

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2012, 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 – Mr. Bobby Schroeder, owner of BC Taxi, addressed the Council regarding the taxicab insurance requirements. Also, Mr. John Bass of Atlanta addressed the Council regarding taxi service availability in Conyers.

Agenda Revisions – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion that the appointment of the 2012 Mayor Pro Tem be added as agenda item #9. 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 – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011, regularly scheduled City Council meeting and the January 5, 2012, special meeting of the City Council for the purpose of the State of the City, respectively. 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.

Recognitions:

1. **Years of Service:** The following individuals were recognized for their years of service to the City: Ken Swift of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for 5 years of service to the City and Erica Hardeman of Planning & Inspection Services was recognized for 10 years of service to the City. Each was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.
2. **Education Achievements:** Ryan Peterson of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for having received his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from Mercer University – and – Isabel Rogers, Chief Financial Officer, was recognized for having received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Clayton State University. Each was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

Old Business:

1. **Amend Contract Agreement with Pratt Industries.** Director of Public Works & Transportation Brad Sutton addressed the Council and stated that the City of Conyers and Pratt Industries entered into a service agreement for recyclables in July 2008. With the small area at the Pratt facility, Pratt agreed to pay the City \$50.00 per ton to deliver to their recycle center in East Point for the term of the contract, which expires in 2018. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the request to amend the Contract Agreement with Pratt Industries. 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 approval of a five-year Independent Contract Agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Queen Wood Products, Inc. for stall cleaning and off-site removal, as well as the exclusive right to sell shavings at the GIHP.** Council Member Chris Bowen addressed the Council and made a motion that this Independent Contract Agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Queen Wood Products, Inc., which was tabled at the December 7, 2011, Council meeting, be removed from the table. 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.
- Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley addressed the Council and asked for Council's approve of a five-year Independent Contract Agreement by and between the City of Conyers and Queen Wood Products, Inc. for stall cleaning and off-site removal, as well as the exclusive right to sell shavings at the GIHP. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement with Queen Wood Products, Inc. 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. 859 adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Conyers, Georgia, to comply with the State of Georgia Zoning Procedures Law.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 859 adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Conyers, Georgia, to comply with the State of Georgia Zoning Procedures Law to the Council, and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
 Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
 There was no one wishing to address the Council.
 Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
 Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 859 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.
2. **Public hearing: A request to approve Ordinance No. 860 permitting Motor Vehicle Sales as an additional permitted use of land within the General Business (BG) district – (Irwin Bridge Center, LLC – 1075 Irwin Bridge Road).** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 860 permitting Motor Vehicle Sales as an additional permitted use of land within the General Business (BG) district – (Irwin Bridge Center, LLC – 1075 Irwin Bridge Road) to the Council, and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
 Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
 There was no one wishing to address the Council.
 Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
 Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 860 and waive the second reading. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Council Member Stroud withdrew his second. Council Member Fountain amended his motion to approve Ordinance No. 860 with the conditions as outlined in Exhibit B, and waive the second reading. 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.
3. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 861 to amend Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Conyers to allow for the adoption of two amendments to the Personnel Rules, Regulations, Procedures, and Policies of the City of Conyers.** Director of Human Resources Dee Buggay addressed the Council and presented Ordinance No. 861 to the Council. She stated that GMA, in conjunction with the Local Risk Management Services, Inc., noted that the City should have a Safety Policy and a revised Seat Belt Policy, which are also required to receive any grants offered by the Safety and Liability Management Grant Program.
 Director of Human Resources Dee Buggay asked for Council's approval of Ordinance No. 861 to amend Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Conyers, which includes the adoption of a Safety Policy and a revised Seat Belt Policy. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 861 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.
4. **Request approval of Resolution No. 602 requesting that the City of Conyers' local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce and enact legislation during the 2012 session to amend the Charter of the City of Conyers to delete Section 4-102.1, "Transition to four-year terms" in its entirety.** Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck presented Resolution No. 602 to the Council and stated that this section deals with the election timelines for the council members of posts 1-6 which is obsolete since the City now has districts. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 602.

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.

5. **Request approval of the contract for the IronSky public safety camera system for the Conyers Police Department.** Director of IT Chris Fisher presented the contract for the IronSky public safety camera system for the Conyers Police Department to the Council and asked for Council's approval. He stated that a total of 25 IP-based cameras would be installed on West Avenue, Highway 138, and Dogwood Drive in the business and retail districts. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the contract for the IronSky public safety camera system for the Conyers Police Department. 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. **Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Mahesh Ammanamanchi – Hawthorn Suites – 1659 Centennial Olympic Parkway).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council. He stated that all background checks had been done and no violations were found. Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve the application. Council Member Vince Evan seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
7. **Appointment of Marty Jones to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired four-year term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014 previously held by John Fountain.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to appoint Marty Jones to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired four-year term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014 previously held by John Fountain. City Manager Lucas asked for Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to appoint Marty Jones to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term previously held by John Fountain. 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.
8. **Appointment of Vince Evans to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired four-year term of Marty Jones for the term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to appoint Vince Evans to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired four-year term of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014 previously held by Marty Jones. City Manager Lucas asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to appoint Vince Evans to the Conyers Downtown Development Authority to serve in the unexpired term previously held by Marty Jones. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Fountain, Hinesley, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans abstained. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
9. **(Agenda revision) – Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for 2012.** Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to appoint Council Member Vince Evans to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2012. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Fountain, Hinesley, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans abstained. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Mills made the following Committee assignments for 2012:

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| Chris Bowen | – GIHP, Cherokee Run, Nature Center and Cemetery |
| Vince Evans | – Economic Development and Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee |
| John Fountain | – Community Development |
| Gerald Hinesley | – Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee, Transportation, and Stormwater |
| Cleveland Stroud | – Public Safety |


City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Executive Session –City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was no need for Executive Session following the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:


Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk


Randal S. Mills Mayor