CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, William M. Goldfinch IV, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council members Thomas J. Anderson II, Shane Hubbard, Jean M. Timbes

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Braxton Fleming, Public Works Superintendent; Mary Catherine Hyman, Planning Director; Tammy Carter, Police Captain; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; John Rogers, Director of Grants and Special Projects; Ashley Smith, Recreation Director; Timmy Williams, Director of Parks and Ground Maintenance; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; June Wood, Aquatics Coordinator; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Alex Cook, Plan Reviewer; Kent Bitting, Public Utilities Superintendent; Jeff Leveille, Information Technology Manager; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; Sanford Graves, City Attorney; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

OTHERS: Kathy Ropp

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. The Mayor gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the July 15, 2019 agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-07-15 (A) An Ordinance to annex, approximately 1.75 acres of property located at the corner of Buccaneers Cove and Highway 544 (PIN 382-13-01-0018) and request to rezone from Horry County Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to City of Conway Neighborhood Commercial (NC).

B. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-07-15-19 (B) An Ordinance to annex, approximately 5.27 acres of property located at the corner of Buccaneers Cove and Highway 544 (TMS 150-00-06-049 | PIN 382-12-04-0006) and request to rezone from Horry County Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to City of Conway Neighborhood Commercial (NC).

C. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-07-15 (C) to amend Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), regarding residential design standards in the Forest Agriculture Zoning District (FA).
D. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-07-15 (D) An Ordinance to annex, approximately 37.79 acres of property located adjacent to 335 Four Mile Road (TMS 109-00-02-181, 109-00-02-183 | PIN 326-00-00-0043, 326-10-01-0004) and request to rezone from Horry County Forest Agriculture (FA) to City of Conway Institutional (IN).

E. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-07-15 (E) An Ordinance to annex, approximately 4.22 acres of property located adjacent to 2205 Church Street (TMS 122-00-05-024 | PIN 338-09-02-0013) and request to rezone from Horry County Highway Commercial (HC) to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC).

F. Final reading of Ordinance #2019-07-15 (F) to amend The City’s Professional and Business License ordinance to reflect the recently approved change in due date.

G. Final reading of Ordinance # 2019-07-15 (G) to allow an employee discount rate and security deposit waived on City property rentals

H. Selection of Cellular Phone Service Provider

I. Resolution authorizing Palmetto Corp of Conway to secure a Letter of Credit guaranteeing the installation of infrastructure at Roschaven Phase III Subdivision

J. Minutes of City Council meeting – July 1, 2019

Motion: Timbes made a motion, seconded by Hubbard to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input. Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Special Event Request – Live Oak Art & Music Festival – October 5, 2019. A. Smith informed Council that this event was an annual event; however, this year they were requesting that the 200 block of Beatty Street be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will also include approximately 6 food trucks parked along Beatty Street. Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the Live Oak Art & Musical Festival special event. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Employees of the Month – Brad Kistner, Jeff Bessent, Josh Albrecht, Dexter King – Solid Waste Department. Jenerette presented the awards.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING:

Amend the City of Conway Code of Ordinance Section 6-4-5 – City Declared Bird Sanctuary to be consistent with the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 5.1.15 Hunting. Carter informed Council that the UDO permitted hunting in the city limits if certain conditions were met; however, the Code of Ordinances declares the City of Conway a bird sanctuary with only nuisance bird issues addressed. By amending the Code of Ordinances to allow game birds to be hunted as permitted by the UDO, the two ordinances will be consistent. Public Hearing: There was no public input. Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to close public hearing. Timbes suggested that a public notice be made announcing this change in the ordinance. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve first reading. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of issuing a quit claim deed for property in unnamed alley. Emrick advised Council that the City was contacted by an attorney representing the potential purchaser of the Jerry Box Building and other Burroughs Company buildings downtown. An alley, labeled as “Private on the plat, runs from Fourth Avenue behind Amanda’s Collection.” There is no indication that the City has any interest in this alley. To clear the title to the property, the City has been asked to sign a quit claim deed disavowing any interest in the alley. At their July 1, 2019 meeting, the Recreation & Administration Committee recommended moving this item to City Council with their approval to sign a quit claim deed. Emrick informed Council that before signing the quit claim deed, the City would make sure any utility easements are preserved when its transferred. Motion: Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to authorize the signing of the quit claim deed for the unnamed alley of which the City has no interest. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

• Progress has been slow on the Fourth Avenue Utility Conversion project. A number of unexpected underground obstacles were found. Directional drilling should begin this week working toward Main Street. All work near Main Street will occur at night, although some detours and lane closures may occur.
• SCDOT estimates they are 75% complete with the Main Street Bridge, although the painting is only 50% complete. Repair to some of the steel girders in the approach spans are going to be handled with a separate contract at a later date. Depot Road was opened on July 11. There is no information available as to when access under the bridge will be restored or the resetting of the lights on the bridge.
• The visual preference survey for Council is complete. The survey will also be made available to the public to determine the vision of the community for our residential neighborhoods.
• Congratulations to the 11-12 year-old Dixie Youth Majors baseball team who finished second in the State last week.
COUNCIL INPUT:

Hubbard: Busking in the City is going well. There were Spanish guitar players out today at Kingston Park in the heat and they were phenomenal.

Timbes: Thanked staff who worked on cleaning up the intersections, remarked that the access channel looked wonderful, asked that staff take care in the heat, and thanked the Conway Fire Department, who assisted her friend this weekend.

Anderson: Offered additional thanks to the employees of the month for their efforts, noted the flags around the City look good, has no issues with the gun range near his home, but wants set rules on who uses it and that they are using it responsibly.

Mayor Blain-Bellamy: The City of Conway has the best employees. They are creative, dedicated, dutiful, and hardworking.

Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to go into executive session. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion on pending legal claim [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2)]

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Timbes made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to come out of executive session. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Mayor Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to offer hard costs to settle a pending lawsuit and require the name of the purchaser be made know to the City as well as the intended use of the property. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 5th day of August, 2019.

Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk