

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on July 17, 2013, 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 Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens’ Communication – Mr. Tom Harrison addressed the Council and stated that he is in support of the Four A Development. Mr. Dan Sloan of Four A addressed the Council and gave an update of the plans for the development. Mr. David Shipp and three other citizens addressed the Council opposing the development.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 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.

Old Business:

1. **A request to approve Ordinance No. 925 (Zoning Case No. 2013-06), an ordinance requesting to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from General Commercial to Special Mixed-use Activity Center; and to rezone 308.06 +/- acres from the BG, General Business district with conditions to the MxD, Mixed-use Development district.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 925 from the table. 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.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 925 and Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. After discussion, Council Member John Fountain amended his motion to approve Ordinance No. 925 and waive the second reading. 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.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing: Request to approve Ordinance No. 938 to amend Title 8, Chapter 5, Sign Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to provide additional definitions; to provide additional standards for display of electronic messages; to provide for removal for certain signs; and 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 7:55 p.m.

David Shipp of Puritan Cleaners and Danny Lockhart of A Clean & Tidy Carpet Cleaner, Inc. addressed the Council against the approval of the Sign Ordinance as outlined

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table Ordinance No. 938 until the August 7, 2013, Council meeting. 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*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* had nothing to report.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the outdoor Olde Town Summer Film Series last weekend was a great success, and that two more will be forthcoming – one in August and one in September. He also gave an update on the filming in Olde Town; and that an ordinance regarding filming is being considered.
- 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 he has just received communication that there has been significant storm damage in Olde Town, but no injuries have been reported.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was not a need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:


Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk