

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY-APRIL 23, 2007 - 5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Gregory K. Martin, Mayor; Irby L. Koon, Mayor Pro Tem; Vivian E. Chestnut; Alys C. Lawson; Jean M. Timbes; Randle L. Alford; Thomas J. Anderson II.

**STAFF:** Bill Graham, City Administrator; Michael Hardee, Finance Director; Jerry Barnhill, Public Works Director; Larry Schilling, Grants Coordinator; Greg Richardson, Special Projects Coordinator; Tim Williams, Beautification Director; Wanda Lilly, Arborist; Reggie Gosnell, Chief of Police; Freddie DuBose, Public Utilities Director, Karen Godin, Planning Director; Ken Senn, Parks and Recreation Director; Darrell McDowell, Fire Chief; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official.

**OTHERS:** Tonya Root, Sun News; Kathy Ropp, Horry Independent; Sherry Joyner and Carol Zegarowski, from the Conway Housing Authority; Rev. Daniel Stalvey, Rev. Stuart Jacobs, and Rev. Eddie Altman, Conway Church of God; Retha Pierce, Atlantic Beach City Council, Camaron Brown, Kristie and Jon Hollingsworth, Antonio Allen, Sims and Pratt Gasque, Matthew Dellinger, Daniel Campbell, Crystal Smallacombe, The Feldners, Lydia Solazzo and Angela Williamson, Judy and Kurt Johnson, Lou Ann Hardy, Danny Fogle, Phyllis Monarch, Tamra Cannon, Abdullah Mustafa, Bill Strydesky, Damion B. Fowler, Dave and Pati Doback, Emmanuel Denson, Tammy Arambula, Marie Rogers, Terry W. Hucks, Ronnie Boyington, Karen Bracy, and Robert Cody.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Reverend David "Dave" Rickert, Bethany Bible Chapel, led the Council in a prayer of guidance. City Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION:**

Horry County Councilmen - James Frazier, District 7 and Carl Schwartzkoph, District 8 presented the Conway Parks and Recreation Department a check in the amount of \$44,200.00 to assist the City with its sports programs which serves both City and County residents.

**Quattlebaum Awards** - Each year, the Community Appearance Board and City Council recognize outstanding contribution in design for projects within the City. The following presentations were awarded for the 2006 year:

Outstanding New Construction of a Residence - Jill and Britt Feldner, 4300 Bradford Drive and Sean and Tiffany Hamilton of 1105 Lakeside Drive.

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Outstanding New Construction of Non-Residential Building- Reverend Jacobs, The Church of God, 3111 Cultra Road and Ms. Phyllis Monarch of Coastal Federal Bank located at 2600 Main Street.

Outstanding Restoration of a Non-Residential Building - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strydesky, 315 Main Street and Reverend Pee of Friendship Baptist Church, 1111 Grainger Road.

Outstanding Renovation of a Home - Pratt and Sims Gasque, 504 Lakewood Avenue

Outstanding Landscape Project - Gullies Convenience Store, 1200 Highway 544

Outstanding Sign Project - Serendipity Consignment, 3320 Fourth Avenue, Unit 1

Outstanding Interior Design Effort - Ms. Williamson and Ms. Solazzo of Izzy B, located at 315 Main Street and Mr. Calhoun of Moegan's located at 315 Main Street and The Bryan House owned by the Horry County Historical Society, located at 606 Main Street.

Outstanding Contribution to Quality Development, Restoration, Landscape or Design by an Organization or Individual - The Bryan House owned by the Horry County Historical Society and located at 606 Main Street and Horry County Library located at 801 Main Street.

**Longevity Award** - Antonio J. Burroughs of the Public Utilities Department was awarded a five year longevity bonus award. The presentation was made by the City Administrator and Mayor Pro Tem.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**HUD Entitlement Grant Year 4 Action Plan** - this plan was presented by the Grant Manager, Larry Schilling. Project Listing is as follows: Sidewalk improvements along Mill Pond Road including administration \$60,864.00; contribution to NAEIR \$5,000.00, funds of \$8,000.00 to the local non-profit bus service to add bus service in Racepath and Smith Street area and to build a bus shelter in the same area; and \$60,000 to tile an open ditch which runs through Huckabee Heights Housing Area. There was no public input on the Year 4 Action Plan.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Several people spoke at this time on behalf of Abdullah Mustafa. They are interested in having City Council place him on the Housing Authority Board. Speaking on his behalf Retha Pierce, Damion Fowler, Emmanuel Denson, Sylvia Conwell and one or two others who failed to give their names.

Emmanuel Denson stated that the Housing Authority has abolished some of the programs such as

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after school tutoring, GED classes and other programs that will uplift people in the area. Sherry Joyner, Director of the Housing Authority stated that the programs Mr. Denson said were abolished are in fact still in place.

Several residents of the Macala Subdivision spoke at this time in opposition to the proposed affordable housing project application (Waccamaw Village Housing Project) which is to be developed near them if approved for funding. The nearby residents of Macala Acres presented to City Council a petition in opposition of the proposed project.

City Council asked that residents of Macala Acres be notified if the City learns that the project is moving ahead. James Robinson, Architect for the project stated that it should be known in August if the project is funded.

Dave DoBack, 2707 Green Pond Court in Macala Acres asked about getting speed limit signs in the subdivision. He said that construction vehicles are speeding through the subdivision and he is concerned about safety of the children in the area. He also asked about a street light at the intersection of Hwy. 378 and Green Pond Court.

Dianne Davis, spoke of her concern about drugs in her area of the City. She feels that not enough emphasis is being placed on the problem.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READING:**

##### **Ordinance #2007-04-23(A) - Establishing Operating Hours for City Park.**

Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance referenced above at the April 9, 2007 meeting.

**Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Times to approve final reading of Ordinance #2007-04-23(A). **Vote:** Unanimous. The motion carried.

##### **Ordinance #ZA2007-04-23(B) - Accepting the Petition from Stephen and Tracy Kempinski to Annex Approximately 2.14 Acres Located at 2833 Long Avenue Extension and Zone the Property Low Density Residential -R-1**

Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance referenced above at the April 9, 2007 meeting.

**Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Timbes to approve final reading of Ordinance #ZA2007-04-23(B). **Vote:** Unanimous. The motion carried.

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**Ordinance #2007-04-23C - Adopting Television Broadcast Policies and Procedures for the City of Conway Access Channel.**

Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance referenced above at the April 9, 2007 meeting.

**Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Koon to approve final reading of Ordinance #2007-04-23C. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2007-04-23(D) - Amending Title 6, Health and Sanitation; Chapter 3, Garbage and Waste Disposal, Sec. 6-3-8 Storing of Refuse/Recyclable and Trash, Subsection (1)**

Council gave first reading approval to the ordinance referenced above at the April 9, 2007 Council meeting.

**Motion:** Lawson made a motion seconded by Anderson to approve final reading of Ordinance #2007-04-23(D). **Vote:** Unanimous. The motion carried.

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:**

**Ordinance #2007-05-14(A) - Accepting the Request to Annex Approximately 0.91 Acres Located at 3000 Graham Road and Zone the Property Low Density Residential R-1 at Annexation.**

Bruce Bessemer has requested the annexation of approximately 0.91 acres of land located at 3000 Graham Road. The property is identified in the Horry County Tax records as TMS#123-00-02-151. The property will be zoned R-1 when annexed.

**Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Lawson to approve first reading of Ordinance #2007-05-14(A). **Vote:** Unanimous. The motion carried.

**Ordinance #2007-05-14(B) - Approving and Acknowledging the Gift of a Certain Property Referred to Herein as the Elm Street Triangle.**

This is a rather small parcel, too small for development, owned by Horry Land Company, Inc. Due to the size and location, Horry Land Company, Inc would like to donate the property to the City of Conway. Graham said a portion of this parcel will be taken by the Highway Department as they make their improvements at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> and Elm. However, there will remain a portion which can be used as a green area.

**Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve first reading of the Ordinance accepting the property. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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## **RESOLUTION:**

### **Approval of a Resolution Designating April as Fair Housing Month.**

As part of the HUD entitlement Grant requirements the City of Conway must show that they are actively involved in promoting fair housing. On April 11, 2007 the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the US Fair Housing Law, Title VII of the Civil Rights act of 1968 as amended occurred. The month of April has been designated as Fair Housing Month for the City of Conway. It should be noted that the City of Conway supports Fair Housing throughout the year.

**Motion** - Koon made a motion, seconded by Timbes to approve the Resolution as presented.

**Vote** - Unanimous. Motion carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS:**

### **Vehicle Bids for Public Utilities Department**

On March 26, 2007, City Council approved an additional vehicle for a meter reader position that was added. The City received bids from Vic Bailey Ford under the State Contract for \$11,698.00, Conway Ford for \$11,798.00 and Palmetto Chevrolet for \$14,900, all prices include sales tax. Council asked that the purchase be made from the local dealer since the Ford bid was only \$100.00 more than State Contract and the cost of sending two people to Spartanburg to pick up the vehicle and drive it back would be more than \$100.00.

**Motion** - Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Timbes to approve the purchase of the 2007 Ford Ranger in the amount of \$11,798.00 from Conway Ford. Lawson abstained from the discussion and vote, due to a possible conflict of interest. **Vote:** Voting in favor of the motion: Martin, Koon, Chestnut, Timbes, Alford and Anderson. The motion carried.

### **Base Material Bids for Collins Jollie Road**

In July 2006, the City agreed to oversee funds of \$200,000 from CTC for improvements to Collins Jollie Road. For the improvements, the City needed to buy the base material for a portion of the funding. On April 12, 2007 quotes were received from three vendors. Donald Richardson and Son had the low bid per ton for SABC (base material) to be delivered to Collins Jollie Road. The estimated quantity is 2300 Tons.

**Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Koon to approve the low bid from Donald Richardson and Son at \$16.05/T for an estimated total of approximately \$36,000.00. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

### **Consideration of a Request for Letter of Support for an Affordable Housing Project Application**

The City Planner gave background information on the application that the developer is submitting. The proposed project will provide 42 single family detached units which will be rented. The units will be income and rent restricted to those who make 60% of the median income of the area or less. The project will include a play ground area and a community building. The Planner stated that the developer might be able to build the project without the City's Letter of Support; however, the Letter of Support goes a long way in the competitive process. The property is presently located within the County. It is anticipated that if the project is approved, they will desire to annex into the City for City services. This is the **Waccamaw Village** which the residents of Macala Subdivision voiced opposition to during Public Input.

**Motion**-Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Koon to deny the City's Letter of Support.

**Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. It was requested by Council that the homeowners be notified if the City learns that the project is moving ahead in spite of the City's denial of the Letter of Support.

### **Letter of Support for Coastal Carolina University's Proposed Arena**

A Letter of Support for Coastal Carolina University proposed arena was presented for Council's consideration. The letter was requested in an attempt to secure special funding for the construction of the arena.

**Motion** - Anderson made a motion which as seconded by Timbes to approve the Letter of Support for Coastal Carolina University's proposed arena. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Update on Planned Intersection Improvements at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Elm Street**

The City Administrator advised City Council of the proposed intersection improvements at 16<sup>th</sup> and Elm Street. Council specifically asked about Mrs. Ramseur's status. The Administrator noted that her residence is most affected, as it is a corner lot and she will be affected on two sides rather than one. He stated that the Highway Department has negotiated with her and she had agreed to the negotiated settlement. Lawson noted that the Highway Department has shortened some of the turn lanes in an attempt to lessen the impact of residents. Graham said that at this time the Highway Department is asking Council to approve and support them in their plans to move ahead with the project.

**Motion** - Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson the approve the planned intersection improvements as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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**Resolution for Robert Booth for thirty (30) years of service as a volunteer fireman.**

A resolution honoring Robert Booth's service with the City was presented to City Council for consideration. The resolution will be framed and presented to Robert at the May 14, 2007 City Council meeting.

**Motion** - Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution as prepared for Robert Booth. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Palmetto Pride Week and Volunteer Day** - The City has been awarded a grant of \$4,000.00 to pay for landscaping materials, trash receptacles, and advertising of this event which will start on May 14 and culminate on Saturday, May 19. The Volunteer Day, which is May 19<sup>th</sup> will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Beautification building and go through noon. At 12:30 p.m. a City sponsored lunch with door prizes will be held at the Beautification building. During this week we are also trying to get volunteers to assist in some Housing Rehabilitation projects under the HUD Entitlement Grant program. No action by Council

**National Recognition of Police Department Grant Program** - Council was made aware that the Conway Police Department has received notification from the program manager of the SC Department of Public Safety that the Violent Crime/Gang Investigator Grant is being cited as an example to members of Congress as an innovative model program that finds solutions to significant national problems. Also cited is the Horry County 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit multi-jurisdictional task force that Conway participates in by assigning an officer to work in drug enforcement activities and Chief Gosnell is a member of the governing board that effects policy decisions of the task force. No action by Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda included City Council Minutes from 4-9-07, Rose Hill Cemetery Committee Minutes of 4-02-07, Safety Committee Minutes of 4-10-07, Lakeside Cemetery Committee Minutes of 3-19-07, Planning Commission Minutes, 3-1-07, CAB Minutes of 3-14 and 3-28-07, Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes-2-22-07, Business Procedures Review Committee Minutes, 3-15-07 and Departmental Monthly Reports.

**Motion** - Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Vote** - Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** - None

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

Councilman Koon asked when the steps on Fourth Avenue might be rebuilt. Graham explained

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that this is private property and the City is working with the property owner to get this matter resolved.

Council Member Lawson asked if we could have the Drug Task Force look into the area which Miss Davis spoke about during public input. Lawson would like for the City to do something to help in the area.

Councilman Anderson asked how do we keep people in jail that have lengthy “rap” sheets. He noted that people are being sentence for 5 years and getting out in a year and a half.

Council Member Chestnut noted that she is proud of the way the City looks and thanked the City Arborist for her hard work.

Council Member Timbes said she is glad that all the signs are down at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and US 501. She also noted that there are several street lights out on Main Street and on the bridge. She questioned our Police Chief as to any programs we might have in place in the event we encountered a situation similar to the one which recently happened at Virginia Tech.

Councilman Alford had a question re: Building Permit report, Police Dept. Report and EMS back up calls. The Administrator was asked to look at Municipal Improvement Districts.

Mayor Martin also praised the staff for the appearance of the landscape. He noted that one of Council’s goals this year is to target areas in which to work and address some of the neighborhood concerns. The budget will include some funding for promotions and improvements to address some of the issues voiced during public input.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Times to enter into executive. **Vote** - Unanimous. Motion carried.

Items to be discussed during executive session are appointments to Smith-Jones Board of Directors; Appointment to the Conway Housing Authority Board of Directors and professional designations for the CAB.

**Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Timbes to come out of executive session: **Vote** - Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Appointment to Smith-Jones Board of Directors -Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Alford to appoint William “PJ” Parrish to the Smith-Jones Board of Directors. **Vote:** Unanimous. The Motion carried.

**Appointment to the Conway Housing Authority Board of Directors - Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Lawson to reappoint William Foxworth to the Conway Housing Authority

Board. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Professional Designations for CAB - Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Alford to designate Larry Timbes as the licensed architect for the CAB until such time as a replacement is named; and to designate Debbie Jenkins as the sign professional on the CAB. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Koon and duly seconded by Anderson. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Minutes approved by City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Interim City Clerk.