PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro Tem Larry A. White, and Council Members Thomas J. Anderson II, William M. Goldfinch IV, Shane Hubbard, and Ashley Smith
ABSENT: Council Member Jean M. Timbes (out of town)

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Vicky Lefler, Deputy City Administrator; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Mary Catherine Hyman, Planning Director; Addison Jarrell, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director; Reggie Jenrette, Solid Waste Director; Dale Long, Police Chief; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Grounds and Maintenance Director; and Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk

OTHERS: John Poston, George Terlizzai, Ben Santa Ana, Bruce Robinson, Karlyn Robinson, Barbara Sheffield, David Sheffield, Frank Barnes, Rebecca Barnes, Jill Miller, Barb Eisenhardt, Brenda Little, Amelia Thompson, Debbie Jenkins, Kathy Ropp, 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.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Blain-Bellamy gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 15 acres of property located on Yeager Avenue (TMS #151-00-04-016 / PIN 38300000338) and to rezone the property from Horry County Limited Industrial (LI) to City of Conway Heavy Industrial (HI)

B. Purchase of water meters for the Public Utilities Department

C. Acceptance of low bid for installation of six-inch water main in Langston Heights Subdivision

D. City Council meeting minutes – May 21, 2018
Mayor Blain-Bellamy asked that final reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A) (Item A) be removed from the consent agenda and considered later in the meeting under the regular agenda. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hammond, to approve the amended consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Special event request:** Indie Market on Laurel Street – Saturday, August 4, 2018. Delores Brauer of CREATE Conway submitted this special event request. The event is planned for Saturday, August 4, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Maps depicting the location of the event, requested street closures, and the alcohol consumption zone accompanied the special event application. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the special event request for the Indie Market on Laurel Street. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. **Longevity Bonus Awards** were presented to James Edwards and Johnathan McAllister, Police Department, 5 years; Jarrett Wallace, Fire Department, 10 years; and Lois Roberts, Administration, 25 years. The presentations were made by the City Administrator accompanied by Council Member White.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:** Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-18 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 5.2 acres of property located at 1700 Hemingway Chapel Road (TMS #136-00-03-265 | PIN 33715030006) and to rezone the property from Horry County Residential SF20 to City of Conway Rural Agricultural (RA). Hyman advised Council that the applicant intends to build a house on the subject property, and possibly farm and raise poultry and livestock in the future which is allowed under the requested zoning. The City of Conway Comprehensive Plan identifies this parcel as Neighborhood Commercial on the Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the request. **Public Hearing:** There was no input from the public. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-18 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:** Proposed resolution requesting modifications of the City’s 2015 and 2017 HOME grant awards. Hyman informed Council that the HOME grant contract with Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments needed to be amended to provide sufficient funding for current and future housing rehabilitation projects. The resolution requests an increase up to $12,500 in the 2015 HOME grant and a matching decrease in the 2017 HOME grant, an increase of the per unit maximum to $50,000 on both grants, and a reduction of one required unit for the 2017 grant. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the resolution to amend the 2015 and 2017 HOME grants as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. Request from Tyson Sign Company for permission to install a post sign for the Pilot Club of Conway on City-owned property. Hyman reported that Tyson Sign Company has requested approval to install a freestanding post sign for the Pilot Club of Conway on the Firemen’s Club house property behind the Conway Marina. The sign would be used to offer a free service by the Pilot Club in which boaters can borrow and return life jackets if needed for their boat excursion. Hyman informed Council that, if this request is approved, the City will require an indemnification agreement and a certificate of insurance prior to issuance of the sign permit. Debbie Jenkins of Tyson Sign Company described in detail the measurements of the proposed sign and explained that the Club would like the sign to be visible from the boat ramp. Goldfinch further clarified that the sign at its proposed location would only be visible to those launching boats. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the request to install the sign as proposed. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Selection of firm to perform real estate services for the City of Conway. Emrick reported that the City had advertised publicly for a real estate professional to assist in real estate and property negotiation and acquisition services. Five proposals were received. After scoring by staff according to the criteria in the RFQ, the top two candidates are Carolina Pines Realty, Inc. (Beth Tindall) and Southeastern Land Company, Inc. (William F. Saunders, Jr.). Staff recommended approval of the selection of Southeastern Land Company to represent the City in real estate, property negotiations and acquisition services. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, approve staff’s recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

A. Update on Police Department activities. Chief Long gave an update on activities of the Police Department since his swearing in as Police Chief. The update included information on community walkthroughs, neighborhood visits in response to traffic concerns, increased law enforcement efforts relative to traffic violations and reported drug activity, and personnel.

B. Update on youth membership program at Conway Recreation Center. Jarrell reported that there has been a significant increase in use of the Recreation Center from the youth population since the new youth membership program was implemented on April 22, 2018. Council received information on the number of drop-ins and amount of fees collected for April and May 2018 as compared to the same time period in 2017. He noted that these increased numbers and additional personnel for supervision may need to be addressed in the near future.

C. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 15 acres of property located on Yeager Avenue (TMS #151-00-04-016 / PIN 38300000338) and to rezone the property from Horry County Limited Industrial (L1) to City of Conway Heavy Industrial. During the May 21st meeting, a public hearing was held and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A) was approved. Mayor Blain-Bellamy suggested that the public input be re-opened as the majority of people in attendance at this meeting appeared to
be present to voice an opinion on this matter. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to reopen public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Public Input:** Amelia Thompson spoke in opposition to the annexation/rezoning and asked Council to deny the request. Barb Eisenhardt requested persons in attendance at this meeting who were in favor of the annexation/rezoning being denied to stand for recognition. She spoke on Vulcan’s history of environmental and workplace safety violations and read aloud a letter from Gerody Livingston requesting denial of the Vulcan request. Eisenhardt also asked Council to deny the request. John Poston, project engineer, and Jimmy Fleming of Vulcan responded to public comments. At the request of Council Member Smith, Eisenhardt provided Council with a copy of the list of violations she cited earlier in her comments. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve final reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

- The Community Clean-up Day was rescheduled to June 9th due to the weather.
- SCDOT has been contacted in reference to the rail crossing safety priority list and staff is waiting for a response.
- City Attorney Sam Graves has asked the City to consider seeking other legal representation for civil matters due to time constraints created by his prosecutorial work for the City. Staff will work on an RFQ for this service and one for indigent defense.
- A meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building for all persons participating in the FEMA buyout program. The City has been funded for Tiers 1 and 2 and Tier 3 is expected to be funded by the meeting date.
- Reported that the City currently utilizes a plan developed in 2008 for replacing water lines, pump stations, and sewer facilities. The plan will need to be updated in FY 2020.
- Thanked Wanda Lilly, Bryson Gillig, Eddie Busby, Gene Paul, Monty Martin, and Timmy Williams for their work to beautify the landscape beds along Kingston Street.
- Thanked James Hucks and those who assisted him in moving the boat dock from the Riverfront park side of the marina to the boat ramp side.
- Reported that repair of the bulkhead at Riverfront Park, which was compromised by Hurricane Matthew, was completed last week.
- Thanked Council for finalizing the FY 2018-19 budget, his first as City Administrator.
- Congratulated Coastal Carolina University on making the playoffs again this year.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Anderson**
- Thanked Jarrell and Long for the great work done in their respective departments.
- Requested that Council consider in next year’s budget some financial assistance to Coastal Carolina University to install a pedestrian safety barrier along Highway 544.

**White**
- Conveyed complaints received that park picnic shelters, especially at Riverfront Park, need attention.
• Thanked Mayor Blain-Bellamy for speaking at the Academy of Hope graduation ceremony.

Blain-Bellamy
• Read aloud a “Thank You” letter from American Legion Post 111 for the City’s financial donation to assist the Post’s Palmetto Girl State and Palmetto Boy State delegates.
• Reported that the Palmetto Academy for Motorsports, a charter school, will be locating in Conway in August.
• Noted that some street signs are difficult to read clearly as they are in need of cleaning.

WORKSHOP:

A. Discussion on proposal by Mico Di Arpo to paint a fresco mural at the Whittemore High School Building. The murals being proposed would be painted by a group of female fresco painters along with Ms. Di Arpo and Mrs. Barbara Streeter. The proposed murals are 12’ x 18’ and, if approved by Council, would be located in the Whittemore High School building. The intent of the mural project is to promote kindness and compassion for animals. Streeter was present in support of the proposal and to answer questions from Council. Concerns raised by Council included the lack of ceiling height to accommodate the murals, the City has not yet assumed ownership of the property, and environment studies and asbestos abatement has not been completed. OUTCOME: Council members were asked to forward any questions or concerns regarding the project to the City Administrator. This issue will be placed on the agenda for consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.

B. Discussion on a possible ordinance to establish standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the City of Conway. Emrick shared information and a draft ordinance on small wireless facilities prepared by the MASC in conjunction with the telecommunication industry. Council also received on the 5G wireless technology that will require the use of small wireless facilities. Emrick noted that the City will need to identify its underground districts and historic and design districts to be included in an ordinance for the City when it is drafted. The standards to be established will be a part of the Unified Development Ordinance. OUTCOME: The proposed ordinance, when finalized, will be presented to the Planning Commission and then to City Council for consideration at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Smith, to enter into executive session to consider appointments to boards, commissions and committees, to discuss the proposed reassignment of employees, and to discuss negotiations incidental to potential acquisition of properties. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. While in executive session, no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to come out of executive session. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Appointments to boards, commissions and committees. **Motion:** Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Smith, to make the following appointments: Rilla Altman Thomas for a four-year term on the Housing Authority; Tim Kirby for a three year term on the Water Quality and Storm Water Drainage Commission; and Pat Livingston and James Friday to three year terms on the Employee Grievance Committee. By consensus, Council agreed to consider an ordinance to reduce the membership of the Lakeside Cemetery Committee as requested by the Committee.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 18th day of June, 2018.

Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk