CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Blain-Bellamy, William Goldfinch, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members Tom Anderson, Jean Timbes, and Larry White ABSENT: Shane Hubbard (illness)

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Dale Long, Police Chief; Reggie Jenrette, Solid Waste Director; Caitlin Tiller, Program Coordinator; Timmy Williams, Director of Parks and Ground Maintenance; Braxton Fleming, Public Works Superintendent; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; Nate Nelson, Fire Department Training Coordinator; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Kent Bitting, Public Utilities Superintendent; Mary Catherine Hyman, Deputy Administrator/Planning & Development Director; John Rogers, Deputy Administrator/Grants & Special Projects Director; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Alex Cook, Plans Reviewer; Jessica Hucks, Planner; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

OTHERS:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order. J.V Mott from A Father’s Place gave the invocation and City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the November 18, 2019 meeting agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-11-18 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.56 acres of property located at Langston Heights, Lot 26 on Sellers Road (TMS 123-12-01-020 | PIN 339-06-03-0003) and request to rezone from Horry County Residential (SF40) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential District (R-1).

B. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-11-18 (B) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.46 acres of property located at 895 Highway 905 (TMS 123-16-01-061 | PIN 339-12-01-0003) and request to rezone from Horry County Residential (SF20) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential District (R-1).
C. Acceptance of bid purchase of one cab tractor with finish mower (budgeted)

D. Purchase of a tractor with a 15’ flex wing cutter (budgeted)

E. Minutes of City Council meeting – November 4, 2019

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Marvis Morant asked Council to close the open ditches along Lincoln Park Drive due to safety and health concerns.

**Motion:** Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to close Public Input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Employee of the Month - Braxton Fleming – Public Works Department – Chestnut presented Fleming with his award.

**FIRST READING:**

First reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-12-2-19 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.61 acres of property located at 604 Dunn Shortcut Road (TMS 122-00-02-035 | PIN 337-08-02-0026) and request to rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential District (R-1). Hyman informed Council that this request was to allow a single family residence to tie into City services as the ownership had changed. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-12-2-19 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

A. Subdivision Name – Midtown Oaks. Hyman informed Council that this request was for the naming of a new subdivision located at the intersection of Oak Street and Medlen Parkway. Plans call for the subdivision to have a total of 20 lots. This parcel is adjacent to the existing Midtown Village subdivision. The plans are currently being reviewed by the Technical Review Committee. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the subdivision name of Midtown Oaks as requested for the new subdivision located at the intersection of Oak Street and Medlen Parkway. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
B. **Subdivision Name – Rivertown Row North.** Hyman informed Council that this request was for the naming of a new subdivision located on Cultra Road. Plans call for the subdivision to have a total of 70 lots. This parcel is adjacent to the existing Rivertown Row subdivision. The plans are currently being reviewed by the Technical Review Committee. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the subdivision name of Rivertown Row North as requested for the new subdivision located on Cultra Road. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

- The amendment to the UDO to include Residential Design Standards was presented to the Planning Commission two weeks ago for their review. They have formed a committee of builders, developers, realtors and engineers to review and make recommendations to them. Their first meeting is December 3rd. Their findings will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Commission will then make a recommendation to Council.
- A Christmas to Remember is December 7th from noon to 3 p.m. If anyone is interested in participating with the Police and Fire Departments to shop with children for Christmas, please report to Public Safety.
- A bill was received from Horry County for $3,143.42 for collecting City property taxes from July through October. This is the first time they have ever charged municipalities for this service.
- The lights are back up on the Main Street Bridge, and the conduit is being installed. Staff is still hoping to have them lit and decorated by Christmas.
- There are two weeks left to get the Celebration of Lights completed. A snag was hit last week with the LED tunnel. It blew over twice in the high winds and twisted a bit. Staff is attempting to salvage them and get them back up, but it will be touch and go.
- The light balls are in the trees at Riverfront Park. Eventually they will remain up year round.
- The Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 5th. We have better sound and visibility and a few surprises.
- The Run-off election is tomorrow. Get out and vote, again.
- The City received a PARD grant of $10,000 to install fencing around Field 1, the soccer field.
- The Collins Jollie Public Hearing and First Reading has been deferred until January 2020.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**White** thanked everyone who voted for him on November 5th and inquired if the cones in the road on Cultra were because of the new subdivision. The response was that the reclamation project on Cultra Road had begun.

**Timbes** noted that Myrtle Beach was updating its pet ordinance and asked for staff to distribute the City’s ordinance for their review. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Anderson** thanked everyone for their support over the years and mentioned how much he had enjoyed working with the Mayor and other Council members and staff. He asked that no major items be voted on until January 2020 until the new Council Members had been seated.
Mayor Blain-Bellamy wished Emrick a happy birthday. She attended a meeting of the SC Associations of Mayors and mentioned some of the new services that will be available to municipalities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson to go into executive session to discuss negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2)] and negotiation incident to proposed purchase of property [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2)]. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Discussion of negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2)]. Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to invite Sellers Construction, Kingston Redevelopment, Inc., and ORA/Kahuna Group to prepare proposals for the development of the lot at Kingston and Fourth Avenue. The proposals must include conceptual rendering of the intended development of the lot; funding strategies, including any participation anticipated or requested by the City; infrastructure planned by the developer that is requested by the City; ownership of the lot, whether the developer seeks a land lease or purchase of the lot and purchase/lease price; and any other partnership requirements between the developer and the City. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Discussion of negotiation incident to proposed purchase of property [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2)]. Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to pursue purchase of certain lots at tax sale and declined to purchase a lot on Second Avenue. 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 2nd day of December, 2019.

Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk