

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on August 20, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

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

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 Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

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

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – (1) Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried. (2) Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2014 called Council meeting adopting the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 annual budget. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried. (3) Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve the July 30, 2014 called Council meeting setting the 2014 tax year millage rate. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

- Jim Cowan (GIHP) was recognized for 10 years of service to the City.
- Dennis Sullivan (Cherokee Run), who was absent, has had 5 years of service to the City.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing: Request to approve Ordinance No. 970, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia; to create a new D, Downtown District; to repeal the former BGC, Central Business District; to repeal the former Olde Town Overlay District; to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Map from the various future land use designations to the Special Mixed-use Activity Center designation; to rezone 282 acres from the RS-14, TH, RM, O-I, BN, BG and I-D zoning districts to the D, Downtown District; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 970 to the Council and asked Director of Planning and Inspections Marvin Flanigan to address the Council regarding the proposed D, Downtown District. Mr. Flanigan addressed the Council and stated that Planner J. P. Alexander had written the ordinance and asked that he present the proposed D, Downtown District to the Council. Mr. Alexander presented and explained the proposed D, Downtown District to the Council. Ms. Laurel Henderson, Zoning Attorney, also addressed the Council and stated that some revisions to the ordinance would be forthcoming.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Marty Jones addressed the Council against the D, Downtown District.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

No action was taken by the Council as this constituted the first reading.

2. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 969 amending Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to prohibit the operation of a dive in the City of Conyers; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented Ordinance No. 969 to the Council and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 969 amending Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to prohibit the operation of a dive in the City of Conyers; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes, and waive the second reading. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. An agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Danny N. Cowan d/b/a Danmark Construction for the construction of a bathroom and pavilion on the Steeplechase at the Georgia International Horse Park and a bathroom at Cherokee Run Golf Course with a contract amount not to exceed \$97,750. City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve an agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Danny N. Cowan d/b/a Danmark Construction for the construction of a bathroom and pavilion on the Steeplechase at the Georgia International Horse Park and a bathroom at Cherokee Run Golf Course with a contract amount not to exceed \$97,750. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. Re-appointment of Ed Carter to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2014 until September 1, 2017. Council Member John Fountain presented the request to re-appoint Ed Carter to the Historic Preservation Commission to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. Re-appointment of Julia Mauran to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2014 until September 1, 2017. Council Member John Fountain presented the request to re-appoint Julia Mauran to the Historic Preservation Commission to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present 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*, was absent
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, was absent
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the Olde Town Bistro and Grill was now open, and the filming was starting back up. He also reported on the outdoor movie series.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas reported that over 4,000 attended/participated in the Rugged Maniac event that was recently held at the GIHP. He also reported record numbers at Cherokee Run Golf Course and that the greens are in phenomenal condition. City Manager Lucas stated that an outdoor concert, wedding reception, and other events were held at Cherokee Run.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was no need for an executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:


Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk