

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2010, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, Georgia.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Randal Mills; Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, Marty Jones and Cleveland Stroud. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent.

**Invocation** – The invocation was given by Council Member Vince Evans.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Randy Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Welcome** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

**Citizens' Communication** – Charlotte Gellert addressed the Council and gave an update on the 2010 Census.

**Agenda Revisions** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that Resolution No. 581 approving submission of a pre-application for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources be added to the agenda as agenda item No. 7. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to add Resolution No. 581 as agenda item No. 7 to the agenda. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Minutes:**

1. A motion was made by Council Member Chris Bowen to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010, regularly schedule Council meeting; the March 23, 2010, Called Council meeting; the March 31, 2010, Called Council meeting; and the April 7, 2010, regularly scheduled Council meeting, respectively. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

- Mayor Randy Mills presented a proclamation to Claire Cline of United Way declaring the month of April as “Month of the Young Child”.
- Mayor Randy Mills presented a proclamation to Derek Marchman declaring April 18-24, 2010, as National Crime Victims’ Week.
- Kerry Caldwell of the Department of Planning & Inspection Services was recognized for 5 years of service to the City.

**New Business:**

1. **Public hearing: Zoning Case 2010-06. An application to rezone 1.22 acres from I-D, Industrial-Distribution District to BG, Business General District – (Kondaram Reddy – 1801 Georgia Highway 138)** – Council Member Vince Evans presented the request to the Council and stated that the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on April 8, 2010, and recommended approval. Council Member Evans asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mr. Kondaram Reddy addressed the Council in favor of the rezoning.

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

Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the request of Kondaram Reddy to rezone 1.22 acres at 1801 Georgia Highway 138 from I-D, Industrial-Distribution District to BG, Business General District. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Request for Mayor and Council to ratify a Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and R. J. Haynie for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) funds for the construction of the intersection improvements located at SR20/Sigman and East View Road for a bid amount of \$342,033.43** – Council Member Vince Evans presented the request to the Council and made a motion to ratify a Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and R. J. Haynie for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) funds for the construction of the intersection improvements located at SR20/Sigman and East View Road for a bid amount of \$342,033.43. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded

the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. **Request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Resolution No. 580 adopting the Rockdale/Conyers Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update (CTP)** – Director of Public Works and Transportation Brad Sutton presented the Resolution No. 580 to the Council, and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Resolution No. 580 adopting the Rockdale/Conyers Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update (CTP). Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. **(Amended) Intergovernmental Agreement for the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant Awarded to the Family Violence Task Force By and Between the City of Conyers, Georgia, and Rockdale County, Georgia** – Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck addressed the Council and stated that the IAG had been approved by the Council on March 23, 2010. She stated, however, that the following had been added to line item 3. “*The County shall submit said reimbursement request to the CJCC instanter and shall reimburse the City for such expense within five (5) business days after receipt of said reimbursement from the CJCC.*” She also stated that the same had been added to line item 4.

Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant Awarded to the Family Violence Task Force By and Between the City of Conyers, Georgia, and Rockdale County, Georgia. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

5. **Update on the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts** – Ms. Fran Jones, Executive Director of the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts, addressed the Council and stated that this update is to satisfy the reporting obligation of the terms of the July 1, 2009, Agreement By and Between the City of Conyers and the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts. Ms. Jones reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council and emphasized the need for financial support for the CRCA, as well as the Olde Town Gallery & Studio. She also thanked the Council for their support.

Mr. Tom Johnson, President of the New Depot Players, addressed the Council and stated that they were a non-profit and depended on the CRCA for the use of their facility. He stated that most of their proceeds went to charities, and that financial support was also a need. He also reminded them that the Atlanta Boys Choir will be performing at the Rockdale County Auditorium on April 24, 2010.

There was no action necessary to be taken by the Council.

6. **Application for an alcohol beverage special event license – (Jorge Flores – Kantina’s Mex, LLC – Las Flores Olde Town Mexican Restaurant – 957 South Main Street)** – Council Member Vince Evans presented the request for an alcohol beverage special event license to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found. He stated that the event will be for Eastminster School and will be held at the Olde Town Pavilion at 949 South Main Street on April 24, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Council Member Evans made a motion to approve the application and Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
7. **(Agenda revision) – Request to approve Resolution No. 581 approving submission of a pre-application for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources** – Director David Spann presented Resolution No. 581 to the Council and stated that this is a resolution approving the submission of a pre-application for a grant of \$100,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and that the City will finance 50% of the cost of the total project. Director Spann, therefore, asked for Council’s approval of Resolution No. 581.

Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve Resolution No. 581 approving submission of a pre-application for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, did not have anything to report at this time.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that he, along with Director of Public Safety, Gene Wilson, and others met with residents of Forest Villas to discuss their concerns in their neighborhood. He also reported that the Director Wilson is working towards revamping the Police Department. Also, he stated that the Police Department had been invited by the Rockdale County Board of Education to participate in the STARS program.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/BHCNC Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, was absent.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and presented Mayor Mills with a letter and a Georgia State Flag that Representative Randal Mangham sent to Mayor Mills in appreciation of his dedication to the State of Georgia and the people of Conyers/Rockdale County. He also reminded everyone of the Volunteer Banquet on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Carriage Room at the Georgia International Horse Park.

**Executive Session** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that an executive session with the City Manager was needed to discuss a personnel matter. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to go into executive session with the City Manager to discuss a personnel matter. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Council Member Gerald Hinesley as absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Randal S. Mills, Mayor

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Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk