

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
1001 3RD AVENUE
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY -JULY 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 and Thomas J. Anderson II

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Barbara Blain-Olds, Assistant Administrator; Greg Richardson, Special Projects Coordinator; Reggie Gosnell, Chief of Police; Wanda Lilly, City Arborist; Timmy Williams, Beautification Director; Freddie DuBose, Public Utilities Director; Karen Godin, Planning Director; Ken Senn, Parks and Recreation Director; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official;

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Morgan, David Thomas, Dianne Wilson, Anthony Alberg, Sybil Lee all from the Breathe Coalition, Horry County. Dan Carrigan, Smoke Free Action Network; Denise Richbourg Fitz, American Cancer Society; Mary Kathryn Craft and Hellen Dekle with SC DHEC; Dana C. Hamilton, P.E., Weaver Engineering, Inc.; Brandie Siebel, Sherrie Evans and Amanda Hoerner with WPDE-TV15; Tonya Root, *Sun News*; *Horry Independent* staff member and other interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Martin called the Council meeting and public hearing to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Reverend Andrew Cooke, First Pentecostal Church, led a prayer of guidance. City Council and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Street Closing Request by Veterans** -Bob Fogner advised City Council that the veterans are sponsoring a Veterans' Celebration, November 10, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To accommodate the celebration, Mr. Fogner is requesting that City Council approve closing Elm Street and Beaty Street from 2nd Avenue to Third Avenue. He said they might need to close a portion of 2nd Avenue but he was not certain at this time. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the request for street closings as presented. **Discussion:** Lawson said she felt it might be best to include the closing of 2nd Avenue from Elm Street to Beaty Street in the request. **Substitute Motion:** Lawson offered a substitute motion, seconded by Timbes to approve closing Elm Street and Beaty Street from 2nd Avenue to Third Avenue and to approve closing 2nd Avenue from Elm Street to Beaty Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 10, 2007.

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Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Longevity Bonus Awards** - Mayor Martin called upon Mayor Pro Tem Koon and the City Administrator to present the longevity bonus awards. Vili J. Schwanke - Police Officer for the City was honored for have fulfilled five years with the City of Conway. Schwenke is on Military Leave and is doing active duty at this time.

Having ten years with the City of Conway is Cynthia L. Gore, City Clerk and George Griffin, Jr., with the Solid Waste Department. Cynthia has had back surgery and is out on FMLA leave and did not attend the meeting. George Griffin was in attendance and was personally presented his longevity bonus check by Mr. Graham and Mayor Pro Tem Koon.

- C. Special Events Request by Roderick Smith of 98.5 Kiss FM** - Roderick Smith from KISS FM was present to request permission to hold a special event at the Marina Park on August 12, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The “family picnic” type event is to encourage young people to stay in school and in general to talk about the importance of school. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Alford to approve the special event request. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. Mr. Smith was asked to pick up the regulations for use of the park from Natasha Sherman at City Hall.

- D. Addition of the SC 544 Enhanced Plan to the State Hurricane Plan** - Chief Gosnell introduced Randy Webster, Director of Horry County Emergency Preparedness. Webster said that in order to be prepared for emergencies, his staff continues to review and update plans for evacuation. Review of the plan, presently in place, raised issues; therefore, a new evacuation plan has been prepared which will decrease evacuation time by approximately five hours. The new plan calls for traffic counter flow of US 501 to Hwy 378. Business US 501 will be used for emergency vehicles and as a route to Conway Hospital. Maps were made available to the City which delineates the enhanced evacuation plan for SC 544. No action by Council.

- E. City Annex Landscape Plan** - Wanda Lilly presented to Council a proposed landscape plan for the open green area at the end of the City Hall Annex building. A copy of the proposed plan is attached as part of these minutes. The plan calls for a new sign at the Annex, removal of one pine tree (to be removed by Santee Cooper), the addition of a picnic table and trash receptacle, one crepe myrtle tree and border grass. No formal action; however it was the consensus of Council to approve the plan as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -

- A. Request to rezone approximately 11,165 square feet located at 1005 16th Avenue**

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from Low Density Residential R-1 to Professional (P) - Godin said that the Future Land Use map of the Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as single family residential. However, at the June meeting of the Planning Commission, they recommended approval of the request. A nearby resident of the area stated that he was opposed to the request to rezone to Professional.

Ms. Skipper, daughter of the property owners, spoke during the public hearing stating that she felt that rezoning of the property to Professional would be the best option and she does not feel it would diminish values of the surrounding property. No other public input on this item.

B. Request to rezone approximately 2,613 square feet located at 1624 Racepath Avenue from Highway Commercial (HC) to Medium Density Residential R-2

Godin said that the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as commercial; however, the owner of the property also owns the adjacent lot zoned R-2, which has a single-family home on it. Larry White spoke in favor of the property being rezoned to R-2.

C. Request to rezone approximately 6.81 acres located on Technology Boulevard from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned District (PD) - Godin said that in February of this year, the applicants had requested High Density Residential R-3 zoning. At the public hearing for that request, several dozen residents of the neighboring Quail Creek Subdivision attended and voiced their concerns regarding density, traffic, noise, drainage, privacy and parking. At that time, City Council advised the applicants to return with a Planned District. The developer is now proposing 68 three-story, four bedroom townhouse units with an associated amenity center. The proposed development addresses many of the original concerns expressed at the public hearing. It provides one parking space per bedroom (4 parking spaces per unit), plus extra spaces, and proposes to use pervious pavement to enable the drainage. Additionally, the buildings have been positioned in such a way as to provide no windows facing the Quail Creek Subdivision.

Several residents (nine) of the Quail Creek Subdivision spoke opposing the proposed development. The major concern is adding to the traffic, and also concern was expressed about students cutting through Quail Creek Subdivision. Some feel if the property were to develop as Highway Commercial there would be considerably less traffic than the proposed development will bring.

Concern was expressed about the parking. Deborah Maxson said she does not feel there is nearly enough overflow parking (20) planned for the development.

Council member Lawson said she did not understand why we would allow a cul de sac at the end of Technology Boulevard. She feels if this street could be opened and cut on through to the next street, this would make for better traffic flow.

Sam Washington, owner of the property, said that if this development is turned down, the property will go on the market as Highway Commercial. The developer read the allowed uses in Highway Commercial, some of which would not make ideal neighbors for a residential area.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

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PUBLIC INPUT

Smoking Ban/Animal Waste

- A. Dan Carrigan, Smoke Free Action Network, spoke in favor of a smoking ban. In attendance with Mr. Carrigan were several others who also spoke in favor of a city wide smoking ban.

Members of the BREATHE Organization spoke in support of a smoking ban.

Tony Alburg, Medical University of Charleston, spoke on the effects of second hand smoke.

Also attending the meeting were members of DHEC and Larry White, an employee of DHEC who spoke in support of a smoking ban.

Bucky Ricks spoke in support of a smoking ban and also spoke about the ordinance to be discussed later in the meeting regarding animal waste. He supports regulations requiring pet owners to clean up animal waste.

Smith Jones - Tree Cutting Request

- B. Elijah Jackson and Terry Hill representing the Smith Jones Board of Directors spoke during Public Input. Jackson said that the Board is having pine trees cut on the Smith Jones side of the Center. The Board recently had a land survey completed at a cost of \$1,985, and he is here this evening to ask Council for permission to cut pine trees on the City owned side of the property. He said that they would cut only pine trees, no hardwood trees. The cutting was necessary to make space for expansion at the center. They are clear cutting all pines, except those around the picnic area, and he has already marked the trees to be removed. Jackson stated that the full board is in favor of doing this.

When asked how many trees were on the City property that were to be cut, Hill said 25-

30. Hill said a decision needed to be made while Coastal Timber is there cutting the Smith Jones property trees. He said that City staff apparently was not passing onto Council necessary information from their Board meetings or Council would already know all about this matter as the Board had been discussing it for six months now.

Council advised that they would look at the property and the trees over the next few days; however, a decision could not be made until the next Council meeting on August 13, 2007.

Resolution Re: - Political Activities

- C. Grace Skipper, representing the Horry County League of City Voters, told briefly the purpose of their league. She said that they are concerned about the Resolution up for consideration this evening banning use of City property by political organizations and for political activities. In regard to the same Resolution, Mayor Martin said that Council has received a letter from Paulette Gujer, each member received a copy, urging Council to reconsider and delay or deny passage of the resolution.

Ordinance #2007-08-13(E)

- D. Rick Rickenbaker spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance #2007-08-13(E) to be presented latter in the meeting. He indicated that the Water Quality Commission would lend expertise to the City regarding contamination by animal waste if needed.

Smoking Ban - Opposition

- E. Sydney Barrs spoke opposing the possibility of adopting an ordinance banning smoking in the City. He said it is a “rights” thing and he feels the City shouldn’t take this “right” away.
- F. John Cherry is opposed to City Council banning smoking in businesses. He and his wife own Kimberly’s Bar and Grill and he said the majority of his customers do smoke. He feels it would be detrimental to his business.
- G. Wayne Jordan urged Council not to follow the lead of Charleston and ban smoking in businesses. He feels smoking is an individual choice and should not be legislated.

The Public Input portion of the meeting was closed.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING

ITEMS #1 -ANNEXATION REQUEST

- A. **Ordinance #2007-04-23(A) - Accepting the request to annex approximately 18,337 square feet located at 5103 Presbyterian Drive and zone the property Low Density Residential R-1 at annexation**

Motion: Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve Ordinance #2007-07-23(A).

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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ITEM #2 - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

A. Ordinance #ZA2007-07-23(B) - Accepting the Request to Amend the Conway Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Required Placement of Street Trees

All developments which require the installation of sidewalks as set forth in the City of Conway Land Development Regulations shall be required to install street trees in the public right-of-way at fifty (50') feet intervals. Such street trees shall meet the minimum requirements for shade trees as set forth in Section 11.1080.E, provided however in instances where such trees would interfere with underground utilities or overhead utility services, tree types of a more appropriate species may be permitted. The following factors shall be considered in determining the type of trees installed and the placement of trees:

1. Proximity of overhead and underground utility services;
2. Driveway and street intersection site triangles;
3. Estimated mature height, root development, and canopy shape and size of trees;

As an alternative to the above requirements, a developer may submit a master streetscape plan for the development. The total number of trees in the master plan must be at least equivalent to placing trees in the public right of way at fifty (50') feet intervals on both sides of the street. This plan must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and must meet the minimum requirements stated in Section 11.1095.

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Chestnut to approve Ordinance #ZA2007-07-23(B).
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

A. Ordinance #ZA2007-8-13(A) - Accepting the request to rezone approximately 11,165 square feet located at 1005 16th Avenue from Low Density Residential R-1 to Professional (P)

The Future Land Use Map of the comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as single family residential. At the June Planning Commission meeting, it was recommended that the request for rezoning to Professional be approved.

Motion: Lawson made a motion, seconded by Timbes to deny this rezoning request. **Vote:** Lawson, Timbes, Chestnut, Alford, Martin. Anderson in favor of the motion. Koon voted against the motion. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance #ZA2007-8-13(B) - Accepting the request to rezone approximately 2,613

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square feet located at 1624 Racepath Avenue from Highway Commercial (HC) to Medium

Density Residential R-2

The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan designated this parcel as Commercial. The Planning Commission recommended approval to rezone to Medium Density Residential.

Motion: Timbes made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2007-8-13(B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. **Ordinance #ZA2007-8-13 C - Accepting the request to rezone approximately 6.81 acres located on Technology Boulevard from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned District (PD)**

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Alford to approve first reading of the above ordinance. **Discussion:** Staff was asked to look at the cul-de-sac prior to final reading. Timbes feels leaving the property Highway Commercial is highly dangerous. Mayor Martin asked staff to look at how many Highway Commercial businesses might locate on the parcel and have this information available prior to final reading. Council feels this plan is much better than the original project as proposed. The traffic concerns in this area might be something that the state, county and city can work on jointly. Timbes commended the developer for trying to work through the issues of concern by the neighboring residents. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. **Ordinance #2007-08-13(D) - To Approve and Acknowledge the Gift of a Certain Property Referred to Herein as the Riverwalk Parcel**

Randy Beverly and Donald Godwin of Kingston Pointe Marina, Inc. desire to donate to the City a parcel of land, approximately 2,600 square feet, adjacent to the Riverwalk. The land is situated between the City's Riverwalk property and Kingston Pointe Condominiums, and can be incorporated into the Riverwalk. This donation would benefit the community by increasing City owned open space at the Riverwalk. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Lawson to approve the ordinance accepting gift of property. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. **Ordinance #2007-8-13(E) - Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Conway, South Carolina, Article B, Sec. 6-4-22 Pets Running at Large by Amending the Title of Sec. 6.4.22 to read: Pets running at large, Leash required, Removal of excrement from public ways and Adding a subsection c. which addresses public and private property not owned by the animal's owner**

If adopted, this ordinance would require the removal and proper disposal of animal waste from public/private property by the animal's owner. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Koon to pass first reading of ordinance #2007-8-13(E). **Vote:** Lawon, Martin, Anderson, Alford,

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Timbes, Koon voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: Chestnut. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

A. Resolution to Deny the Use of City Property by Political Organizations and for Political Activities Except for Official Governmental Use

Lawson suggested amending Section 2 of the resolution as follows:

*The City, through and by its agents will deny the request for use of City-owned property by any political organization, and for any political activity except for official governmental uses, voters registration, debate forums and other **non partisan** activities designed to encourage citizen participation in the democratic process.*

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Timbes to approve the Resolution with the amendment suggested by Lawson. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

BIDS

A. Vehicle Bids on Three Vehicles

The City received bids from Vic Bailey Ford under the State Contract for a cost of \$11,698.00 each, for a total amount of \$35,094.00 (including sales tax), and Conway Ford for \$14,267.00 each, for a total of \$42,801.00 (including sales tax). The bids are based upon the same vehicle and the difference in bids is \$7,707.00. Staff recommends that City Council award the bid to Vic Bailey Ford under the State Contract.

Motion: Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Koon to approve the purchase from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$35,094.00. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Youth Football/Cheerleading/Soccer Bids

The Recreation Department mailed bid requests to nine suppliers. Bids were received from Todd-Moore, T&T Sports and Jeffers Co. The recommendation of the staff is to purchase the following low bid items:

Todd-Moore - \$8,039.44
T&T Sports - 292.19
Jeffers Co. - 6,524.54

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Chestnut to award the bids as recommended by staff. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Water Meter Purchase and Three Purchase Orders

Current City procurement policy requires any purchase greater than \$10,000.00 to come before City Council for approval. The Public Utilities Department requested bids to purchase water meters for the entire fiscal year. Carolina Meter was the low bidder on items to be purchased. Three purchase orders to Carolina Meter were presented in the amounts of \$46, 955.88, acct # 30-8110-111; \$151,743.12, acct. #30-8130-111; and \$197,116.47, acct.#30-8120-500.

Motion: Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the three purchase orders to Carolina Meter in the above amounts. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Water Meter Boxes for New and Upgraded Installations of 3/4 Size Water Meters for Six Months

Staff is recommending to Council the approval of two purchase orders to Pipeline Supply (low bidder) for a six month supply of meter boxes for new customers and replacement of older boxes not meeting DHEC standards.

Motion: Alford made a motion, seconded by Chestnut to approve the two purchase order in the amounts of \$24,923.70, acct.#30-8110-11 and \$58,197.30, acct.#30-8130-111. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. Supply Hose for Fire Engines

Bids were received to purchase supply hose for fire engines to replace hose which failed the annual pressure test mandated by the National Fire Protection Association standards. The low bidder was Safe Industries in the amount of \$12, 951.28 (tax included). Capital funds will be redirected to allow for this purchase of hose which was not anticipated at time of budget preparation.

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Alford to approve purchase of fire hose from Safe Industries in the amount of \$12,951.28. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Posting of maximum speed limit signage in Ivey Glen Subdivision

Staff has recommended that 25 MPH signs be erected at designated locations along Ivey Glen Drive. **Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve signage as

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recommended by staff. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Riverfront, Phase III

Staff presented to City Council the most recent information on the Riverfront Phase III project. The project is ready for bid, beginning August 1, 2007. Staff explained to Council which portions of the project will be bid by the City and which portions of the project will be bid out by Wood and Partners. The swimming area was discussed briefly. Wood and Partners said it would be difficult to get a permit to add sand to make a sandy beach area for swimming as it would be considered a discharge issue. Staff was asked to check and see if we could dredge to obtain the sand. Also the cost of replacing a dock to accommodate eight boats at a cost of \$175,000.00 was questioned by Anderson. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Alford, to approve staff and Wood and Partners to move ahead with the bid process for Phase III of the Riverwalk. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

