

**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING  
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
1600 NINTH AVENUE  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 – 2:30 PM**

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**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; Vicky Lefler, Deputy City Administrator; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Reggie Jenrette, Solid Waste Director; Addison Jerrell, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Dale Long, Police Chief, Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; Stephen Williams, GIS Coordinator; Timmy Williams, Grounds & Maintenance Director; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

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

**DISCUSSION OF CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIERS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 501:** The Mayor informed Council members that Christy Hall, SC Secretary of Transportation, and Leland Colvin, Deputy Secretary for Engineering had met with her and others earlier in the day to discuss the City's concerns about the installation of flood barriers on US Highway 501. After a tour of the area, Hall and Colvin explained the purpose and function of the barriers and the basis for their opinion that the barriers would not contribute to/increase flooding in Conway. The Mayor commented that she now believes the barriers on Highway 501 was the better plan for everyone to promote safety and movement for the people in Conway. Goldfinch commented that, based on the meeting, he is now convinced the barriers will not impede the flow of floodwaters. Emrick advised Council that he also now believes that the 8,000 ft barrier will not affect the water level and, had the information shared at the meeting been given earlier, he believed that Council would not have taken action to move forward with seeking the injunction. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Mayor Blain-Bellamy, to rescind earlier action authorizing staff to seek an injunction to halt the construction of floodwater barriers on US Highway 501. **Vote by roll call:** Goldfinch, Blain-Bellamy, and Hubbard voted in the affirmative; Anderson, Smith, Timbes, and White voted in the negative. The motion failed. Several Council members commented on their reluctance to vote on this serious issue without being privy to information that was shared at the meeting held earlier today in which they were not included. Staff will attempt to arrange a meeting for all of Council with Secretary Hall and Mr. Colvin later today and notify of the place and time. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to stay the pursuit of an injunction to halt construction of floodwater barriers on Highway 501 and to revisit this issue after the meeting has been held for full Council with Secretary Hall and Mr. Colvin on site later today. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RECESS:** **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to recess the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk