

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on October 17, 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 Welcome.**

**Citizens' Communication** – Ronnie Burrell addressed the Council and said that the golf course at Cherokee Run was improved over 100%, and that it was one of the best.

**Agenda Revisions:** City Manager Tony Lucas stated there were no agenda revisions.

**Minutes** – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2012 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. 888, amending the Zoning Regulations of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-86 (Design Requirements) by providing additional clarification and criteria regarding the aesthetic and design requirements for buildings within commercial or industrial zoning districts.** 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 7:10 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. 888 and 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. 889 amending the Zoning Regulations of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-94 (Dumpsters) by providing additional criteria regarding the aesthetic appearance, location and screening of dumpster enclosures and donation bins, containers and drop boxes.** 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 7:16 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 889 and 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.

3. **Public hearing – Zoning Case 2012-08. A request to approve Ordinance No. 892 amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from the Multi-family Residential designation to the Special Mixed-use Activity Center designation; and to rezone 4.33 acres of land from the Townhouse Residential (TH) District to the Gateway Village (GV) District (Urban Village sub-area) with a Special Use Permit to allow General Warehousing and Storage (Mini-warehouses) as an additional permitted use.** 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 7:20 p.m.

Mark Walton, representing the applicant, addressed the Council and asked, in light of some changes, that the request be tabled until the November 7, 2012, Council meeting.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table the request until the November 7, 2012, Council meeting. 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. **Public hearing. A request to approve Ordinance No. 893 relating to the provision of a local excise tax on energy used in manufacturing.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

There was no one from the public wishing to address the Council; however, City Attorney Mike Waldrop addressed the Council and explained the provision of a local excise tax on energy used in manufacturing in the City of Conyers.

After discussion, Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to table the request until the November 7, 2012, Council meeting. 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.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, gave an update on the Arts Council events.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* gave an update on events at the Horse Park.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee and Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee*, had nothing to report.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Tony Lucas reminded everyone of the Olde Town Fall Festival this weekend. He also reported that the Rotary Club will be having a golf tournament at Cherokee Run this Friday.

**Executive Session** – City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Council for an Executive Session to include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into Executive Session to include the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. 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.

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

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk



Randal S. Mills, Mayor