

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:10 p.m. on March 18, 2015, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud.

**Invocation** – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

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

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

**Citizens’ Communication**: There was no one wishing to address the Council.

**Agenda Revisions** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and asked that the Rotary Day Proclamation be added as a recognition. Mayor Mills asked that this item be added as item #2 under “Recognitions”.

**Minutes** – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

1. Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley addressed the Council and stated that the GIHP has received two awards at the Southeast Festivals and Events Association Kaleidoscope Award presentations for the 2014 Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival. Event Manager, Jill Miller, addressed the Council and stated that the GIHP had received a Silver Award for the best kids program at the 2014 Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival; and a Bronze Award for the best t-shirt for the 2014 Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival.

2. Mayor Mills recognized the Conyers’ Rotarians and presented to them a proclamation declaring March 17, 2015 Rotary Day.

**New Business:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Request to approve Ordinance No. 979, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-92, Supplemental Use Standards, to revise the provisions for outdoor storage and outdoor display; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

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

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

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

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 979 and waive the second reading. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: Request to approve Ordinance No. 980, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-90, Permitted and Special Uses, to insert Contractors (office only) as a principal use permitted by-right in the O-I, BN, MxD, BG, HSB and I-D zoning districts; to amend the provisions in Section 8-7-92, Supplemental Use Standards, to provide additional criteria for the development of such uses; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 980 and to waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING: Request to approve Ordinance No. 981, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-44, GV, Gateway Village District to insert utility trailer dealers into the Principal Use Table as a special use in the urban village subarea, and to provide additional limitations and standards for such uses within the urban village subarea; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve the request to approve Ordinance No. 981. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table the request to approve Ordinance No. 981 until the April 1, 2015 Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

4. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 982 to establish cemetery fees; to repeal conflicting provisions; to provide for an effective date; for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member Chris Bowen presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 982 to establish cemetery fees. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

5. **Request for Mayor and Council approve a lease agreement for lighting services with Georgia Power. The agreement is for 3 pedestrian street lamps at The Way of Yah Synagogue Church located at 1419 Old McDonough Road.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve a lease agreement for lighting services with Georgia Power for 3 pedestrian lamps at The Way of Yah Synagogue Church at 1419 Old McDonough Road. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

6. **Application for a beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises license – (Harry L. Coaxum – Coaxum Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Coaxum Low Country Cuisine – 1300 Iris Drive – Conyers, GA 30094.** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks have been done and no violations were found; and made a motion to approve the request. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the paving of Railroad Street will start next week. He also reported that the bids for the Irwin Bridge Road project will be opened next Thursday, March 20, 2015.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, reported that the annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, respectively. He also reported that the Bob Bell Spring Classic will be starting in the next two weeks. Council Member Bowen reported that Cherokee Run has already booked over 400 rounds of golf during Masters Week.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report.

- Council Member Vince Evans, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the Film Policy is currently being updated. He also reported that Anthony International and Ashley Capital Spec. Building each recently had their ribbon cuttings and would bring more job opportunities in the community. Council Member Evans reported also that Dr. Shannon Miller has opened a Veterinary Service on Green Street. Council Member Evans stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was a huge success.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and reported that about 440 responses have been received on the Strategic Plan Survey

**Executive Session** – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was a need for an executive session to include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and include the City Attorney. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

  
 Guy Vincent Evans, Jr.  
 Mayor Pro Tem



**AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING**

[Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)]

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, Randal S. Mills, who in his/her capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the person presiding over a meeting of the City Council of the City (the "City Council") of Conyers, Georgia (the "City"), and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on March 18, 2015, the City Council voted to recess into executive session and closed all or a portion of its meeting to the public. The legal exceptions applicable to those exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

(Check or initial as appropriate)

- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(1)]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4)]
- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)]
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlements, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2] *include City Attorney*
- Tax matters made confidential by state law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2]
- Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which not final action is taken [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

*[Signature]*  
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

*Patricia L. Smith*  
Notary Public  
June 5, 2017  
Date Commission Expires



