

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. April 18, 2018 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Evans, Council Members, Gerald Hinesley, Cleveland Stroud, John Fountain, and Jacob Bailey. Council Member Blair Barksdale was absent.

**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 Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. - regularly scheduled city council meeting. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. (Council Member Blair Barksdale was absent.) Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

**Years of Service:**

- *Service awards were postponed for Ms. Rebecca Hill and Ms. Susan Thomas*
- *Officer Marshall Thompson of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for 5 years of service to the city.*

**Special Recognitions:**

- *Proclamation was presented to Jordan D. Savage Foundation for Lupus Awareness Month*
- *Chris Burns of the Conyers Police Department was presented the Major Felony Apprehension Commendation*
- *Mr. Mark Overstreet was sworn in as the City of Conyers Police Department Chaplain.*

**New Business:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A presentation by Ms. Allison Duncan of the Atlanta Regional Commission to present the City of Conyers Comprehensive Plan Update 2018.**

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

Ms. Duncan presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update 2018. The Mayor and Council discussed several topics briefly.

There was no one from the public who wished to address the council at this time.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

No action was taken.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance No. 1121 (Zoning Case 2018-04), an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, to allow a special use permit for a Contractor (equipment or materials stored on the premise) as a permitted use for certain real property located at 951 Klondike Court; to provide for an amendment to the Official Zoning District 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 asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1121.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1121 at 7:39 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1121 (Zoning Case 2018-04), an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, to allow a special use permit for a Contractor (equipment or materials stored on the premise) as a permitted use for certain real property located at 951 Klondike Court; to provide for an amendment to the Official Zoning District 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 Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance No. 1122, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-44 (GV, Gateway Village District) to provide standards for screening mechanical units on flat roofs; 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 Council Member John Fountain asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1122.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1122 at 7:41 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1122, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-44 (GV, Gateway Village District) to provide standards for screening mechanical units on flat roofs; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance No. 1123, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-66 (NCD, North Conyers Design Overlay District) to remove the requirement for garage door width; to further amend Section 8-7-66 by removing the standards for illuminated signs; 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 asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1123.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1123 at 7:42 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1123, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-66 (NCD, North Conyers Design Overlay District) to remove the requirement for garage door width; to further amend Section 8-7-66 by removing the standards for illuminated signs; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance No. 1125, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-90 (Principal permitted and special uses) to amend the equipment rental / furniture rental principal use category; 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 asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1125.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1125 at 7:42 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1125, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-90 (Principal permitted and special uses) to amend the equipment rental / furniture rental principal use category; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

6. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with GDOT that requires the City of Conyers to clip shoulders and remove debris from edge lines prior to GDOT letting the Off-System Safety Striping Project PI# 0015750, which is federally funded.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GDOT that requires the City of Conyers to clip shoulders and remove debris from edge lines prior to GDOT letting the Off-System Safety Striping Project PI# 0015750, which is federally funded. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
7. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the purchase of a Takeuchi TL 10V2 track loader with high flow hydraulics for a cost of \$68,080.00. State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000102.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the purchase of a Takeuchi TL 10V2 track loader with high flow hydraulics for a cost of \$68,080.00. State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000102. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
8. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve the purchase of a Takeuchi TL 10V2 track loader for a cost of \$65,448.00. State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000102.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the purchase of a Takeuchi TL 10V2 track loader for a cost of \$65,448.00. State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000102. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
9. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an application for a beer and wine and liquor consumption on premise license. Iris Angel – La Morada LLC D/B/A: Cielo Mexican Grill & Cantina – 2133 GA Highway 20SE, Suite 280, Conyers, Georgia 30012.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve an application for a beer and wine and liquor consumption on premise license. Iris Angel – La Morada LLC D/B/A: Cielo Mexican Grill & Cantina – 2133 GA Highway 20SE, Suite 280, Conyers, Georgia 30012. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Council member Blair Barksdale was absent. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

**Citizens' Comments:** Several members of the Hunting Creek community commented on concerns of trash in the neighborhood and the need for more recreational outlets for the young people in the area.

**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 Jacob Bailey of GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and IT Committees reported that there was a lot of positive feedback from the vendors and entertainers of at the Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival. The estimated attendance was 18,000. He announced the North Georgia Live Steamers will be running the locomotive on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety and Human Resources Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development and Olde Town Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member Blair Barksdale of the Tourism, PR & Olde Town Committees was absent.

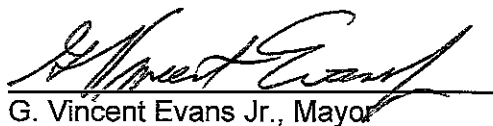
**City Managers Update:**

City Manager Tony Lucas reported that Master's week was a great success at Cherokee Run Golf Club. He advised there were over 1700 rounds of golf played. He also complimented the golf course for being listed in a major golf publication as one of the best golf courses in the metro area.

**Executive Session:**

City Manager Tony Lucas advised that there was no need for executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



G. Vincent Evans Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Christina Heyman, City Clerk