

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. March 20, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. regularly scheduled Council Meeting 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.

Recognitions:

- Special Recognition:
 - Ms. Jill Miller of the Georgia International Horse Park gave an overview of the Southeast Festivals and Events Association Kaleidoscope Award presentations for the 2018 Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival
 - The Ewing Family was recognized for providing a very generous breakfast at the Shop with a Cop event.
 - Detective Chris Burns and Officer Scot McGinnis received Major Felony Apprehension Commendations.
 - Crime Scene Investigator Cecily Karrantza received Chief's Commendation.

VII. New Business:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1161 (Zoning case 2019-03), an application to allow a special use permit for a contractor's office as a home occupation use for certain real property located at 1319 Northside Drive; to provide for an amendment to the official zoning map for the city of Conyers to reflect said special use permit; 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. 1161.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Michael Rhodes spoke in favor of the special use permit.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1161 (Zoning case 2019-03), an application to allow a special use permit for a contractor's office as a home occupation use for certain real property located at 1319 Northside Drive; to provide for an amendment to the official zoning map for the city of Conyers to reflect said special use permit; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. 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.

2. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a new retail alcohol license application for Sentrea Thornton – Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC #4224 – 1163 West Avenue, SW, Conyers, GA 30012.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to approve a new retail alcohol license application for Sentrea Thornton – Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC #4224 – 1163 West Avenue, SW, Conyers, GA 30012. 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.

3. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a new retail alcohol license application for Sentrea Thornton – Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC #8496 – 425 Sigman Road, NW Suite 107, Conyers, GA 30012.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to approve a new retail alcohol license application for Sentrea Thornton – Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC #8496 – 425 Sigman Road, NW Suite 107, Conyers, GA 30012. 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.

4. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an application for a beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premise license. Keish Momin – 908 Special Events, Inc. d/b/a Iron Skillet Southern Kitchen – 908 Commercial Street NE, Conyers, GA 30012.** Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to approve an application for a beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premise license. Keish Momin – 908 Special Events, Inc. d/b/a Iron Skillet Southern Kitchen – 908 Commercial Street NE, Conyers, GA 30012. 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.

5. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Laxmi (Julie) Upadhyaya to the Conyers Housing Authority Board. The appointment is to fill the resident seat for the unexpired term of Alicia Appleberry (original term of resident LaRuth Stowe). The appointment shall be effective immediately and end 9/11/2019.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann asked that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to appoint Laxmi (Julie) Upadhyaya to the Conyers Housing Authority Board. The appointment is to fill the resident seat for the unexpired term of Alicia Appleberry (original term of resident LaRuth Stowe). The appointment shall be effective immediately and end 9/11/2019. 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.

Citizens' Comments: There was no one in attendance who wished to address the Council.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Jacob Bailey of GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and IT Committees stated the Veterans Walk of Heroes tournament will be held at Cherokee Run on March 22nd. He added that they are still looking for sponsors and encouraged everyone to come out to support the cause. He announced that the Cherry Blossom Festival will be held March 23rd and March 24th and the weather report looks great!

- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety and Human Resources Committees had nothing to report. He congratulated members of the CPD team that received awards and thanked them for serving our community by always being alert and aware.

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development and Olde Town Committees reported on some potential economic development opportunities that have presented themselves recently. Specifically, he mentioned that a citizen has come forward and presented the idea of privately raising funds to build a splash pad in Olde Town Conyers. It was agreed that the idea would be explored further.

- Member Blair Barksdale of the Tourism, PR & Olde Town Committee reported that the St. Patrick's Day parade was a great success!


- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Stormwater Committee reported repaving of Eastview Parkway has started. He stated that Leadership Rockdale is making progression a landscaping project at the corner of Green Street and Travis Street. Lastly, he stated that the Hardin/O'Kelly project is moving along.

City Managers Update/Executive Session:

Chief Operating Officer David Spann reported on the ongoing process of the redevelopment of Olde Town between the interstate and Green Street. He mentioned that in years past there have been discussions of the possibility of the Conyers Housing Authority (CHA) relocating some units from the Hewlett Street/Hardin Street area. The city has expressed interest in the property in the past and are currently drafting a letter of intent to forward to CHA. Also, he

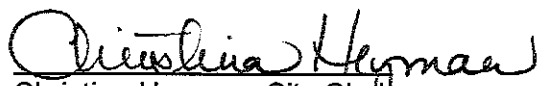
added that we have engaged the redevelopment group, Real Property Research to conduct the assessment for residential and commercial feasibility in that area. He mentioned the progression of the notifications of the entertainment district in Olde Town. He stated that Four A has begun work on their model homes, some curbing and paving. The groundbreaking ceremony for Salem Gate will be held on April 24th at 10:00 a.m. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to attend the event. He added that progress is being made on the new city hall plan.

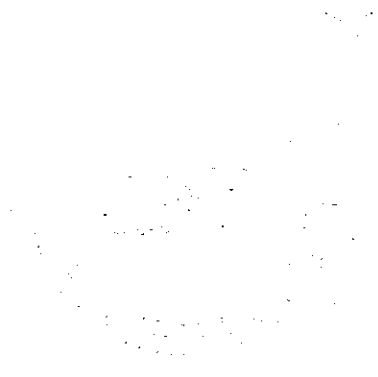
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



G. Vincent Evans Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Christina Heyman, City Clerk



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