In conjunction with the riverfront work, but not on the agenda, staff asked approval of Council to move ahead with the drainage work to the extent possible on the right side of Elm Street toward the riverfront, following completion of the work at the County Complex. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Lawson to approve the Public Works Department to move ahead with their work on Elm Street on the Tennis Center side, following completion of their work at the County Complex. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Signage Change for Police Satellite Station

Based on a request from the community, staff has recommended that there be a change in the signage at the satellite police station and that the sign read "S.P. Floyd Sr. Police Station". In order to change the sign, City staff had to take into consideration the warranty on the building finish. The building has an exterior insulation finish system "EFIS" which is void if signage is not applied properly. Fast Signs from Myrtle Beach did the original signage and is very familiar with the warranty requirements of the building. The cost to change the sign is \$606.08. Staff recommends that if City Council approves the sign change that Fast Signs do the work for the quoted cost of \$606.08. **Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the sign and installation by Fast Signs from Myrtle Beach in the amount of \$606.08. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Horry Telephone Cooperative Cable Franchise Fee, 5% of Gross Revenues

In August of 2006, City Council adopted an ordinance setting a franchise fee rate of five percent (5%) of gross revenues for cable service providers upon expiration or termination of then existing franchises for cable services. Recently, staff became aware that HTC was not paying a five percent franchise fee to the City. Time-Warner Cable, the only other provider of cable services in

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Conway, pays the 5% franchise fee. Fairness and equity in our dealings with the various utilities would dictate that the City require HTC to increase its fee schedule to that of its competitor, and pay the City a 5% franchise fee.

HTC accepts this increase, but must provide its customers with a thirty (30) day notice of the increase. Therefore, such an increase would be effective on September 1, 2007. The increased fee will be passed on to HTC's cable customers in Conway and the franchise fee will be listed on customer billings.

Staff recommends Council approve an increase in franchise fees from HTC effective September 1, 2007 from 3% to 5%. The projected payment for the coming year will be \$39,000 as opposed to last years payment of \$23,000.00. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Chestnut to approve increasing the franchise fee for Horry Telephone Cooperative for cable from 3% to 5% effective September 1, 2007. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. Acceptance of the 2007 PARD Grant

The City has received funding for the 2007 PARD funds through the Horry County Delegation Office in the amount of \$4,600.05. The State's 80% match will be \$3,680.04 and the City's match would be 20% or \$920.01. The funds would be used to purchase soccer goals for the Recreation Complex. Staff recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of the grant. **Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to accept the 2007 PARD Grant. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. SCDOT - Rural Enhancement Grant

This grant was discussed at the June 25 Council meeting and Council requested that the City pursue a grant for the 10 foot paved trail along the area called the East Bikeway (Corridor L) on the Master Greenway Plan. After further discussions with Tom Dodds, SCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, the SCDOT would not support the 10 foot path with two way bike travel because of the number of driveways that would cross the path. They recommended that the City pursue the 4' on-street bike lanes for both sides of the street. This is an option that he, as well as our district engineering office, would support. With this option in mind, we could do approximately 2,250 linear feet at an approximate cost of \$247,500. **Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the revision to the original scope of the grant application to incorporate a 4' bike lane on each side of the street as opposed to one 10' multi use paved trail. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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G. No Smoking Ordinance or Voluntary Program

No formal action by Council on this item. However Council would like for staff to make “No Smoking” signs available to all businesses who would like them. Mayor Martin suggested that these might be somewhat personalized for Conway. Timbes suggested that the City provide “butt” containers in parks and other specific public areas where they are needed. Chestnut was very concerned about the City enforcing a ban on smoking and would rather see a voluntary program. Alford agreed that the voluntary route to discourage smoking in public places was the best option. Anderson stated that he favors a voluntary ban. One suggestion Anderson had was to consider a ban in bars until 9:00 p.m.

Council asked that the Conway Chamber do a Smoking Ban survey. Council member Koon and Anderson will meet with Blain-Olds on the smoking ban issue, prior to the next meeting.

