

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 5, 2012, 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 Sheriff-Elect Eric Levett and the Conyers Explorers.

**Citizens' Communication** – Charles Markwalter, co-owner of Best Rate Self Storage, addressed the Council regarding his opposition of the proposed mini-warehouses at 1050 Flat Shoals Road.

**Agenda Revisions:** City Manager Tony Lucas stated there were no agenda revisions.

**Minutes** – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. 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.

**Recognitions:**

Lonnie Abercrombie of the Georgia International Horse Park was recognized for 20 years of service to the City.

Sergeant Greg Carson of the Conyers Police Department was presented the Operation Noble Eagle Award for his military service.

Major Scott Freeman of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for 22 years of service to the City as he leaves the Conyers Police Department to be the Chief Deputy of the Rockdale County Sheriff's Department.

**Old Business:**

1. **Zoning Case #2012-08: (1) A request to approve Ordinance No. 892 to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from the Multi-family Residential designation to the Special Mixed-use Activity Center designation; and (2) to rezone 4.33 acres of land from the Townhouse Residential (TH) District to the Gateway Village (GV) District (Urban Village sub-area) with a Special Use Permit to allow General Warehousing and Storage (mini-warehouses) as an additional permitted use.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to remove from the table the request to approve Ordinance 892, which was tabled at the November 7, 2012, City Council meeting. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. The vote was unanimous to remove the request from the table.

Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 892. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain amended his motion, and made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 892 and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the amended motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **A request for the Mayor and City Council to adopt Resolution No. 608 amending the first version of the Urban Redevelopment Plan.** Council Member John Fountain presented Resolution No. 608 to the Council and made a motion to approve. 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.

2. A request for the Mayor and City Council to adopt Resolution No. 609 amending the first version of the Urban Redevelopment Plan. Council Member John Fountain presented Resolution No. 609 to the Council and made a motion to approve. 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.
  
3. A request for the Mayor and City Council to approve Ordinance No. 900 to provide specific standards concerning the ownership and the maintenance of stormwater management systems and facilities (detention pond and retention ponds). Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 900 to the Council and made a motion to approve and 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.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee and Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee*, had nothing to report.
  
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* gave an update on events at the Horse Park and Cherokee Run Golf Club. He stated that the “rounds” were up about 60% at the golf club.
  
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, gave an update on the Committee meeting regarding the Alcohol Ordinance, and the Special Events Ordinance, and proposed fee schedule.
  
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the Bumper to Bumper building will soon have four businesses in that building.
  
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.

City Manager’s Update – City Manager Tony Lucas reported that the Olde Town Christmas Party and the Hometown Holiday Parade were enjoyed by all. He also reported that the ice skating rink is doing well. City Manager Lucas stated that over 2,300 additional rounds of golf have been played at Cherokee Run in the same three-month period a year ago. He read a congratulatory letter from Fred Boscarino of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce regarding the Conyers Police Department’s achievement of CALEA accreditation.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Council 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 include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. 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.

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



Randal S. Mills, Mayor