

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2010, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, Georgia.

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

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

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 – Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to move Item 6 to Item 1a; and add Item 9 relating to compliance with the City Charter regarding the appointment of the Public Safety Director. 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.

Minutes:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Chris Bowen to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010, regularly scheduled 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.

Recognitions:

1. **Years of Service:**
Marie Willis, Communications Supervisor, was recognized for 10 years of service to the City; and Lt. Mike Waters of the Police Department was recognized for 20 years of service to the City. Each was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.
2. **2009 Perfect Attendance:** The following employees were recognized and congratulated by the Mayor and Council for perfect attendance in 2009:
Lonnie Abercrombie, GIHP; Jennifer Edwards, Public Relations & Tourism; Marvin Flanigan, Planning and Inspection Services; Patricia Woodward, Communications; Jackie Dunn, Police Department; Peggy Dunn, Police Department; Brandon Mowrey, Police Department; Pierce Piper, Police Department; Peter Salvey, Police Department; and Vance Strawn, Police Department. Terry White (Public Works & Transportation) and Matt Salisbury (Police Department) were absent.

Old Business:

1. **Zoning Case 2008-08 – Request to rezone 100.5 +/- acres from TH, Townhouse Residential with conditions and BG, General Business, to MxD, Mixed-use Development District – (Four A International LLC, Almand Creek LLC & Corner Market LLC – 1815 & 1825 Parker Road)** – Council Member Gerald Hinesley addressed the Council and made a motion to take Zoning Case 2008-08, which was tabled at the September 16, 2009 Council meeting, off the table. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Council Member Gerald Hinesley addressed the Council and stated that there are two developmental agreements that have to be signed prior to zoning approval. He then made a motion to table Zoning Case 2008-08 until the February 17, 2010 Council meeting. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

New Business:

- 1a. **Presentation of the Rockdale County/Conyers Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)** – Director of Public Works and Transportation Brad Sutton addressed the Council and introduced Miguel Valentin, P.E., with Rockdale County and Andrew Smith, AICP, with HNTB. Mr. Valentin gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the plan purpose, goals and objectives, scope and schedule, plan components, stakeholder and public outreach/input, plan prioritization factors, and prioritized recommendations.

No action was necessary to be taken by the Council.

1. **Request to ratify Resolution No. 577 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services relative to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program** – City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented the request and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to ratify approval of Resolution No. 577 approving the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services relative to the

Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program. 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. **Request to ratify approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the City of Conyers, Georgia, for the purpose of verifying citizenship and immigration status information of non-citizen and naturalized or derived U.S. citizen applicants applying for retirement benefits, health benefits, contracts, alcoholic beverage licenses, occupation tax certificates, taxicab licenses, insurance company licenses, pawn brokers licenses, massage therapists licenses, billiard room operations licenses, precious metals and gems dealers licenses, conducting of flea markets licenses, and peddlers and itinerant trades licenses (benefits)** – City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented the request and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to ratify approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the City of Conyers, Georgia, for the purpose of verifying citizenship and immigration status information of non-citizen and naturalized or derived U.S. citizen applicants applying for retirement benefits, health benefits, contracts, alcoholic beverage licenses, occupation tax certificates, taxicab licenses, insurance company licenses, pawn brokers licenses, massage therapists licenses, billiard room operations licenses, precious metals and gems dealers licenses, conducting of flea markets licenses, and peddlers and itinerant trades licenses (benefits). Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
3. **Request to ratify approval of the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the City of Conyers, Georgia, which identifies the legal authorities allowing the City of Conyers, Georgia (User Agency) to verify immigration status for the benefits specified in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program** – City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented the request and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to ratify approval of the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the City of Conyers, Georgia, which identifies the legal authorities allowing the City of Conyers, Georgia (User Agency) to verify immigration status for the benefits specified in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program. 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.
4. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) funds for the construction of the intersection improvements located at SR20/Sigman and Eastview Road. The bid amount is \$342,033.42 with GDOT being responsible for \$273,626.74 and the City’s matching funds will total \$68,406.69.** Council Member Vince Evans presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement between the City of Conyers and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) funds for the construction of the intersection improvements located at SR20/Sigman and Eastview Road. He stated that the bid amount is \$342,033.42 with GDOT being responsible for \$273,626.74 and the City’s matching funds will total \$68,406.69. 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.
5. **Graduated scale for background check fees** – City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council and asked that the Council approve/authorize the graduated scale for background check fees in order for the City to stay competitive in providing this service. He stated that the current fee is \$10.00 per background check; but would like to change the fee to a scale where companies who request 1 to 100 checks per month will be \$10.00; \$8.00 for 101 to 250 checks per month; and \$5.00 for 250 checks or more per month. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve/authorize the graduated scale for background check fees. 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.
6. **Presentation of the Rockdale County/Conyers Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)** – (Moved to Item 1a.)
7. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Min Sik Chon – J. Buffalo Wings – 1820 Highway 20, Suite 112)** – Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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 request. 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.

8. **Re-appointment of Jorge Flores to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013** – City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to re-appoint Jorge Flores to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013, and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to re-appoint Jorge Flores to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013. 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.
9. **Request approval of the appointment of Gene Wilson as Public Safety Director for the City of Conyers** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and asked for Council’s approval of the appointment of Gene Wilson as Public Safety Director for the City of Conyers. City Manager Lucas stated that Council’s approval is necessary in order to comply with the City of Conyers’ Charter, Sec. 3-104 (b). Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the appointment of Gene Wilson as Public Safety Director for the City of Conyers. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
10. **Committee Reports:** None of the Council Members/Committee Chairmen had anything to report at this time.

City Manager’s Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that a letter had been received from Lamar Mask and the Georgia Quarter Horse Association commending and thanking the Horse Park for their dedication, kindness and hard work in accommodating all their requests. He also reminded everyone of Rockdale County’s State of the County Address to be Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockdale County Auditorium.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk