

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:15 p.m. on April 18, 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 Communication** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

**Citizens' Communication** – (1) Bobby Schroeder of B.C. Taxi addressed the Council regarding his concerns for the cost of insurance coverage for taxicab companies. (2) Representative Dar'shun Kendrick addressed the Council. She distributed to the Council a Legislative Wrap-Up Report. She stated that she will be having her 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Small Business Week Summit on Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia International Horse Park.

**Agenda Revisions:** There were no agenda revisions.

**Minutes** – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

1. **Years of Service:** Dawn McAfee (who was absent) of the Department of Court Service has five years of service to the City.
2. **Academic:** Keith Kinder of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for having received his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.
3. **Special Recognitions:**  
Mayor Randy Mills presented Mr. Wangombe Wright and Ms. Kenya Sloan each a proclamation declaring Thursday, April 19, 2012 as Citizens Heroes Day for their heroic action in the apprehension of the suspect in an attempted kidnapping on March 21, 2012, at Hobby Lobby in Conyers.

**New Business:**

1. **Public hearing:** 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 7:30 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 868, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia codified at Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to create a new zoning district codified as Section 8-7-44 to be known as the Village Design District (VD); to provide new zoning regulations and use tables for said Village Design District; to amend Section 8-7-8(b)(10) so as to include the new Village Design District as a zoning district compatible with the Special Mixed Use Activity Center land use category; to amend Section 8-7-30 so as to add the new Village Design District to the City's list of zoning districts; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes, 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.

2. **Request for Mayor and Council to ratify an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Conyers and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company. This is a requirement to work on their easement for the Phase of the Multi-Purpose Trail that will run from the Rockdale Career Academy to Johnson Park.** Director of Public Works and Transportation Brad Sutton presented the Encroachment Agreement, and asked the Council for ratification. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to ratify an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Conyers and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, and stated that this is a requirement to work on their easement for the Phase of the Multi-Purpose Trail that will run from the Rockdale Career Academy to Johnson Park. 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.

3. **Request approval of an Annual Agreement By and Between the City of Conyers and the Rockdale County Soil and Water Conservation District.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council and stated that this is an annual agreement whereby the City pays \$1,000.00 to the District for use in informing, educating and providing technical assistance to developers, contractors, builders and other stakeholders on how to better protect the land and water resources of the City and to review certain Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans within the City limits. City Manager Lucas asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve an Annual Agreement By and Between the City of Conyers and the Rockdale County Soil and Water Conservation District. 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.
4. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a contract between the City of Conyers and Quality Forest Products L.L.C. for the thinning of trees located at the Georgia International Horse Park.** Director of Public Works and Transportation Brad Sutton presented the request to the Council and stated that this is a wooded area in need of tree farming so that smaller trees can have room to grow; and asked for Council's approval of the contract. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Conyers and Quality Forest Products L.L.C. for the thinning of trees located at the Georgia International Horse Park. 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.
5. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve the donation of a Permanent Slope Easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Old Covington Highway project.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and stated that the easement has a value of \$1,950 and this has been an ongoing project and GDOT is in the right-of-way phase. He also stated that this project is paid for by federal and matching local funds. Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve this request. 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.
6. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and URS Corporation for the Scoping Phase A and Engineering Phase B of the Hardin and O'Kelly Street LCI project. The fee for the Scoping Phase is not to exceed \$31,500 or, if authorized, shall not exceed \$346,220 for both Phases A and B.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request 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.
7. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and G. S. Construction, Inc. to furnish all materials and equipment to make drainage and road improvements and upgrade waterlines on Jimi Lane and connecting streets. The total project cost is \$359,588.76 with the City to pay \$272,587.56 and Rockdale County Water Resources to pay \$87,001.20.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council 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.
8. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 871 to adopt the revised/updated City of Conyers Employee Personnel Rules, Regulations, Procedures and Policies.** Director of Human Resources Dee Buggay presented Ordinance No. 871 to the Council and asked for Council's approval. She stated that the Education Policy had been revised and that President's Day will be a holiday for City employees in lieu of a "personal" day. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 871 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.
9. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 872 amending Ordinance No. 841 adopted June 22, 2011, which adopted the annual budget for the City of Conyers for fiscal year 2011-2012.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented Ordinance No. 872 to the Council and asked for Council's approval. After discussion, Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 872 amending Ordinance No. 841 adopted June 22, 2011, which adopted the annual budget for the City of Conyers for fiscal year 2011-2012,

and waive the second reading. 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.

10. **Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Lawrence Thomas Linen II – Hooters of Conyers, LLC – 1099 Iris Drive).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, 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.
11. **Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Wanda D. Hudson – AJS Legacy – 1381 Iris Drive).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, 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.
12. **Application for a beer and wine retail sales license – (Sammy Ibrahim Abdullahi – Texaco Food Mart – 1410 Klondike Road, Suite F).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, 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.
13. **Application for an alcohol beverage special event license for an event to be held June 9, 2012, at the Olde Town Pavilion at 949 Main Street – (Jackie A. Sprague – Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts – 910 Center Street).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, 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.
14. **Request approval to surplus seven (7) used Crown Victoria Police Vehicles, which have reached their service limit.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the request to the Council, and asked for Council's approval to surplus these vehicles and recommended selling them at a City auction. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to surplus seven (7) used Crown Victoria Police Vehicles, which have reached their service limit. Council Member John Fountain 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 John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, reported that a Community Development Committee meeting was held on April 18, 2012 regarding the Taxi Ordinance.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, stated that a new bakery has opened in Olde Town, and that the Richmond House will be opening soon. He also stated that the Taste of Conyers will be Saturday, April 21, as well as the Conyers Car Show; and that the New Depot Players will be performing "Till Beth Do Us Part", which will be opening next week. Council Member Evans stated that the DDA is pursuing a real estate profession to market the property at 941 Main Street.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* stated that an Easter service was held at the Horse Park. He also stated that a horse show was held last weekend and one will be held this weekend; and that the Elks Aidmore Music Festival will be held on April 28.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that the City has received the GFOA Budget Award for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. He reported that over 1,000 rounds of golf were played at Cherokee Run during Masters' week. He also reported that approximately 150 people were at Cherokee Run on Easter for the Easter Brunch; and that currently approximately 75-80 people are having brunch at Cherokee Run on Sundays.

**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 8:15 p.m.



Randal S. Mills Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk