

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:08 p.m. on March 4, 2015, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud. Council Member Chris Bowen was 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 Welcome – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Communication: There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions – There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

1. Josue DeJesus of the Stormwater Services Department was recognized for 10 years of service to the City.

New Business:

1. **Request approval of Resolution No. 626 requesting the introduction of local legislation and the creation of a public facilities authority; and for other purposes.** Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck presented Resolution No. 626 to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 626 requesting the introduction of local legislation and the creation of a public facilities authority; and for other purposes. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
2. **Request approval of an application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Eleanor Johnson – Olde Town Bistro & Grill – 914 Commercial Street, Conyers, GA 30012).** Council Member John Fountain 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 present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
3. **Reappointment of Vince Evans to serve a one-year term on the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) Board for the term of February 21, 2015 – February 20, 2016.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the reappointment request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to reappoint Vince Evans to serve a one-year term on the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) for the term of February 21, 2015 – February 20, 2016. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans abstained. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. **Reappointment of Darrell Holmes to serve a one-year term on the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) Board for the term of February 21, 2015 – February 20, 2016.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the reappointment request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to reappoint Darrell Holmes to serve a one-year term on the Conyers Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) for the term of February 21, 2015 – February 20, 2016. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. **Appointment of Caleb Delong to the Conyers Main Street Board for a two-year term (January 1, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016).** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to appoint Caleb Delong to the Conyers Main Street Board for a two-year term (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016). Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that filming continues in Olde Town; and that the current Filming Policy will be reviewed. He also stated that there is discussion about potential redevelopment of Salem Gate Shopping Center. Council Member Evans reminded everyone of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and festivities.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee* had nothing to report.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, was absent.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the Railroad Street project will be completed in about three weeks. He also reported that the Irwin Bridge project is now out for bid.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that a letter had been received from Fred Boscarino, President & CEO of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, applauding the City for becoming a Purple Heart City. He also stated that pari-mutuel betting is out of committee and will be presented for a “Floor” vote next week.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was a need for an executive session to discuss potential litigation, and asked to include the City Attorney, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion for an executive session to discuss potential litigation and to include the City Attorney, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer. 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING

[Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, Randal S. Mills, who in his/her capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the person presiding over a meeting of the City Council of the City (the "City Council") of Conyers, Georgia (the "City"), and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on March 4, 2015, the City Council voted to recess into executive session and closed all or a portion of its meeting to the public. The legal exceptions applicable to those exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

(Check or initial as appropriate)

- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(1)]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4)]
- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)]
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlements, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2]
Manager, & Chief Operating Officer
- Tax matters made confidential by state law [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2]
- Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the City [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which not final action is taken [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other: _____

I hereby certify that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

[Signature]
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
4th day of March, 2015.

Patricia J. Smith
Notary Public
June 5, 2015
Date Commission Expires



