

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:03 p.m. on March 5, 2014, 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 – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014, 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: Bill Campbell (IT Department) was recognized for 5 years of service to the City. Greg Carson (Conyers Police Department) and Isabel Rogers (Chief Financial Officer) were recognized for 25 years of service to the City and each was presented a watch. Michael Yarberry (Public Works & Transportation) was absent but achieved ten years of service.

New Business:

1. **Request approval of Resolution No. 618 pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing the adoption of the Rockdale County, Georgia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update of October 2013.** Major Mike Waters presented the Resolution to the Council and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve Resolution No. 618 pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing the adoption of the Rockdale County, Georgia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update of October 2013. 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.
2. **Southeast Festivals and Events Association Kaleidoscope Award presentations for the Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival and Big Hayes Creek Wildlife Festival.** Director of the GIHP Jennifer Bexley addressed the Council and stated that the GIHP had won several Kaleidoscope awards at the Southeast Festivals and Events Association Conference. Rebecca Hill, GIHP Sales Manager, addressed the Council and stated that the GIHP had won a bronze kaleidoscope award for the Best Marketing Program for the Cherry Blossom Festival; a gold kaleidoscope award for the Best Vendor – Proof of the Pudding; and a gold kaleidoscope award for the Big Haynes Creek Wildlife Festival for the best marketing program.
3. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Shaun Kevin Niemver – Folks, Inc. d/b/a Folks Southern Kitchen – 1081 Iris Drive, Conyers, GA 30094).** 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 the application. 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. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Sharon Rose Powell – Coffee House Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Starbucks Coffee #2876 – 1515 Highway 138, Conyers, GA 30013).** 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 the application. 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. **Application for a beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premise license – (Noble D. Spaulding – Rare Hospitality International, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse #5362 – 1294 Iris Drive, S.W. Conyers, GA 30094).** 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 the application. 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.

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*, reported that the first horse show at the GIHP was held this last weekend; and that the Spartan Run and Hunter Jumper Show will be held this weekend.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing new to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the DDA has adopted a resolution in support of a golf cart zone. Council Member Evans stated that the Opportunity Zone will include the Acuity Building; and that a solar feasibility study is being done at the GIHP and the landfill. He reported that the CCVB hoteliers meeting held on March 4 was very informative and included the positive revenue impact tourism has on our community. Council Member Evans reminded everyone of the upcoming plays at the Center for the Arts, and also of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing new to report.

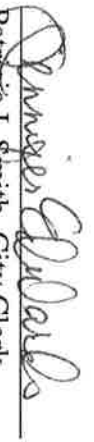
City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas recognized Aaron Conyers, a public policy major at Georgia State University.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was a need for an executive session to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. 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.

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


Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:


~~Raffaella I. Smith, City Clerk~~
Jennifer Edwards, Deputy City Clerk