

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
September 22, 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, Stewart, Harbin and John Roberts. Councilman Chapman was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore, Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. The invocation was given by Councilman Steve Kirven with respects to the flag Councilman Tony Stewart.

SWEARING-IN CEMERONY

Officer Ben Cothran is a 1987 graduate of Pendleton High School, and received his Bachelors' Degree from Lander University in Business. He earned his Masters' Degree in Criminal Justice from The Command College at Anderson University in 2011. Prior to coming to the APD, he worked for the City of Greenville Police, where he served Uniform Patrol, the Crime Response Team, Beck Middle School, the Central Business District, Dignitary Protection Team and SWAT. He is assigned as one of our School Resource Officers.

Officer Tony Duncan is from Easley, South Carolina and received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Tri-County Technical College. Tony began working for the City of Anderson as a Detention Officer in September of 2012, and received his Class I certification to become a Patrol Officer in May of this year. He is proud to serve the Anderson community, and works on the Bravo Patrol Shift under Lieutenant Joel McKee.

Officer Josh Genthner was born in Topeka Kansas, and lived in South Florida before moving to South Carolina at the age of 16. He attended T.L. Hanna High School where he played Varsity Football and received his High School Diploma in 2009. He was in the Anderson Police Explorers program for 3 years, after which he was hired on as an Anderson City Detention Officer. He currently works on the Bravo Patrol shift under Lieutenant Joel McKee.

Officer Daniel McCown is from Greenville, SC, and a graduate of Hill Crest High School. His parents have both worked in public safety for their entire careers, and Daniel has always wanted to be a Police Officer. Before being hired by the City of Anderson, he worked as a dispatcher at Medshore Ambulance Service, and for AnMed Hospital Security. He is an officer on Patrol Shift Charlie, under the direction of Lieutenant Dennis Chapman.

Officer Dustin "Dusty" Morgan was born and raised in Anderson, and is a 2006 graduate of Crescent High School. After high school he attended the Fire Academy, and began working at

the Anderson Fire Department in February of 2007. He has served as a Firefighter and Engineer during his career. He started working for the Anderson Police Department in 2011 as a reserve officer, before deciding to join the force full-time in November of 2013. He is with Alpha Patrol Shift under Lieutenant John Bowen.

Officer Cornelius Pickens is a graduate of Westside High School, after which he was a dispatcher for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office for 5 years. He has been in the fire service for 8 years, and serves as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Centerville Fire Department. In addition to his patrol shift, he also works part time for Medshore Ambulance Service, where he started as an explorer at the age of 16. He graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in June 2014, and works on Delta Shift under Lieutenant Travis Scott.

Officer Nik Williamson was born in Anderson, and is a 2006 graduate of Crescent High School. He began his law enforcement career in 2011 in Detention for the City of Anderson. In 2013 he received his Class I certification and began working for Patrol in June of that year. He currently works on Alpha shift under Lieutenant Jon Bowen.

Chief Stewart swore-in each officer by Oath.

City Manager, John Moore announced the City's new Economic Development Director – Glenn Breed. Mr. Breed previously held positions of Oconee County Assistant Administrator and Spartanburg County Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES GENERALLY IN THE WEST FRANKLIN STREET/DOOLEY AVENUE AREA FROM RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY TO PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Mr. 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. This information will be provided when the rezoning process takes place.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their October 7th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to refer to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone approximately 15 acres generally in the West Franklin/Dooley Avenue area from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to PPD, Planned Development District.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION 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.

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 will consider this request at their October 7th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to refer to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone 1341 East River Street from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to GC, General Commercial.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 14-05 APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Mr. Moore said municipalities are authorized by the South Carolina Code of Laws to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements for the benefit of the citizens. Section 23-1-210 of the Code of Laws for South Carolina specifically authorizes an agreement for the transfer of law enforcement officers to work in law enforcement in any other municipality or county in the state. Prior to any transfer, the concerned municipalities are required to enter into a written agreement stating the terms of the temporary employment of all officers to be transferred. Clemson University Police Department desires to enter into such agreement with the City of Anderson Police Department for the purpose of securing to each other the benefits of mutual aid in the event of

natural disaster, disorder, or other emergency situations and a contract for the provision of services at Clemson University special events. Both entities will benefit by having enhanced law enforcement response in the event of natural disasters, disorder, or other emergency situations.

This agreement will be funded by the General Fund.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Resolution 14-05 approving a Mutual Aid Agreement and Contract for Services between the City of Anderson Police Department and Clemson University.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 14-06 ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY PLAN

Mr. Moore said in April 2014, council approved a contract with Alta Planning and Design to develop a bikeway and walkway network within downtown Anderson and priority off-road trail alignments to key destination points. The destination points were identified as AnMed Health North Campus, Anderson University, Westside Community Center, Anderson County Courthouse Annex, City of Anderson Recreation Center and the Transit Transfer Center. Alta gathered information from ANATS, GIS data, reviewed existing city master plans, bicycle and pedestrian studies and conducted field research. A Steering Committee was formed with City staff and various stakeholders, public input meetings were held and a survey was developed to obtain information for the recommendations.

The plan focused on improving and providing safer bicycling and walking connectivity in the city and identify trail alignments that will serve as key corridors for both active transportation and recreation for the City. The recommended projects will link residents and visitors to parks, schools, health campuses and downtown retail and employment destinations in the City of Anderson. The plan will provide the opportunity for individuals to enjoy a healthier lifestyle and the beauty of the area's existing natural resources. The plan will be submitted to SCDOT to be included in their overall plan for future repaving projects. This plan will provide the foundation for Anderson to become the Upstate's next bicycle and walk friendly community.

This plan will be funded by Federal, State, Local Grants, Private Sector, Transportation and Hospitality Funds

The Steering Committee, Downtown Development Commission and City staff recommend the approval to adopt by resolution the Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Resolution 14-06 to adopt the Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION 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 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 will 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 Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge 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 First Reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

Mr. Moore stated that a lawsuit filed by the West Anderson Water District against the City has been decided in the City's favor. The West Anderson suit asked the court to declare that the City was not entitled to serve a new Michelin facility located on property adjacent to Michelin

facilities that the City provided with “potable water and related services” for more than a decade, and to declare the current service unlawful and void.

The Court ruled in the City’s favor this allowing the City to continue to service the property per the 2002 agreement. The term of the agreement is 30 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October 7th – Fresh Taste – East Church St. Parking Lot

October 9th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting - Pendleton

October 14th – Movie Night – Carolina Wren Park

EXECUTIVE SESSION

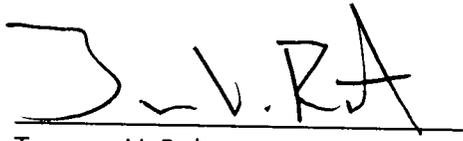
A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Municipal Court.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to move out of Executive Session.

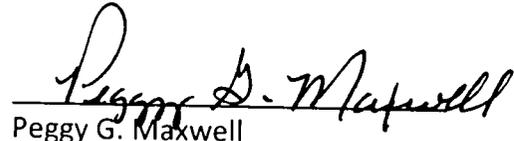
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge 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