

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
229 MAIN STREET  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 – 5:30 PM

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Alys C. Lawson and Council Members Randle L. Alford, Thomas J. Anderson II, Barbara Blain-Bellamy, William M. Goldfinch IV, Jean M. Timbes, and Larry A. White

**STAFF:** Bill Graham, City Administrator; Vicky Lefler, Deputy City Administrator; Jeremy Carter, Assistant Fire Chief; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Adam Emrick, City Planner; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Michael Hardee, Finance Director; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Officer; Debbie Smith, City Clerk; and Timmy Williams, Beautification Director

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Kathy Ropp, Tony Martin, Tim McGhee, Dean Varner, Patricia G. Milley, Gerri Dempsey, Beverly Weaver, Chris Dusterhoft, and others

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Lawson recognized Tony Martin, Chaplain of the Conway Fire Department, who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-06-15 (A) Accepting the request by Robert W. Geschlecht, Jr., and Karen M. Geschlecht to annex approximately 2.07 acres of property located at 2883 Church Street (TMS #122-07-02-004 / PIN #33703010006 and TMS #122-06-01-001 / PIN #33703010005) and rezone the parcels to Highway Commercial (HC) upon annexation**
- B. **Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-06-15 (B) Accepting the request by Tracy Davis to rezone approximately 0.5 acres of property located at 2617 Shoffner Road (TMS #123-00-02-186 / PIN #32513010001) from Light Industrial (LI) to Highway Commercial (HC)**
- C. **Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-06-15 (C) Amending Article 3 of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) creating the Coastal Carolina University Neighborhood Overlay Zone**
- D. **Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-06-15 (D) Amending Article 9 of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance relating to landscaping and buffering requirements**
- E. **Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-06-15 (E) Granting a franchise agreement between the City of Conway and Shoreline Valet allowing valet parking services within the Central Business District of Conway**

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

### PUBLIC INPUT:

**Patricia Milley** presented to Council her recommendation that Bible picture books be given to every child in Horry County when they are born, followed by a Bible story book at Grade 2 with the idea that these would serve as “life instruction” books. Ms. Milley shared her belief that the donation of these books would help make healthier families, churches, and communities and that she understood, however, that this would have to be undertaken by the private sector.

**Chris Dusterhoft** expressed her displeasure with action taken by Council to adopt the Coastal Carolina University Overlay Zone.

There being no further comment, Public Input was closed.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Special event request: Theatre of the Republic Torry Awards.** Tim McGhee of the Theatre of the Republic submitted a special event request to hold a portion of the “Torry Awards” event in the mini-park at the corner of Main Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on July 18, 2015, from 7:30 pm to midnight. A map depicting the location of the event and the alcohol consumption zone accompanied the special event application. No City services were requested. Staff recommended approval of the special event application. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the special event request for the Theatre of the Republic Torry Awards as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Presentation of resolution recognizing retirement of Eddie Scott from the Conway Police Department.** At its June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, City Council adopted a resolution honoring the retirement of Eddie J. Scott from the Conway Police Department in January 2014. On behalf of Council, Mayor Alys Lawson read aloud and officially presented this resolution to Scott.
- C. Presentation of resolution recognizing retirement of Richard Mason from the Conway Police Department.** At its June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, City Council adopted a resolution honoring the retirement of Richard Mason from the Conway Police Department in February 2015. On behalf of Council, Mayor Alys Lawson read aloud and officially presented this resolution to Mason.
- D. Employee of the Month Award for May** was presented to Officer John Britton, Police Department. The presentation was made by the City Administrator, accompanied by Council Member Anderson and the Police Chief.
- E. Presentation of “Excellence in Financial Reporting” Award.** Graham announced that the City of Conway has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This is the tenth consecutive such award to the City of Conway, one for each year Michael Hardee has been employed as Finance Director. The City of Conway has received this award for 25 of the last 28 years. Graham and Council congratulated Hardee and the Finance Department staff on receiving the award. Graham also noted that Hardee recently announced his retirement from the City effective August 14, 2015, and he expressed appreciation to Hardee for his 21 years of dedicated service to the

City of Conway. Mayor Lawson, on behalf of City Council, also expressed gratitude to Hardee and wished him much happiness in his retirement.

**ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READING: Ordinance #ZA2015-05-04 (B) Accepting the petition of Michael Wallace Anderson to annex approximately 2.3 acres of property located at 141 East Cox Ferry Road (TMS #151-00-04-013 / PIN #38301020023) from Horry County and rezone the property Heavy Industrial (HI) upon annexation.** First reading of this ordinance was approved at the April 20, 2015, Council meeting and the public hearing was held at the May 4, 2015, Council meeting; however, at that time the final reading was deferred at the applicant's request. Staff recommended approval of final reading. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve final reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-05-04 (B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Ordinance #ZA2015-07-20 (A) Accepting the petition of JD Investing SC, LLC, to annex approximately 1.86 acres of property located on Country Club Drive (PIN 32416040041) and rezone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation and to approve the naming of the development as Country Club Landing.** JD Investing SC, LLC, has requested to annex 1.86 acres of property on Country Club Drive on the former driving range of Conway Country Club. The applicant has also requested to rezone this property to Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation, which is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood. Emrick informed Council that the developer plans to divide the property into six lots with sidewalks, trees, and shared driveways and has requested approval of "Country Club Landing" as the name for this future subdivision. The *Comprehensive Plan* identifies the parcel as Existing Residential. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and rezoning. Staff recommended first reading approval and approval of "Country Club Landing" as name of the development. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Blain-Bellamy, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2015-07-20 (A) and the request to name the development "Country Club Landing." **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- A. Approval of name for new subdivision on Cates Bay Highway.** Emrick advised Council that the Conway Planning Commission has given preliminary approval of Phase I of a new subdivision that will be located on Cates Bay Highway and is being developed by Lewis Family Investments, LLC. Lewis Family Investments, LLC, has requested approval of "Oak Glen" as the name for this future subdivision. Staff recommended approval of that request. **Motion:** Alford made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the request to name the new subdivision on Cates Bay Highway "Oak Glen." **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Acceptance of bid for Downtown Christmas/winter street light decorations.** Funds for the purchase of 101 LED Christmas/winter street light decorations were included in the FY 2015-16 budget. Hughes reported that the new lights will be displayed on the decorative street lights in the Downtown area from November through February. The following bids were received for these lights: Thomas Brady & Associated Artists (Stevensville, MD) - \$31,409.85; GP Designs (Marion, IN) - \$32,490.55; and Evangeline Specialties (Lafayette, IN) - \$33,571.21. Staff recommended acceptance of the low bid which was submitted by Thomas Brady & Associated Artists. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Blain-Bellamy, to approve staff's recommendation to accept the low bid and amend the plans for display by having the City's traditional lighted Christmas wreath decorations displayed on the Main Street Bridge from November through December followed by the new winter lights from January through February. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ITEM FOR INFORMATION: Report on Heritage Oaks Program.** Wanda Lilly, City Arborist, presented to Council a detailed progress report on the Heritage Tree Program. She noted that there are 60 viable seedlings from the acorns collected in 2014 which will be ready for sale by November 2015 at the Visitors Center.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Mayor Lawson** welcomed past Council member Vivian Chestnut who was in attendance at this meeting. She again congratulated Michael Hardee on his retirement and thanked him for his assistance to Council during the difficult economic times.

**Blain-Bellamy** requested to revisit the special event ordinance in regard to which special event applications are approved by City Council and which are approved by the City Administrator. She also requested that the City purchase additional small American flags as needed to continue its patriotic displays in public places around the City.

**Goldfinch** extended an invitation to all those present to the Downtown Alive Annual meeting at Dilly Beans on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**Anderson** recognized Ms. Von Jordan who lives in the neighborhood affected by the CCU Overlay Zone and noted she reports only positive experiences with CCU students. He also invited everyone to the "Meet and Greet" in July honoring the new leadership at Conway High School. As was suggested by Mayor Lawson, staff will invite the newly hired Principal and Athletic Director to a future Council meeting to be recognized and welcomed.

**Timbes** volunteered her assistance to spearhead the effort to acquire replacement/additional small American flags as may be needed for the City's patriotic displays.

**White** commended Patricia Milley for her recommendations presented during Public Input. He also suggested City events and City information be advertised more frequently on the local television stations.

**Alford** suggested that the subject of City permit fees, in comparison with those of other jurisdictions, be revisited. He also thanked the City Administrator and staff for publicizing the Apprenticeship Carolina Program and suggested that this program be advertised in the newspaper.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
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Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk