

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2014

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge, Council Members Buck Roberts, Kirven, Thompson, Chapman, Harbin and John Roberts. Councilman Stewart was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore, Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Admin Assistant, Tamara Lindley; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Planning & Transportation Director, Maurice McKenzie. The invocation was given by Councilman Buck Roberts with respects to the flag Councilman Don Chapman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 14-16 TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES
GENERALLY IN THE WEST FRANKLIN STREET/DOOLEY AVENUE AREA FROM RM-10, MULTI-
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

City Manager, John Moore said the applicant, Homes of Hope, proposes to rezone the subject property to PDD, Planned Development District in order to construct a mixture of single-family and multi-family homes. Up to 80 units are planned to be constructed during four phases of development. PDD zoning is requested because it allows the applicant to create development guidelines regarding density, setbacks, green space, etc. that are specific to this parcel of land.

Each residential building footprint will be on individual lots and the remainder of the property will be considered common property maintained by the developer. The development is proposed to have a number of amenities including common open space, a playground, community garden and walking trails. Each dwelling will consist of three bedrooms and will be a mixture of one and two-stories, all designed to blend into the surrounding architectural styles of the neighborhood.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning request at their October 7th meeting.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-16 to rezone approximately 15 acres generally in the West

Franklin/Dooley Avenue area from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to PPD, Planned Development District on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 14-17 TO REZONE 1341 EAST RIVER STREET FROM RM-10, MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Mr. Moore said the applicant proposes to rezone the subject property located adjacent to the Anderson Housing Authority to GC, General Commercial. The previous use of this property was a Laundromat but has been vacant for a while. The Laundromat was a non-conforming use while in operation, but is constructed as a commercial building.

The applicant, which is a non-profit organization partnering with the Housing Authority, will utilize the building for office and related space to assist clients in obtaining training opportunities for employment.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their October 7th meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

Councilman Kirven questioned Planning & Transportation Director, Maurice McKenzie on the reasoning of choosing General Commercial zoning for this property. Mr. McKenzie stated that the applicant requested General Commercial and the property across the street is also General Commercial.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-17 to rezone 1341 East River Street from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to GC, General Commercial on First Reading

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-14 AMENDING CHAPTER 58, SECTION 58-2 OF THE ANDERSON CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mr. Moore said the staffing for the Municipal Court has consisted of 1 full-time Judge and 1 part-time Judge. Due to the vacancy in the part-time position, the City desires to provide for additional judicial support on a temporary basis.

Current Code Requirements: The Municipal Judge and the Assistant Judge shall be a member of the SC Bar and a practicing attorney with a minimum of 4 years practicing experience within the

state, and shall be appointed by the Council for a term not to exceed 4 years nor for less than 2 years.

While the court continues to implement the new Case Management System, the Council and the Court are reviewing additional measures that enhance the court system for the present needs as well as provide for an organizational structure and operational measures for the future needs of the Court.

In order to provide temporary judicial support, the Public Safety Committee recommends suspending the requirement that the Judge be an attorney, and that the Council may appoint a judge or judges to serve on a month to month basis. This temporary measure allows the Court system to continue to conduct the necessary daily functions and provides needed support to the full-time Judge. Because this is a temporary measure, the anticipated long-term enhancements for the Court will not be negatively impacted.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-14 amending Chapter 58, Section 58-2 of the Anderson City Code providing for the qualifications of Municipal Judge on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-14 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 14-15 AMENDING THE 2013-14 BUDGET

Mr. Moore said this is consideration of an ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Annual Budget by increasing the General Fund budget \$962,788, the Hospitality Fee Fund budget \$377,459 and the Community Development Fund budget \$967,615.

The City Council adopted the 2013-2014 Annual Budget by Ordinance 13-07 on June 24, 2013. During the budget year, Council approved funding of various expenditures not previously identified in the original budget. Council approved a Justice Assistance Grant (Police), Westview Cemetery expansion, an Incident Management Team Grant (Fire), and Wren Park construction. The employee health insurance and wage adjustment was part of the budget process and funds are only being moved to the appropriate accounts.

The amendments allow the budget and audit to more accurately reflect all revenues received and expenditures made. These amounts were not known when the original budget was adopted in June, 2013.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Council Member Thompson carried (7-1) with Councilman Kirven opposing to approve Ordinance 14-15 amending the 2013-14 Budget on First Reading.

Councilman Kirven opposed the budget amendments and asked that the Auditors submit a statement to Council on why amending the budget is good practice.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Mr. Moore said the Economic Development Division requests approval to purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer.

Beginning in 2013, City Council identified economic development as a priority for the City. In February 2014, City Council selected a specific path to be deliberate and strategic in how the City advanced our economic development efforts. Accordingly, the Economic Development Division was established last summer and ED Director Glenn Breed was hired last month. As a new Division, plans are in progress for the co-location of offices for e-Merge @ The Garage and the ED staff, with a next step being the provision of an Economic Development Division vehicle.

The request is to purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$25,049 from Anderson Ford. Vic Bailey in Spartanburg has the state contract on a 2014 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$24,561. You will note that the Anderson Ford bid is \$488 more than the low bid. The bids ranged in price from \$36,554 for a 2015 Dodge Durango to the low bid of \$24,561 for a 2014 Ford Explorer.

This vehicle will be assigned to the Economic Development Director and used to transport prospective business prospects to and around the city for site visits and related meetings. It will also be used to attend trade shows, professional conferences, visiting other communities and other general business related to the Economic Development Division.

This purchase will be funded by the Economic Development budget.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of the 2015 Ford Explorer from Anderson Ford at the cost of \$25,049.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT CAMERAS AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER IN THE ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moore said the current camera and recording system was installed in 1998 with the opening of the federal wing of the detention center. It is an analog system with twenty-two stationary cameras throughout the facility, and in need of upgrading with current technology and needs.

Currently a digital DVR is being utilized as a replacement to the original VHS video tape system to record all video twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year. The Detention Center is currently serviced by Georgia Detention for all pneumatic doors and locks; electro-mechanical doors, locks, and operating devices; grade manual lever tumbler locks; door control panels; compressor systems; CCTV system components including cameras, switchers, DVR, VCR, monitors, and intercom systems. Georgia Detention performs equipment repairs, inspect, lubricate, and adjust locks, switches, locking devices, latch bolts, and door position switches.

The proposal will replace all twenty-two cameras with new SDI HD cameras and replace the current DVR with (2) SDI HD DVRs; (1) Dell computer CPU; 4 port KVM switch; 8 port switch; and labor with (2) technicians at contract rate. The total proposal is \$14,635.37.

The police department has compared this bid to a local vendor, Vybrent Communications (Anderson) who provided an estimate of \$27,796.05 which includes (5) pan, tilt, and zoom cameras, (4) stationary cameras, and a 14 terra byte RAID array Digi OSS Network Video Recorder (NVR).

Under the current maintenance contract, Georgia Detention of (Grovettown, Georgia) is responsible for maintenance of the existing cameras and recording equipment. The new cameras and recording system initially will be covered under the normal manufacturer warranty. After the warranty period expires, Georgia Detention will incorporate the new camera and recording equipment into the current maintenance plan (\$14,145 per year) at no additional charge.

As per City Procurement regulations, the Police Department sought similar providers and their upgrade solutions ranged in price from \$17,390 to \$27,796.05, and determined that the sole source provider – Georgia Detention – is the best provider for uniform system efficiencies and pricing.

Funding is provided through the Police Department budget.

It is the recommendation of the staff (APD and IT) to proceed with Georgia Detention at a cost of \$14,635.37. This is based on the fact that Georgia Detention currently holds the service

contract for the Detention Center and can include maintenance on this upgraded equipment at no additional service contract cost. Georgia Detention has a strong relationship and history (1993) with the City of Anderson and was formerly known as GrayCo.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of replacement cameras and recording equipment for the Federal Detention Center in the Anderson Police Department from Georgia Detention at the cost of \$14,635.37.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

Mr. Moore asked Council to review the Quarterly Report submitted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, John Moore reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in October 2014.

October 14th – Movie Night – Carolina Wren Park – Cancelled due to weather

October 18th – Greater Anderson Cleanup

October 27th – Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter – Economic Development – Possible Property Disposition and Personnel – Municipal Court.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to move out of Executive Session.

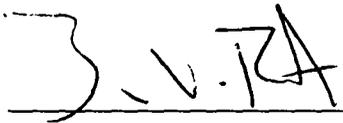
Mr. Moore said that two Ministerial Recorders need to be approved to help in assisting the Municipal Judge on a temporary basis. It is recommended to hire Goetz B. Eaton and S. Matthew Lollis.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to hire Goetz B. Eaton and S. Matthew Lollis on a temporary basis to assist the Municipal Judge.

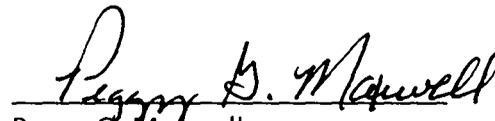
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

Handwritten signature of Peggy G. Maxwell in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer