

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on June 1, 2011, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills; Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, Marty Jones and Cleveland Stroud.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member Gerald Hinesley.

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

Mayor’s Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizen’s Communication – Ms. Linda Scott addressed the Council and stated that she was concerned with the environment, and asked the City to implement ways to save energy and costs; i.e., retrofit/green buildings – sustainable city.

Agenda Revisions – There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011, regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

1. The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the City, and each was congratulated by the Mayor and Council:
 - Harriet Gattis of the Department of Public Relations & Tourism was recognized for 15 years of service to the City;
 - Phil Cooper of the Department of Public Works & Transportation was recognized for 15 years of service to the City; and
 - Allen Strickland of the Department of Public Works & Transportation was recognized for 25 years of service to the City.

2. Tom Carty, Past President of the Building Officials Association of Georgia (BOAG), addressed the Council to recognize Marvin Flanigan. Mr. Carty stated that Marvin Flanigan, Director of Planning & Inspections, was elected at the BOAG Annual Conference to serve on the BOAG Board of Directors; and complimented Mr. Flanigan for his work and service with the Building Officials Association.

New Business:

1. (a) **Request approval of Ordinance No. 839 providing for the appointment of Garland C. Moore as the Associate Judge for the Municipal Court of Conyers, Georgia; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck presented Ordinance No. 839 to the Council. She stated that Herbert Heitman, the previously appointed Associate Judge had resigned and that Attorney Moore meets the qualifications set forth in Section 7-102 of the City of Conyers Charter. Ms. Bootcheck asked the Council for approval and to waive the second reading.

Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 839 appointing Garland C. Moore as the Associate Judge for the Municipal Court of Conyers, Georgia, 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.

- (b) Mayor Randal S. Mills administered the Oath of Office to Garland C. Moore as the Associate Judge for the Municipal Court of Conyers, Georgia.

2. **Public hearing: First reading of Ordinance No. 842 Amending the Charter of the City of Conyers to Reapportion the Election Districts; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.** City Attorney Michael Waldrop presented the first reading of Ordinance No. 842 Amending the Charter of the City of Conyers to Reapportion the Election Districts; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for an

Effective Date; and for Other Purposes to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

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

Mr. Lew Belcher, representing the NAACP, addressed the Council with questions on the city and county lines, and also on voting rights in the city and the county.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

City Attorney Michael Waldrop stated that the second reading of Ordinance No. 842 will be at a public hearing to be held at the next Conyers City Council meeting.

There was no action to be taken at this time.

3. (a) **PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget for the City of Conyers.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget for the City of Conyers.
- (b) **First reading of Ordinance No. 841 of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget for the City of Conyers.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented the first reading of Ordinance No. 841 of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget for the City of Conyers to the Council.

After discussion, Ms. Rogers stated that the second reading of Ordinance No. 841 will be at a public hearing to be held at the next Conyers City Council meeting.

There was no action to be taken at this time.

4. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 840 to enact interim development controls to temporarily prohibit rezoning to the Residential Multi-Family (RM) and Townhouse Residential (TH) zoning districts in the City of Conyers pending completion of comprehensive zoning legislation amending the text of said districts; to establish the time period for said interim controls; to temporarily suspend conflicting laws; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes.** City Attorney Michael Waldrop presented Ordinance No. 840 to place a temporary moratorium regarding rezoning of Residential Multi-Family and Townhouse Residential zoning districts in the City of Conyers to the Council. He stated that this moratorium will be for six (6) months or until the zoning categories are amended, whichever comes first. City Attorney Waldrop asked the Council for approval and to waive the second reading.

Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 840 to place a temporary moratorium regarding rezoning of Residential Multi-Family and Townhouse Residential zoning districts in the City of Conyers, and waive the second reading. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

5. **Request approval of a Lease By and Between the Housing Authority of the City of Conyers and the City of Conyers for a Conyers Police Department satellite office at 1258 Irwin Bridge Road, Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the Lease By and Between the Housing Authority of the City of Conyers and the City of Conyers for a Conyers Police Department satellite office at 1258 Irwin Bridge Road, Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia, to the Council and asked for Council's approval.

Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the Lease By and Between the Housing Authority of the City of Conyers and the City of Conyers for a Conyers Police Department satellite office at 1258 Irwin Bridge Road, Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion.

Chief of Police Gene Wilson addressed the Council and stated that Special Operations, Community Outreach, and Internal Affairs would be housed there.

Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

6. **Request approval of a Service Agreement between the City of Conyers and Dianna Hunt and Associates. This agreement is to begin the acquisition of right-of-way for the intersection improvements at Sigman Road and Sarasota Drive. The fee will be \$13,750.** Council Member Vince Evans presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve a Service Agreement between the City of Conyers and Dianna Hunt and Associates to begin the acquisition of right-of-way for the intersection improvements at Sigman Road and Sarasota Drive for a fee of \$13,750. 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.
7. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Contract Agreement Between the City of Conyers and Transcontinental Gas Pipeline. This is a requirement to work on their easement for a traffic signal project at the intersection of Sigman Road and Sarasota Drive. The fees for preliminary engineering and field inspections are estimated at \$5,000.** Council Member Vince Evans presented the Agreement to the Council and made a motion to approve a Contract Agreement Between the City of Conyers and Transcontinental Gas Pipeline to work on their easement for a traffic signal project at the intersection of Sigman Road and Sarasota Drive for preliminary engineering and field inspections for approximately \$5,000. 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.
8. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve an Agreement Between the City of Conyers and Bunnell-Lammons Engineering for 2011 environmental services for the Miller Bottom Road Landfill. Services will include semi-annual groundwater reporting for a cost of \$5,000. Action of Corrective Measures (ACM) consulting for revisions to the ACM report are estimated at \$20,000.** Council Member Vince Evans presented the Agreement Between the City of Conyers and Bunnell-Lammons Engineering for 2011 environmental services for the Miller Bottom Road Landfill to include semi-annual groundwater reporting for a cost of \$5,000, and Action of Corrective Measures (ACM) consulting for revisions to the ACM report are estimated \$20,000; and made a motion to approve. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
9. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Contract Between the City of Conyers and Cagle Grading, Inc. for the cleaning of silt and erosion stabilization on the box culvert going under Centennial Parkway for a cost of \$20,825.** Council Member Chris Bowen presented a Contract Between the City of Conyers and Cagle Grading, Inc. for the cleaning of silt and erosion stabilization on the box culvert going under Centennial Parkway for a cost of \$20,825, and made a motion to approve. 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.
10. **Application for a beer and wine retail license – (Chelsea Renee Sullivan – The Meat Mart III, Inc. – DBA The Meat Mart – 875 Flat Shoals Road, Suite 140).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found. Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve the application for a beer and wine retail license for Chelsea Renee Sullivan for The Meat Mart III, Inc., DBA The Meat Mart at 875 Flat Shoals Road, Suite 140. 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.
11. **Request approval of the appointment of Brandon Mitchell to fill the unexpired term of Ashley Frey to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council. He stated that Ms. Frey had to resign due to moving outside the city limits and/or no longer operating a business within the Authority's boundaries. City Manager Lucas asked for Council's approval of the appointment of Brandon Mitchell to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of Brandon Mitchell to fill the unexpired term of Ashley Frey to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014.

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.

12. Request approval of the appointment of Linda Carter to serve a second term on the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission for a four-year term from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2015. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and stated that Ms. Carter has agreed to serve a second term on the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission; and made a motion to approve. 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.
13. Request approval of the appointment of Max McFarlin to the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission for a three-year term from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2014. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and stated that Mr. McFarlin will replace the expired term to be vacated by Tom Harrison on July 1, 2011; 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.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, reported that the road improvement projects for Railroad Street and Eastview were moving slowly.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, reported that a prospective buyer had shown interest in the Bumper Building on Main Street.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that the Youth Against Violence program is moving ahead, and that the CPD satellite office will be their meeting place.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Committee*, reported that the cleaning of silt and erosion on the box culvert under Centennial Parkway is getting ready to be done.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, reported that the New Depot Players will be performing “Doubt-A Parable”; and that there will be an art camp for youth.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and complimented Chief of Police Gene Wilson on his work with Gary Erwin, Executive Director of the Conyers Housing Authority; Jeff Wigington, Rockdale County Sheriff; and others who were instrumental in setting up a Conyers Police Department satellite office at 1258 Irwin Bridge Road. He also thanked the Board of the Conyers Housing Authority.

City Manager Lucas also stated that the new GHP Administration Building would be completed in a week or so.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss future acquisition and/or the sale of real estate, and include the City Attorneys and Chief Operating Officer David Spann.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk



Randal S. Mills, Mayor




OATH OF OFFICE

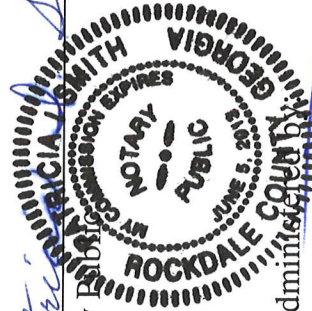
“I, Garland C. Moore, do hereby swear or affirm that I will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Conyers, Georgia, to the best of my ability without fear, favor or partiality.



Garland C. Moore

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 1st day of June, 2011.


Notary Public
(Seal)
Oath administered by





Randal S. Mills
Mayor
City of Conyers, Georgia