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

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Vicky LeFler, Deputy City Administrator; Robert Cooper, Building Official; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; 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: Matt Varnadore, Kathy Foley, John Poston, Elliott Botzis, Ed Quinn, Kenton Richardson, Grace Gifford, Bradley Morean, Karen Williams, Barbara Sheffield, Dave Sheffield, Lori Cyr, Craig Cyr, George Terlizzi, Ron Waldron, Tim McGhee, Sandy Davis, Henry Morales, Stanley Brown, James Doring, 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 recognized Rev. Charles M. Pee of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 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 Timbes, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #2018-05-21 (A) An Ordinance to Raise Revenues and Adopt Budgets for the General Fund, Enterprise/Public Utility Fund, Street/Drainage Fund, Storm Water Fund, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund, Accommodations Tax Fund, Community Development Fund, and Hospitality Fee Fund, City of Conway, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018, and Ending June 30, 2019

B. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-05-21 (D) Amending the existing Carsen’s Ferry Planned District (TMS 122-00-04-022/PIN#337-04-03-0019) to allow for the building of single family residences by removing 3.5 acres from the Commercial Tract and adding it to the Residential Tract for development of Phase 5 and for the addition of language relative to a subdivision sign

C. Final reading of Ordinance #2018-05-21 (B) Approving a franchise agreement with Charleston Flats Food Truck to operate at designated locations in downtown Conway
D. Final reading of Ordinance #2018-5-21 (C) Approving a franchise agreement with Trojan Cow Food Truck to operate at designated locations in downtown Conway

E. Proposal to name and dedicate the new City transient boat dock in memory of O.A. “Rock” Rankin

F. Recommendations from Protocol Committee

G. City Council meeting minutes – May 7, 2018

Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items C and D which will be discussed under the regular agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Matt Varnadore remarked that it had been a year since Council partnered with him in a lease agreement to manage the Conway Marina operations. He expressed his desire to publicly thank Council for this opportunity for him and his family. He also reported that fuel sales had increased approximately 40% since he had taken over operation of the marina.

Grace Giffords announced that Coppers, the Trestle and 3rd Avenue Grill had joined the campaign to give customers plastic straws only upon request, an effort known as “Skip the Straw.”

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Special event request: Be the Feet 5K, September 22, 2018. John Reuben Long II submitted this special event request to hold a 5K run to raise funds for the Beautiful Feet Ministries of Tanzania. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The event will begin at the City Marina and proceed down Laurel Street to 15th Avenue, and then to Elm Street, to 7th Avenue, to Beatty Street to 5th Avenue, and will end at the City Marina. The applicant has requested road closures of the race route for 1 hour while the participants compete. Maps showing the race route accompanied the application. Staff recommended approval of the special event application with the cost of any City support services provided to be absorbed by the City’s operating funds. Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the special event application for the Be the Feet 5K Run as presented by staff. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Employee of the Month Awards for May were presented to Jason Perzan, Antwan Nesmith, Ryan Clyde, Jake Drew, and Ryan Carini of the Fire Department. Kelvin Carter of the Fire Department was also recognized but was unable to attend. The presentations were made by the Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Public hearing and first 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 (I-I) to City of Conway Heavy Industrial (I-II). Hyman reviewed the workshop discussion on this request that was held at the last Council meeting. She noted that, since that time, the project engineer had submitted a letter verifying that, if the request is approved, Vulcan will increase the buffer adjacent to residential-zoned properties to a minimum of 50’ from the required 25’. John Poston, project engineer, commented on the reduction in long haul truck trips that would result from rail transport and noted that this, in itself, would improve air quality. He also remarked
on the support of this request by the MBRED and RJ Corman Railroad. **Public Hearing: Karin Krause** spoke in opposition to the request, noting the large increase in residents within the one square mile area of the subject property. She noted that existing companies in immediate proximity to this property operate under Limited Industrial zoning and asked Council to deny the request. Hyman explained how these existing companies operate as legally non-conforming businesses. **Erin Pate**, representing Coastal Conservation League, spoke on water quality and air quality and stated that meeting requirements does not assure the highest and best use of the property. She asked Council to consider the safety and well-being of citizens living nearby. **Elliott Botzis**, Vice President and General Manager of Vulcan, gave a brief overview of his company, citing statistics on use of crushed stone for homes, schools, churches, etc. He remarked that employee health was a top priority and that company operations would not interfere with neighbors’ enjoyment of their property. **Ed Quinn** of RJ Corman stated that it is estimated the railroad will have invested approximately $45 million into this community from 2015 to 2020 and noted the reduction in greenhouse gases that would be realized by moving from truck to rail service. **Von Waldrin** spoke of the impact increased development, especially Heavy Industrial, has on traffic issues and on the poor condition of Yeager Avenue. Mayor Blain-Bellamy read a letter from **Fred Richardson** endorsing approval of the request. **Motion**: White made a motion, seconded by Smith, to close the public hearing. **Vote**: Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion**: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-06-04 (A). **Vote**: Unanimous. Motion carried. Smith was excused from the meeting at this time for a prior obligation (6:30 pm).

**ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Proposed feasibility study for outdoor amphitheater in partnership with Theater of the Republic.** Emrick noted that Tim McGhee with the Theatre of the Republic has approached the City regarding an outdoor musical drama using the Waccamaw River as part of the show. The Riverfront Park and Stage is inadequate for this purpose and an outdoor amphitheater would be needed to be constructed somewhere along the river. McGhee has requested to present his ideas at a future Council workshop and asks that a study be considered on the feasibility of such a project. Staff asked for authorization to request grant funding for the cost of a feasibility study. **Motion**: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to authorize staff to move forward in seeking grant funds for the feasibility study. **Vote**: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING:**

A. **Ordinance #2018-05-21 (B) Approving a franchise agreement with Charleston Flats Food Truck to operate at designated locations in downtown Conway.** A public hearing was held and first reading was approved at the May 21st Council meeting. **Motion**: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the franchise agreement with Charleston Flats Food Truck to operate in the following locations only: Chamber of Commerce parking lot, Laurel Street/4th Avenue parking lot, and the Riverfront Tennis Center parking lot. **Vote**: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. **Ordinance #2018-5-21 (C) Approving a franchise agreement with Trojan Cow Food Truck to operate at designated locations in downtown Conway.** A public hearing was held and first reading was approved at the May 21st Council meeting. **Motion**: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the franchise agreement with the Trojan Cow Food Truck to operate in the following locations only: Chamber of Commerce parking lot, Laurel Street/4th Avenue parking lot, and the Riverfront Tennis Center parking lot. **Vote**: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

- Thanked the Grounds and Maintenance crews for putting out the small American flags in observance of Memorial Day.
- Reminded Council of the scheduled tour of the former Grainger Steam Plant property.
- The Community Clean Up has been rescheduled for June 9th.
• SCDOT resurfacing of 9th Avenue is expected to begin in July; occasional road closures will be necessary.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Timbes inquired about the schedule for mosquito spraying.

Anderson suggested the possibility that RJ Corman Railroad would reconsider installing red flashing lights at the Lakeside, Lakeland, and 12th Avenue rail crossings.

Mayor Blain-Bellamy requested that the City Administrator and Police Chief meet briefly with her after adjournment.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 2 day of June, 2018.

Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk