

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 – 5:30 PM

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

STAFF: Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Adam Emrick, Planning Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Reggie Jenrette, Solid Waste Director; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Lynn Smith, Human Resource Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Grounds and Maintenance Director; and Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Erin Hall, 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. Rick Weidman of Christ the Servant Lutheran 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 #2017-05-15 (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, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018**
- B. Final reading of Ordinance #2017-05-15 (B) Amending the Code of Ordinances by Replacing Title 5, Chapter 2, Flood Damage Prevention Standards, in Its Entirety**
- C. Resolution reaffirming the risk management policy for the City of Conway**
- D. City Council Minutes – May 1 and 8, 2017**

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no input from the public.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Proclamation honoring Tony Dale Fairwell for his contribution to the desegregation of Horry County Schools.** Mayor Blain-Bellamy read aloud and presented to Tony Dale Fairwell a proclamation honoring him for his contribution to the desegregation of Horry County Schools. Mayor Blain-Bellamy recognized Mrs. Fairwell who was in attendance with her husband.
- B. Resolution in honor of retirement – Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official.** At its May 1st meeting, City Council adopted a resolution honoring the retirement of Billy Joe Sawyer on May 5, 2017, as the Conway Building Official. On behalf of Council, Mayor Blain-Bellamy read aloud and officially presented this resolution to Billy Joe Sawyer. Mayor Blain-Bellamy recognized Mrs. Sawyer who was in attendance with her husband.
- C. Employee of the Month of May Award** was presented to Bess Harry, Building Department. The presentation was made by Robert Cooper, Building Official.
- D. Special event request (revised): Indie Market on Laurel, August 6, 2017.** During the May 1, 2017 meeting, Council denied the special event request for the Indie Market on Laurel planned for August 6, 2017. Erin Hall of CREATE Conway submitted a revised request which removed all alcohol from the event; all other event particulars remained the same as the original request. Maps depicting the location of the event and the requested street closures accompanied the revised special event application. **Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the revised special event request for Indie Market on Laurel with the event to begin at noon and end at 6:00 p.m. on August 6th with no alcohol served and no music before 1:00 p.m. **Vote:** Blain-Bellamy, Timbes, and Smith voted in the negative; all others voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Installation of four-way stop at intersection of Smith Street and Racepath Avenue. Staff recommended the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Smith Street and Racepath Avenue. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Anderson thanked Billy Joe Sawyer for his years of service to the City.

Timbes

- Reminded those in attendance of the Fifth & Main facility grand opening on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.
- Gave an update on the condition of Kenn Senn, a City employee who recently had a cardiac procedure performed at MUSC.

Alford

- Requested an update on the FEMA buyout.
- Requested a list from the Police Department of the darkest streets in the City.

- Suggested staff coordinate a First Time Buyers Program with the Housing Authority.

Blain-Bellamy

- Read aloud a thank you note from Robin Jones, Principal of the Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology, for the monetary donation toward the robotics competition.
- Shared information about Greenville’s claim of a 75% recycling rate.
- Requested that staff make Council aware of life-changing events for city employees, such as deaths, births, etc.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:


A. Discussion on installation of “No Parking This Side of Street” signs on the north side of 7th Avenue between Main and Laurel Streets. Gosnell reported that a number of complaints from the public have been received regarding the congestion caused by parked vehicles in this area. He also noted that City Solid Waste and Public Safety officials have expressed concern regarding the need for better general and emergency access on 7th Avenue between Main Street and Laurel Street. Staff recommended the installation of “No Parking This Side of Street” signs on the north side of the 1000 block of 7th Avenue which will prohibit parking in that area between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to accept staff’s recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. Gosnell noted that staff will contact all of the impacted residents and businesses to alert them of the upcoming parking restrictions prior to the signs being installed.

Discussion on the second workshop items was held in the City Hall Conference Room.

B. Discussion on proposed ordinance amending Article 5, Section 5.2.1, of the Unified Development Ordinance relating to parking, storage and use of recreational equipment. During the April 3rd meeting, following a public hearing on this matter, first reading of Ordinance #ZA2017-04-17 (B) was tabled. Staff was requested to look at limiting the number of recreational vehicles allowed per lot and excluding recreational vehicles under 20’ in length from the definition of a major recreational vehicle in the amendment. Emrick reported that after consideration, staff did not recommend either of these options and reviewed the basis for this recommendation. He further recommended that Council consider final reading of the ordinance with no changes since first reading. **OUTCOME:** Final reading of the ordinance with no changes will be placed on the agenda for a future Council meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 5th day of June, 2017.



Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk