

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. May 16, 2018 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vince Evans, Council Members, Gerald Hinesley, Cleveland Stroud, John Fountain, Blair Barksdale, and Jacob Bailey.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member Jacob Bailey

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Evans led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Welcome: Mayor Evans welcomed everyone.

Agenda Revisions: City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council remove item number 10 from the agenda. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to remove item number 10 from the agenda. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Minutes:

Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. - regularly scheduled city council meeting. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

Years of Service:

- Mrs. Rebecca Hill (Georgia International Horse Park) was recognized for 15 years of service to the city.
- Ms. Susan Thomas (Georgia International Horse Park) was recognized for 15 years of service to the city.
- Mr. Jeff Haney (Public Works and Transportation Department) was recognized for 25 years of service to the city.

Special Recognitions:

Mayor Evans presented a proclamation to Judge Robert Mumford and representatives of the three courts in the Rockdale Circuit: DUI, Drug and Resources Courts, proclaiming May as National Drug Court Month.

New Business:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request to approve Ordinance No. 1126 (Zoning Case 2018-05), an ordinance amending Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, to rezone certain real property located at 1325 Parker Road from the Industrial/Distribution (I-D) zoning district to the General Business (BG) zoning district; to provide for an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map and to the Official Zoning District Map of the City of Conyers to reflect said rezoning; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1126.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1126 at 7:20 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1126, (Zoning Case 2018-05), an ordinance amending Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, to rezone certain real property located at 1325 Parker Road from the Industrial/Distribution (I-D) zoning district to the General Business (BG) zoning district; to provide for an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map and to the Official Zoning District Map of the City of Conyers to reflect said rezoning; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. After brief explanation from Council Member John

- Fountain, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
2. **Resolution No. 663 authorizing the City of Conyers to borrow \$1,500,000.00 as a revolving line of credit from United Community Bank of Conyers, Georgia, at an interest rate of 3.50% that shall be repaid in full on or before December 31, 2018.** Council Member John Fountain excused himself from the Council Chambers. Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented the resolution and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 663 authorizing the City of Conyers to borrow \$1,500,000.00 as a revolving line of credit from United Community Bank of Conyers, Georgia, at an interest rate of 3.50% that shall be repaid in full on or before December 31, 2018. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye with the exception of Council Member John Fountain who was not present at the time of the vote. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried. Council Member John Fountain returned to the Council Chambers.
 3. **First reading of Ordinance No. 1128, the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the City of Conyers. Proposed budget shall be effective July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers reviewed the highlights of Ordinance No. 1128 and asked if anyone had questions to be addressed. She noted that you may obtain a copy of the budget with the city clerk if you wish to review it at a later time. Brief discussion occurred. No action was taken.
 4. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County, the Rockdale County Sheriff relative to the purchase, installation, maintenance, and utilization of first appearance software at the Rockdale County Jail.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the MOU. After explaining the background, he asked for the Mayor and Council to approve the MOU. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County, the Rockdale County Sheriff relative to the purchase, installation, maintenance, and utilization of first appearance software at the Rockdale County Jail. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
 5. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a contract between City and The Dickerson Group, INC. in the amount of \$31,771.00 for the replacement of but not limited to, 90 feet of aluminized pipe, sidewalk and curb at the Nancy Guinn Library.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve a contract between City and The Dickerson Group, INC. in the amount of \$31,771.00 for the replacement of but not limited to, 90 feet of aluminized pipe, sidewalk and curb at the Nancy Guinn Library. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
 6. **Request for Mayor and Council to ratify a contract between the City and M.K. Grading, INC. in the amount of \$92,647.00 for the removal and repair of but not limited to, two outlet structures, silt removal and placement of rip rap stone. The estimated breakdown of cost would be as follows. City of Conyers - \$40,402.00, Mangum Properties - \$22,000.00, Intowne Suites - \$30,245.00.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the item and made a motion to approve the ratification of a contract between the City and M.K. Grading, INC. in the amount of \$92,647.00 for the removal and repair of but not limited to, two outlet structures, silt removal and placement of rip rap stone. The estimated breakdown of cost would be as follows. City of Conyers - \$40,402.00, Mangum Properties - \$22,000.00, Intowne Suites - \$30,245.00. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
 7. **A request to approve a contract by and between the City of Conyers, Georgia and Baldwin Design Works, LTD for the construction and installation of signage throughout the nature trails at the GIHP for an amount not to exceed \$ 84, 998.50.** Council Member Jacob Bailey made a motion to approve a contract by and between the City of Conyers, Georgia and Baldwin Design Works, LTD for the construction and installation of signage throughout the nature trails at the GIHP for

an amount not to exceed \$ 84,998.50. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

8. **A request for the Mayor and Council to ratify an application for a beer and wine and liquor consumption on premise license. Kevin Christopher Smith – O’CHARLEY’S LLC – dba O’Charley’s #259 - 1289 Dogwood Drive SW, Conyers, Georgia 30013.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve an application for a beer and wine and liquor consumption on premise license. Kevin Christopher Smith – O’CHARLEY’S LLC – dba O’Charley’s #259 - 1289 Dogwood Drive SW, Conyers, Georgia 30013. Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
9. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Ms. Josie Giles to serve out the remainder of Ms. Julie Rogers unexpired three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission for the term of September 1, 2015 – September 1, 2018.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Josie Giles to serve out the remainder of Ms. Julie Rogers unexpired three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission for the term of September 1, 2015 – September 1, 2018. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
10. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of a member to the Conyers- Rockdale Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rick Ramsey.** Mayor Vince Evans

NO ACTION TAKEN – THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

Citizens’ Comments: Ms. Angela Venable from the Hunting Creek community inquired about speed humps. Director of Public Works Brad Sutton explained the formula/process for acquiring speed humps. She also mentioned several code enforcement concerns related to lawn maintenance in her neighborhood. Ms. Gloria from Hunting Creek expressed concerns related to lighting and crime in the neighborhood. Ms. Angela Turner addressed the Council and explained several concerns related to code enforcement. State Senator Tonya Anderson addressed the council and advised that she and our district were recently honored by the Georgia Municipal Association with the 2018 “Champion of Georgia’s Cities Award” for our collective efforts on Senate Bill 333.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Stormwater Committee reported that work on the tennis courts should begin this week, weather permitting.
- Council Member Jacob Bailey of GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and IT Committees reported that this weekend the GQHA Summer Kickoff and the Atlanta Youth Dressage Challenge will be held at GIHP. Also, the North Georgia Live Steamers-Public Ride Day will be held on Saturday.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety and Human Resources Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development and Olde Town Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member Blair Barksdale of the Tourism, PR & Olde Town Committee had nothing to report.

City Managers Update:

City Manager Tony Lucas reported that we closed on one of the properties needed for the future location of city hall. He advised that the other two are in the works. He asked director of Public Relations Jennifer Edwards to address the council with details on the closed street event in Olde Town. After providing those details, Mayor Evans asked if there was a need for executive session.

Executive Session:

City Manager Tony Lucas advised that there was no need for executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Cleveland Stroud
G. Vincent Evans Jr., Mayor
Cleveland Stroud, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Christina Heyman
Christina Heyman, City Clerk