H. Horry County Government requests that the City accept 200 linear feet of Regal Drive

Horry County Government requests that the City accept 200 linear feet of Regal Drive. This portion of the road connects the Maple Run subdivision, which is in the City limits, to Collins Jollie Road. The larger portion of Regal Drive as well as Maple Run Court is already owned and maintained by the City. The City has inspected this roadway and found it to be in satisfactory condition. **Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by Lawson to accept the 200 linear feet of Regal Drive. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

I. Business Procedure Review Committee

The BPRC was tasked with reviewing several policies and ordinances in order to assist in clarifying ambiguities and streamlining the business license process. The final report of this body was given at the May 4, 2007 City Council meeting. During that meeting Councilman Anderson stated that he thought it may not be necessary for all signs to be produced by a licensed sign contractor and requested that statement on the CAB application be changed. After discussing this issue with CAB, they did not feel like a change to the application was a good idea.

Following discussion by Council they recommended that CAB approve the sign design only and that the CAB application form be revised to delete the statement that “signs to be designed by licensed sign contractor”. **Motion:** Lawson made a motion, seconded by Koon that Council’s recommendation as stated here be approved. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

J. Special Tax Assessment - Historic Properties

The City adopted a Special Tax Assessment Ordinance for Historic Properties (Ordinance #2000-

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01-10(B). Since Council adopted that ordinance in 2000, there have ben several changes to the state enabling legislation simplifying the process for implementing the program. The City Planner prepared an issue paper showing how the City ordinance differs from the recently adopted Horry County special tax assessment ordinance under the new state legislation.

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Lawson, that our Ordinance be amended to comply with the new state legislation and be the same as the County's. **Vote:** Anderson abstained from this vote and discussion. All others voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

K. Riverfront Activities

The Parks and Recreation Department has been checking on the possibility of providing kayaks, canoes and paddle boats for rent at the Marina. Cost information was provided for Council's review. The Department is still awaiting information on insurance costs. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Chestnut, for the Parks and Recreation Department to continue checking on adding additional activities are the Marina and report back to Council at a later meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

L. Appointment of a City Council Member Liaison to the Rose Hill Cemetery Committee

During his time on City Council, Council member Ivory Wilson served as the City Council liaison to Rose Hill Cemetery Committee. Recently, the Rose Hill Cemetery asked that a City Council member be appointed to serve as the liaison to the Committee. Council member Chestnut is willing to serve in that capacity. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Koon to appoint Council member Chestnut to serve in that capacity. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

M. Conway High School Requesting Grading Work by Public Works Department

Coach Jordan has requested assistance from the City in the form of grading work for the new Derrick Sasser Fieldhouse. The site work is for the relocation of sidewalks. The Public Works Director has estimated that the work will involve three employees, a trackhoe, grader and two dump trucks for three (3) days. **Motion:** Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve City staff and City equipment to perform the work. **Vote:** Motion carried.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

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| A. City Council Minutes, June 25, 2007 | For Approval |
| B. Departmental Monthly Reports for June | For Information |

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Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Alford, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

XII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Graham made Council aware of a Blood Drive on 7-24-07. Council encouraged to participate.

Graham said that the City Visitor Coordinator spoke to the Lions Club last week and she gave a

very good presentation regarding the history of the Visitor Center and program. Graham said she is a very good ambassador for the City.

COUNCIL INPUT

Anderson said he was sorry that everyone on Council did not attend the MASC meeting in Greenville. He said; however, he was sorry to miss the clock ceremony on July 15. He indicated that he will meet with Chief Gosnell regarding a youth program

Lawson would like for the City to consider sponsoring a tennis tournament. It was noted that Conway Main Street hosted the tournament in the past, however, they have not done this in the past few years. Lawson also said that she had received a complaint about trash in ditches along Sherwood Drive.

Koon said that he thoroughly enjoyed the MASC annual meeting in Greenville. He has some information he will share with the Chamber.

Chestnut said she has a newspaper article that stated a 200 year old tree was killed by fireworks. She said there are a lot of fireworks being shot off in the City and she is concerned about possible damage to some of our trees.

Timbes said she too is concerned about fireworks in the City, especially when they land on other people's property or even worse are shot from other people's property without permission.

Alford suggested that the City pay an additional \$100,000 a year on the bond for the new Shop Complex, in order to pay it off early.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Koon, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

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Minutes approved by City Council this _____ day of _____, 2007

Linda K. Vereen, Interim City Clerk

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