

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:02 p.m. on August 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Marty Jones, Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, Chris Bowen and Cleveland Stroud.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member Gerald Hinesley.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Mills led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone to the August 18, 2010 meeting.

Citizen's Communication – No one in attendance addressed the council.

Agenda Revisions – There were no agenda revision requests.

Minutes – Council Member Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2010 regularly scheduled Council meeting and the August 11, 2010, called Council meeting. Council Member Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions – Years of Service to the City:

Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley addressed the Council and made remarks on Jill Miller's five years of service to the city at the Georgia International Horse Park. She also made remarks on Rhonda Young's 10 years of service to the city at the Georgia International Horse Park.

New Business:

1. **Public Hearing: Zoning Case 2010-07. Request to approve Ordinance No. 808 to amend the Comprehensive Land Use from Rockdale County Comprehensive Land Use, Conservation Subdivision Residential to the City of Conyers Comprehensive Land Use, Urban Suburban Residential. Also to rezone 5.87 +/- acres from Rockdale County Zoning R-1, Single Family Residential to the City of Conyers Zoning Residential Single Family – (Conyers Housing Authority AKA Conyers Housing Corporation – 1365 Rockbridge Road).** Council Member Hinesley introduced the agenda item and stated the need for a public hearing for Zoning Case 2010-07. Mayor Mills opened the public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at 7:09 p.m. Carrie Bootcheck, attorney speaking on behalf of the Conyers Housing Authority, addressed the Mayor and Council requesting the approval of Ordinance No. 808. Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Next, Mayor Mills opened a public hearing regarding the application to rezone 5.87+/- acres from Rockdale County Zoning R-1, Single Family Residential to the City of Conyers Zoning Residential Single Family. Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. No one addressed the Council. Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Council Member Hinesley made a motion to table Ordinance No. 808. Council Member Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 809, annexation of 5.87+/- acres into the City of Conyers – (Conyers Housing Authority, AKA Conyers Housing Corporation – 1365 Rockbridge Road).** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 809 and waive the second reading. Council Member Jones seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 809 and waive the second reading. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Council Member Hinesley made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 808 from the table. 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.

Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 808 and rezone the property from Rockdale County Zoning R-1, Single Family Residential to the City of Conyers Zoning Residential Single Family and amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from Rockdale County Comprehensive Land Use, Conservation Subdivision Residential to the City of Conyers Comprehensive Land Use, Urban Suburban Residential and waive the second reading. Council Member Bowen seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 808 and the zoning category and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan change and waive the

second reading. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. **Request for approval of the Wheeler Park Trail Memorandum of Understanding between the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners and the City of Conyers for the construction of a multi-use concrete trail extending from the north end of Wheeler Park to Parker Road across from Culpepper Drive.** Council Member Evans made a motion to approve the Wheeler Park Trail Memorandum of Understanding between the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners and the City of Conyers. Council Member 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 an alcohol beverage special event license for an event to be held September 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Granite Mountain Harley Davidson at 900 Dogwood Drive - (Charles W. Koons - V.F.W. Post #5290 - 1432 VFW Drive).** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve the alcohol beverage special event license. Council Member Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. **Reappointment of Mr. Steven Holmes to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term from September 1, 2010 until September 1, 2013.** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to reappoint Mr. Holms to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
6. **Reappointment of Mrs. Carol Fountain to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term from September 1, 2010 until September 1, 2013.** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Fountain to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
7. **Reappointment of Mr. William Emofonmwan to the Board of Zoning, Appeals and Adjustments for a four-year term from September 1, 2010 until September 1, 2014.** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to reappoint Mr. Emofonmwan to the Board of Zoning, Appeals and Adjustments. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
8. **Reappointment of Dr. Albert Myers to the Board of Zoning, Appeals and Adjustments for a four-year term from September 1, 2010 until September 1, 2014.** Council Member Hinesley made a motion to reappoint Dr. Myers to the Board of Zoning, Appeals and Adjustments. Council Member Stroud seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, stated that the gateway fountain at Northside Drive is now running and the letters and plaque for the sign are on order. He also said that the construction for the Sigman Road/Eastview Road transportation project continues.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* had nothing to report at the time.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee* had nothing to report at the time.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Committee*, distributed photos to the other councilmen depicting construction progress at the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center. He stated that a floating dock had been added to the existing canoe dock at the nature center and construction of a new boardwalk on the north end of the wetlands was underway as well as laying out campsites. Council Member Bowen showed photos of the track being laid at the North Georgia Live Steamers site at the GIHP and also reported that the stormwater project on Hewlett Street was underway.
- Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, had nothing to report at the time.

City Manager's Update - City Manager Tony Lucas asked Brad Sutton, Director of Public Works and Transportation, to address the Council about a letter he received from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources stating that at an Environmental Protection Division conference, the City of

Conyers Stormwater Services Department was cited many times in their materials as an example of a successful stormwater program.

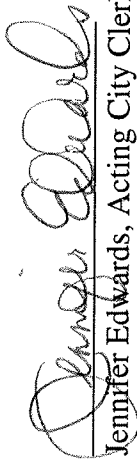
City Manager Tony Lucas also shared a letter that was mailed to Mayor Mills' attention from Fred Boscarino, President/CEO of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, expressing his and the Chamber membership's appreciation at the fiscal responsibility shown by the Council in keeping the millage rate at the same rate for a second consecutive year.

City Manager Tony Lucas also told the Council that landscaping and other beautification projects throughout the city would be completed with landscaping in cooler weather, hopefully in October.

Executive Session –City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was no need for executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:


Jennifer Edwards, Acting City Clerk


Randal S. Mills, Mayor