

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY – JANUARY 7, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Alys C. Lawson, Mayor Pro Tem Larry A. White, and Council Members Thomas J. Anderson II, Barbara Blain-Olds, William M. Goldfinch IV, Irby L. Koon, and Jean M. Timbes

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Michael Hardee, Finance Director; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Timmy Williams, Beautification Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Jerry Barnhill, Public Works Director, Freddie DuBose, Public Utilities Director; Rick Baker, Fire Chief; Michael Leinwand, Planning Director; and Vicky Lefler, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp, Rev. Mark Burlinson, and others

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Rev. Mark Burlinson of Christ Community Church who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS SESSION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Koon, to approve the agenda contents. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #2013-01-07 (C) Adopting an Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

B. Adoption of resolution honoring Arnold Spain on his retirement

C. City Council minutes – December 3, 2012

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

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2013: Mayor Lawson noted that Council has traditionally adhered to a rotation policy to fill this office and, in accordance with the list of previous Mayors Pro Tem and this policy, Council Member Koon would be next in line for this office. **Motion:** Blain-Olds made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to elect Koon as Mayor Pro Tem for 2013. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Lawson thanked White for serving

as Mayor Pro Tem during 2012 and congratulated Koon on his election as Mayor Pro Tem for 2013.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Presentation on Conway Area Schools.** Mr. Steven Fitch, Principal of Conway High School, gave a presentation to share information on and seek support for the Conway Area Schools' new K-12 focus. The key elements of the initiative are technology, leadership, and college and career readiness. A short video on the initiative was shown. Accompanying Mr. Fitch were Superintendent Cindy Elsberry, Staff Member Beth Havens, and Conway Area School Principals Leon Hayes, Cheryl Banks, Mary Anderson, and Judy Beard.
- B. SCMIT and SCMIRF Safety Compliance Recognitions awarded to the City of Conway.** The City received these recognitions for its outstanding loss control and risk management efforts in 2012. Graham and Mayor Lawson recognized and congratulated City employees for their efforts.
- C. Employee of the Month Award for November** was presented to Greg Rush, Code Enforcer, Building Department. Rush was commended by City Council for having been selected as the recipient of this award. The City Administrator, accompanied by the City Building Official, made the presentation.
- D. Employee Longevity Awards** were presented to Stephanie Carroll and Vicky Lefler, Administration, 5 years; and Levon Williams, Fire Department (volunteer), 20 years. The presentation was made by Council Member Koon and the City Administrator.
- E. Recognition of Fire Department Lieutenant Brent Green on obtaining his Associate's Degree in Fire Science.** Council recognized and congratulated Lt. Green, who received his degree from Columbia Southern University in November, 2012.

AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION:

- A. Consideration of an agreement outlining the conditions to accept the roadways in Forest Glen Planned Development, Phase I.** Leinwand advised Council that the new owner of this subdivision, OREO Corporation, is willing to request dedication of the subdivision's roadways. However, as OREO is not the original developer of Forest Glen, the City is being asked to enter into an agreement outlining the conditions of the road dedication, one of which is a waiver of the warranty requirements. Leinwand pointed out that these roadways were constructed in 2008 and, had the original developer dedicated them in a timely manner, the required warranty would have already expired. The City Public Works Department recently inspected the roadways and found them to be in acceptable condition. Staff recommended that Council authorize the City Administrator to execute the proposed agreement with OREO Corporation. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement with OREO Corporation which outlines the conditions under which the roadways in Forest Glen Planned Development, Phase I, will be accepted. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of a resolution accepting the right-of-way and drainage system for roadways in Forest Glen Planned Development, Phase I. Staff recommended adoption of the resolution accepting the dedication of the roadways. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to adopt the resolution accepting the right of way and drainage system for roadways in the Forest Glen Planned Development, Phase I. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. See attachment.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Ordinance #ZA2013-01-07 (A) Accepting the petition of Floyd and Walt Smith to rezone approximately 3.9 acres of two parcels of property located at 2200 Main Street (TMS# 123-00-02-102) and 2210 Main Street (TMS# 123-00-02-101) from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Light Industrial (LI) and Highway Commercial (HC). Leinwand noted no changes had been made in the proposed ordinance since the public hearing was held at the December 3rd Council meeting. Council was provided with additional information on the request, including maps and information on permitted and conditional uses in the Highway Commercial and Light Industrial Zoning Districts. Staff recommended first reading approval. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Koon, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2013-01-07 (A). **Vote:** Blain-Olds voted in the negative; all others voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

ITEM FOR INFORMATION: Fiscal year 2012-2013 budget update. Council was provided with an update, by fund, on the City’s financial status as of October 31, 2012.

The business session was then recessed and the Council meeting reconvened in the Conference Room for the workshop session.

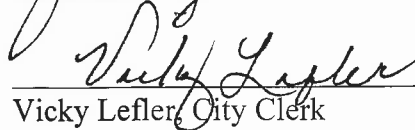
WORKSHOP SESSION

Update on current HUD Projects. Leinwand gave a report on HUD projects for Years 1-5. Detailed information was shared on the Year 4 project, a sidewalk and drainage project on Grainger Road from Dillon Street to US Highway 378, including a progress report on efforts to secure an easement at the corner of Grainger Road and US Highway 378.

Discussion on future projects for the Horry County Entitlement Grant through HUD Year 6 (2013-2014). Leinwand reviewed staff’s recommendations for Year 6 projects: Jail Diversion and Reentry Program (\$13,000), sidewalk and drainage projects on portions of Brown Street and Whittemore Street (\$95,000), funding of additional costs associated with the approved GSATS Enhancement Project (sidewalk and drainage) in the Darden Terrace area (\$69,410.80), the Home Repair Program (\$100,000), and the remainder in administrative costs (\$2,476.20) for a total of \$279,887. Staff also recommended that Council schedule this item, along with the required public hearing for its January 22nd meeting. Leinwand noted that administration of the current Home Repair Program would be evaluated before the contract for administration of the Year 6 program is considered. **Outcome:** There was no disagreement voiced to staff’s recommendation on the projects and the scheduling of this item of business for the next Council meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 22nd day of January, 2013.



Vicky Lefler, City Clerk