

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:03 p.m. on November 20, 2013, 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: Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to add as agenda item #11 the appointment of Jacob Bailey to the Rockdale County Board of Health. 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 Vince Evans also made a motion to add as agenda item #12 the appointment of Tom Harrison to the Conyers/Rockdale Council for the Arts. 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.

Minutes:

1. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013, Council meeting. 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.

Presentation:

Captain Jack Dunn introduced Linda Davis with the Conyers Police Reserves. Ms. Davis presented Corporal Shyra Hardwick with a check in the amount of \$541.00 on behalf of the Reserves Unit for Shop With A Cop.

Old Business:

1. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 943, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, so as to amend the text of Section 8-7-94, Enclosure Requirements; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain stated that following a public hearing which was held on October 16, 2013, this request was tabled until November 20, 2013. Council Member Fountain made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 943 from the table. 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.

Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council to approve Ordinance No. 943 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.

City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that Mr. Scott Schulten, representing the American Kidney Services, was in agreement with the amendments.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing. Request to approve Ordinance No. 945 to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-94, G.V. Gateway Village to permit Floor Covering Stores as a permitted use within the Urban Village Sub-area; to provide additional criteria for such development and uses; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.** 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 7:13 p.m.

Ms. Kristen Ware, representing Pointer Commercial Real Estate, addressed the Council in favor of permitting floor covering stores as a permitted use within the Urban Village Sub-area.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

- Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 945 and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills
2. **Public hearing. Request to approve Ordinance No. 946 (Zoning case No. 2013-08), an ordinance requesting to amend the conditions of zoning for 1581 Centennial Parkway, N.E., also known as the Centennial Village Subdivision – (Applicant – Centennial HP, LLC – Land Lots 372 and 373 of the 16th District).** 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 7:15 p.m.
- Mr. R. J. Fields, representing Centennial HP, LLC, addressed the Council regarding the proposed development of the Centennial Village Subdivision at 1581 Centennial Parkway, N.E. Mr. Fields asked the Council to table this request until the December 18, 2013, Council meeting in order to allow the applicants more time to prepare their development plan.
- Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table the request to approve Ordinance No. 946 (Zoning case No. 2013-08) until the December 18, 2013, Council meeting. 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.
3. **Public hearing. Request to approve Ordinance No. 948 (Zoning Case No. 2013-09), an ordinance requesting to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from the Neighborhood Convenience designation to the Public-Institutional designation, and to rezone 0.817 acre from the BN, Neighborhood Business District to O-I, Office-Institutional.** 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 7:22 p.m.
- Mr. John Parish, surveyor representing Voices of Faith Ministries, addressed the Council in favor of amending the CLUP from Neighborhood Convenience designation to the Public Institutional designation; and the rezoning from BN, Neighborhood Business District to O-I, Office Institutional.
- Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.
- Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 948 (Zoning Case No. 2013-09) 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.
4. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 950 to amend Chapter 1 of Title 9, Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia; to establish an administrative fee; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 950 establishing alcohol beverage administrative fees to the Council and made a motion to approve 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.
5. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 951 to amend Chapter 2 of Title 9, Occupation Tax Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia; to amend established fees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 951 amending established Occupation Tax fees to the Council and made a motion to approve and waive the second reading. 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. **Appointment of Ronald Godwin to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term of Marty Jones – (term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council to appoint Ronald Godwin to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term of

Marty Jones – (term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014). Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to appoint Ronald Godwin to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Marty Jones. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for the vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

7. **Appointment of George Levett, Jr. to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term of Jorge Flores – (term of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council to appoint George Levett, Jr. to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term of Jorge Flores – (term of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013). Council Member John Fountain made a motion to appoint George Levett, Jr. to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Jorge Flores. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for the vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
8. **Appointment of Gabrielle Reed to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Susan Vaughn – (term of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council to appoint Gabrielle Reed to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Susan Vaughn – (term of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014). Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to appoint Gabrielle Reed to the Conyers Main Street Board to fill the unexpired term of Susan Vaughn. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for the vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
9. **Appointment of Ken Sherwood to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Ronald Godwin – (term of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council to appoint Ken Sherwood to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Ronald Godwin – (term of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014). Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to appoint Ken Sherwood to the Conyers Main Street Board to fill the unexpired term of Ronald Godwin. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for the vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
10. **Appointment of Barbara Dockett to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Rodney West – (term of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council to appoint Barbara Dockett to the Conyers Main Street Board to serve in the unexpired term of Rodney West – (term of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013). Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to appoint Barbara Dockett to the Conyers Main Street Board to fill the unexpired term of Rodney West. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for the vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
11. **(Agenda revision). Appointment of Jacob Bailey to the Rockdale County Board of Health to serve in the unexpired term of Dr. Shiroleen Adams-Hurt – (term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2016).** Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to appoint Jacob Bailey to the Rockdale County Board of Health to serve in the unexpired term of Dr. Shiroleen Adams-Hurt – (term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2016). 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.
12. **(Agenda revision). Appointment of Tom Harrison to the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts Board of Directors.** Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to appoint Tom Harrison to the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts Board of Directors. 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.

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*, addressed the Council and reported that the Bob Bell show was a success. He also reported that Christmas parties are “cranking up” at the GIHP and Cherokee Run; and that things are going good at the GIHP.

- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, addressed the Council and gave a briefing on Shop With A Cop.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and reminded everyone of the employees' Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, November 22, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. He reported that ice skating in Olde Town is going well; and that filming will continue this weekend.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was not a need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Gary Vincent Evans
Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk