

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY – JUNE 25, 2012 – 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, Irby L. Koon, William M. Goldfinch IV, and Jean M. Timbes

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Superintendent; Michael Leinwand, Planning Director; and Vicky Lefler, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp, Rev. Jon Hunter, Steve Jones, Anna Timbes and others

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Rev. Jon Hunter of First Pentecostal Holiness Church who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS SESSION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Lawson asked that the agenda be amended to remove the presentation by Coast RTA and add a presentation by Mike Bessant of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority on the Electronic Recycling Program. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the agenda contents as amended. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Final reading of Ordinance #2012-06-25 (A) Amending Title 1, Chapter 3, Article A, Section 1-3-1 (a) of the Code of Ordinances to Change the Date of City Council Meetings**
- B. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2012-06-25 (B) Accepting the petition of Eric J. Hebden to annex approximately 0.50 acre of property located at 131 Clemson Road (TMS 151-19-02-046) and to rezone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**
- C. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2012-06-25 (C) Accepting the petition of Ramon Moran to annex approximately 1.0 acre of property located at 676 Highway 544 (TMS 150-00-06-133) and to rezone the property Highway Commercial (HC) upon annexation**
- D. Sale of the City's surplus 1988 Fire Department ladder truck to the Johnsonville Rural Fire Protection District**

E. Special event application: Biddle and Jensen wedding reception, June 30, 2012

F. City Council minutes – June 11, 2012

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to approve the consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. The business session was then recessed and the Council meeting reconvened in the Conference Room for the workshop session.

WORKSHOP SESSION

A. Presentation on Electronic Recycling Program. Mike Bessant of the Solid Waste Authority shared information on changes in this program that will take effect July 1. As of that date, non-state agencies (including counties and municipalities) will be charged to continue to participate in the South Carolina Electronics Recycling contract. Bessant reviewed the new charges that range from 15.5¢ to 50¢ per pound; these charges would cost the City approximately \$90,000 based on its FY 12 electronic waste tonnage information. By law, the City cannot charge residents for this service but it can refuse to pick up items. Discussion was held on options that city residents have for recycling should pickup be discontinued. A comparison of the City's tonnage with that of the Cities of Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach was shared and Bessant noted that neither of these cities pick up from nonprofit organizations. Reggie Jenerette, Sanitation Superintendent, estimated that items picked up from Goodwill and Salvation Army account for approximately half of the City's electronic waste. Bessant advised that the SWA is currently exploring other options for the recycling of these devices. While other options continue to be analyzed, Graham proposed that the City discontinue pickup service for these two nonprofit organizations as of July 1. If Council agrees with this proposal, he will contact with these two organizations to make them aware of the situation and offer the City's assistance in disposing of any unwanted electronic items before the new charges are imposed. There were no changes proposed for residential pickups at this time. Graham will also send information on this issue to Miriam Hair, MASC Executive Director. **Outcome:** There was no opposition voiced to staff's proposal on this issue.

B. Presentation by Grand Strand Housing and Community Development Corporation (CDC) regarding assisting the City with its CDBG housing rehabilitation program. Pat Phillips, Executive Director, and Kari Dettmer, Program Manager, gave an overview of this company's proposal to administer the City's \$100,000 housing rehabilitation program (part of Year 5 Urban County Entitlement Grant through HUD). CDC would charge a 15% fee to cover all administration and labor costs associated with the City's rehab program. Ms. Phillips advised that CDBG funds would be leveraged with other funding sources. The company tries to maintain a limit of \$20,000-\$25,000 maximum per house from all funding sources (the proposed 15% administration fee is only on the City's CDBG funding). A restrictive covenant would be put on the home in the amount of funds spent for repairs, and the affordability period is dependent upon the funding source. Eligibility requirements, reasons for disapproval of assistance, and examples of eligible essential repair work were reviewed by Ms. Dettmer. **Outcome:** Consider this issue at the next Council meeting.

C. Discussion on ordinance pertaining to the number of unrelated persons allowed to reside in a single family dwelling unit. Graham advised Council that the City recently

received a request from a property owner in Wild Wing Subdivision asking the City to allow four unrelated persons to be able to rent a four bedroom house. City ordinance currently limits that number to three. In residential subdivisions surrounding and adjacent to Coastal Carolina University, Horry County limits the number of unrelated persons residing in a dwelling unit to the number of bedrooms in that dwelling; however, that number cannot exceed four regardless of the number of bedrooms. A maximum of five unrelated persons are allowed to reside in single family dwelling units in other areas of the county. Graham advised Council, however, that the City occasionally receives complaints from the Wild Wing area regarding this issue and if an ordinance to increase the number of unrelated persons allowed to reside in a single family dwelling is considered, the City may receive input opposed to such a change as a public hearing would be required. Ms. Sandra Milliron, the property owner who made the request, was present and addressed Council regarding this issue. Council discussed various issues related to this topic, including parking, monitoring for compliance, and should an increase in limit apply citywide. **Outcome:** Council agreed to consider a draft of an ordinance that would allow the number of unrelated persons residing in a single family dwelling to be based on the number of bedrooms in that dwelling, up to a maximum of four persons (an increase from the current maximum of three).

D. Improvements to sound quality in Council Chambers. Graham reported that two companies were consulted in regard to improving the sound quality in Council Chambers. A proposal from Sound Systems, Inc., for this work was the lesser of the two proposals. Plans include two new speakers on stands and two wireless microphone systems. Graham advised the proposal was being presented for feedback and no action by Council was required. **Outcome:** No concerns regarding the proposal were voiced. The need for additional measures, if any, will be determined after these improvements are made.

E. Recommendation on development of initial plans for Public Safety Building. Graham discussed plans for Council's involvement in initial plans for the appearance of the City's new Public Safety Building. **Outcome:** Council members will have the opportunity to view the new City of Loris Public Safety Building on July 12 when the League of Cities meeting is held in that facility and Council members made plans to visit the new fire station at Surfside Beach on July 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Graham reported on the Hurricane Preparedness Workshop held earlier in the day. The Fire Chief and Police Chief will be asked to give an update at an upcoming Council meeting on the impact that recent changes in hurricane planning will have on the City.

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 _____ day of _____, 2012.

Vicky Lefler, City Clerk