

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00, October 18, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Gerald Hinesley, Cleveland Stroud, and John Fountain.

**Invocation** – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Welcome** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

**Special Presentation** - Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, Joel Alvarado and Dr. Irvin T. Clark, III, Vice President of Student Affairs both from Georgia Piedmont Technical College made a presentation to the Mayor and Council that addressed future endeavors and economic development.

### **Minutes-**

Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 regularly scheduled city council meeting. 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.

### **New Business –**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request to approve Ordinance No. 1098, (Zoning Case 2017-04), 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 an Auto parts store / tire store as a permitted use for certain real property located at 1407 Klondike Road; 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 presented the request and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1098.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1098 at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Gill Gainer approached the Council and spoke in favor of the special use permit.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1098 (Zoning Case 2017-04), 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 an Auto parts store / tire store as a permitted use for certain real property located at 1407 Klondike Road; 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 Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request to approve Ordinance No. 1099, 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 8-7-36 (RM, Residential Multi-family District) so as to amend the minimum heated floor area and building size requirements for multi-family buildings; to amend Section 8-7-44 (GV, Gateway Village District) so as to amend the minimum heated floor area requirements for multi-family buildings; 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 presented the ordinance and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing. Mayor Mills opened the /public hearing for Ordinance No. 1099 at 7:21 p.m.

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

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1099, 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 8-7-36 (RM, Residential Multi-family District) so as to amend the minimum heated floor area and building size requirements for multi-family buildings; to amend Section 8-7-44 (GV, Gateway Village District) so as to amend the minimum heated floor area requirements for multi-family buildings; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to 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.

3. **A request to approve Ordinance No. 1100, an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to prohibit the launch and intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system within the boundaries of the Georgia International Horse Park in the City of Conyers; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** City Attorney Michael Waldrop presented the ordinance and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1100, an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers to prohibit the launch and intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system within the boundaries of the Georgia International Horse Park in the City of Conyers; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. 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. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an agreement by and between the Allied Energy Services, LLC and the city of Conyers for the purchase and installation of LED lighting in certain areas at the Georgia International Horse Park. The fee shall not exceed \$73,700.00.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented the

agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve an agreement by and between the Allied Energy Services, LLC and the city of Conyers for the purchase and installation of LED lighting in certain areas at the Georgia International Horse Park. The fee shall not exceed \$73,700.00. 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.

5. **A request for Mayor and Council to approve Change Order #1 between Shepco Paving, Inc. and the City of Conyers for construction of the Olde Town Conyers Public Parking Lot located at 954 NE Main Street, Conyers, GA 30012. Original contract total of \$232,641.75 shall be increased to \$332,641.75. (See attached Change Order and additional bid prices from Shepco Paving, Inc dated 8/22/2017, 9/8/2017, and 10/9/17.)** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the item and made a motion to approve Change Order #1 between Shepco Paving, Inc. and the City of Conyers for construction of the Olde Town Conyers Public Parking Lot located at 954 NE Main Street, Conyers, GA 30012. Original contract total of \$232,641.75 shall be increased to \$332,641.75. (See attached Change Order and additional bid prices from Shepco Paving, Inc. dated 8/22/2017, 9/8/2017, and 10/9/17.) After brief discussion, 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. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Rockdale County and the City of Conyers relative to the Hardin/O'Kelly Street LCI Roadway Project water/sewer line distribution system instillation, relocation, and/or adjustments. The agreement indicates that Rockdale County will fully reimburse the City of Conyers for all Project costs associated with the water/sewer line distribution system installation, relocation, and/or adjustments.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the agreement and made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Rockdale County and the City of Conyers relative to the Hardin/O'Kelly Street LCI Roadway Project water/sewer line distribution system instillation, relocation, and/or adjustments. The agreement indicates that Rockdale County will fully reimburse the City of Conyers for all Project costs associated with the water/sewer line distribution system installation, relocation, and/or adjustments. 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.
  
7. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Ice Days, LLC for the operation of an ice skating rink in the Olde Town Pavilion located at 949 South Main Street for the 2017-2018 season.** Public Relations and Tourism Director Jennifer Edwards presented the agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Owners of Ice Days, Jim and Andrea approached the podium and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the last 18 years. The Mayor and Council thanked them for continuing to partner with the city to provide a family fun activity during the winter months for our community. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve an agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Ice Days, LLC for the operation of an ice skating rink in the Olde Town Pavilion located at 949 South Main Street for the 2017-2018 season. 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.

8. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a beer and wine retail license. (Nnenna Eucharia Azudibia-Ekeke – N3C, LLC – DBA Robinson’s Superette – 977 Main Street NE, Conyers, Georgia 30013.)** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve a beer and wine retail license. (Nnenna Eucharia Azudibia-Ekeke – N3C, LLC – DBA Robinson’s Superette – 977 Main Street NE, Conyers, Georgia 30013.) 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.
9. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premise license. – (Keish Momin – 908 Special Events, Inc. - DBA Iron Skillet Southern Kitchen – 908 Commercial Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012.)** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premise license. – (Keish Momin – 908 Special Events, Inc. - DBA Iron Skillet Southern Kitchen – 908 Commercial Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012.) 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.

**Citizens’ Comments** – A citizen approached the council and asked a question related to healthcare matters. Council Member John Fountain referred her to Rockdale County Health Department and City Attorney Michael Waldrop advised her per statute, the city of Conyers would not be permitted to provide those types of services, as it is a duty of the county. Mr. Kamien Toomer addressed the Council and expressed concerns about Ordinance No. 1087 related to heavy vehicles. He advised that there is not currently a location that is secure or close enough to park his commercial vehicle. Chief Operating Officer David Spann responded and advised that the city is currently working with an individual to provide a location in Covington that is more suitable for these types of needs. He also stated that citations will not be issued until that location/parking lot is complete. Pastor Bob Lentz addressed the Council and stated that he and his church are new in the area and just wanted introduce himself and offer assistance to our community, should we need it.

### **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 they are wrapping up several small horse shows. H.J Fox Horse Show will be hosted at GIHP this weekend along with Tikes, Tots and Teens Consignment Sale and several other social events.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated the city of Conyers Police are here to protect you!
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development Committee had nothing to report.

**City Managers Update-** City Manager Tony Lucas was absent, therefore Chief Operating Officer David Spann reminded everyone that the Path Ribbon Cutting will be tomorrow. He added that this weekend we will host the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Olde Town Fall Festival. He invited everyone to attend both events.

**Executive Session-** City Attorney Michael Waldrop advised that there is a need for a short executive session to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve executive session to discuss potential litigation and to include Chief Operating Officer and the City Attorney. 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Randal Mills, Mayor

Attest:

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Christina Heyman, City Clerk