

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. April 17, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vince Evans, Council Members Cleveland Stroud, John Fountain, Blair Barksdale, Jacob Bailey, and Gerald Hinesley.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member Jacob Bailey.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Evans led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Welcome: Mayor Evans welcomed everyone.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes:

- Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. regularly scheduled Council Meeting Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

- Honorable Nancy N. Bills was presented with a proclamation in appreciation for her continued service to the city, county, judicial system, and her community.
- Ms. Clair Henry was presented with a proclamation in honor of her late son, Jordan D. Savage and her association with the Jordan D. Savage Foundation and also in recognition of Lupus Awareness Month.
- The Leadership Rockdale class of 2019 hosted a presentation on the Gateway Landscaping Project.

VII. New Business:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1164, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend section 8-7-67 MxVOD, Mixed Use Village Overlay District; to amend requirements to allow floor covering stores as a permitted use with additional requirements; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member Blair Barksdale asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1164.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the Council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1164, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend section 8-7-67 MxVOD, Mixed Use Village Overlay District; to amend requirements to allow floor covering stores as a permitted use with additional requirements; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

2. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an agreement by and between the city of Conyers and Atlanta Pyrotechnics, International, Inc. (API) in the amount of \$25,000 for the cost of fireworks product, freight, primary liability insurance coverage, qualified technicians, permits, and all equipment necessary to provide a fireworks display at the Red, White and Boom event on July 3, 2019 at the former Pine Street Elementary School, 960 Pine Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012.** Director of Public Relations and Tourism Jennifer Edwards presented the agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Jacob Bailey made a motion approve an agreement by and between the city of Conyers and Atlanta Pyrotechnics, International, Inc. (API) in the amount of \$25,000 for the cost of fireworks product, freight, primary liability insurance coverage, qualified technicians, permits, and all equipment necessary to provide a fireworks display at the Red, White and Boom event on July 3, 2019 at the former Pine Street Elementary School, 960 Pine Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012. Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. After

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

3. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the city of Conyers and the Rockdale County Board of Education allowing the city use of the parking lot and ball field behind former Pine Street Elementary School located at 960 Pine Street as the staging area for fireworks in the Red White and Boom event scheduled for July 3, 2019.** Director of Public Relations and Tourism Jennifer Edwards presented the MOU and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the city of Conyers and the Rockdale County Board of Education allowing the city use of the parking lot and ball field behind former Pine Street Elementary School located at 960 Pine Street as the staging area for fireworks in the Red White and Boom event scheduled for July 3, 2019. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
4. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a letter of intent ("LOI") that outlines the basic terms under which the Housing Authority is prepared to consider the sale of the real property described on Exhibit "A" to the City of Conyers, and to commence negotiations on a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") for such transaction.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the letter of intent and asked that the Mayor and Council approve. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve a letter of intent ("LOI") that outlines the basic terms under which the Housing Authority is prepared to consider the sale of the real property described on Exhibit "A" to the City of Conyers, and to commence negotiations on a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") for such transaction. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
5. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Mr. John Nix to the Conyers-Rockdale Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Delores Baker.** City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment. Council Member Jacob Bailey made a motion to appoint Mr. John Nix to the Conyers-Rockdale Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Delores Baker. Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
6. **A request for the Mayor and Council to appoint Mrs. Pam Hinesley to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Carol Fountain. The term expires 09/01/19.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to appoint Mrs. Pam Hinesley to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Carol Fountain. The term expires 09/01/19. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye with the exception of Council Member Gerald Hinesley who abstained from voting. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
7. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Mr. David Gattis to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to appoint Mr. David Gattis to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
8. **A request for the Mayor and Council to appoint Mr. James Cabe to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to appoint Mr. James Cabe to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

9. **A request for the Mayor and Council to appoint Ms. Venus Fears to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to appoint Ms. Venus Fears to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a three year term retroactive from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2021. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Citizens' Comments: Jim and Andrea Gomez addressed the council and spoke about the open streets project and the Sweet Treat Depot.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Blair Barksdale of the Tourism, PR & Olde Town Committee reported that the Open Streets Project is taking off and that there has been a great deal of participation. She also invited everyone to attend the Taste of Conyers on Saturday, May 2, 2019.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development and Olde Town Committees reminded everyone that the Salem Gate ground breaking is on April 24th. He encouraged everyone to attend.
- Council Member Jacob Bailey of GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and IT Committees stated that Masters week was a great success at Cherokee Run with over 900 players! He also added that the Veterans Memorial Tournament raised \$12,000 to assist the Walk of Heroes Project.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety and Human Resources Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Stormwater Committee had nothing to report.

City Managers Update/Executive Session:

City Manager Tony Lucas added that although the official numbers are not in yet, there were approximately 220 rounds of gold played during Masters Week at Cherokee Run. He stated that there was a need for executive session to include the city attorney for the purposes of discussing potential land acquisition. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to hold executive session to include the city attorney for the purposes of discussing potential land acquisition. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


G. Vincent Evans Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Christina Heyman, City Clerk

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