

**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
1600 NINTH AVENUE
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 – 1:30 PM**

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

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Dale Long, Police Chief; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIERS ON US HIGHWAY 501. Emrick informed Council of the decision made by State, SCDOT and Horry County officials to install barriers on US Highway 501 Bypass in an effort to prevent loss of this highway to anticipated floodwaters resulting from Hurricane Florence. Council was informed that staff members were unable to obtain any data to support that decision and work to erect the barriers was already underway. The flood level associated with Hurricane Matthew was discussed as well as the effect the barriers that are being constructed could have on flooding in the City. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Goldfinch, authorizing staff to secure legal counsel to pursue an injunction against SCDOT, the State of South Carolina, and Horry County to halt the construction of barriers on US Highway 501 Bypass in the City until those agencies have provided sufficient scientific modeling to show that the construction of the barriers will not contribute to nor cause additional flooding in the City of Conway. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 15th day of October, 2018.


Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk