City Hall Conference Room.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**White** requested Conway golf shirts for those attending the MASC Annual Meeting, for Council Members who are attending, and suggested the City honor the Conway High School basketball team and the CCU baseball team with proclamations.

**Anderson** suggested that the City try again to annex the former Grainger Steam Plant property.

**Goldfinch** echoed Anderson’s Santee Cooper annexation comment, and asked staff to look into the possibility of allowing private individuals to take on the renting of the Tractor Shed, which had been approved at the May 20, 2019 Council meeting) instead of City personnel.

**Mayor Blain-Bellamy** acknowledged Council Member Timbes’ absence was so she could attend her granddaughter’s high school graduation out of town. The Mayor mentioned dangerous overgrowth around the City that make it difficult for motorists to see at intersections. She asked the City’s Public Information Officer to make the public aware that they could report any overgrown intersection in the City. The Mayor also noted that staff should look and also report locations.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 17th day of June, 2019.

Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk