

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2015

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Council Members Buck Roberts, Stewart, Thompson, Laughridge, Harbin, and John Roberts. Mayor Pro Tem Chapman and Councilman Kirven were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore, Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain, Police Chief, Jim Stewart and Fire Chief, Dale Horne. The invocation was given by Councilman Harbin with respects to the flag by Councilman John Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Police Department Promotions
Lieutenant Vincent Smith
Corporal Justin Henderson

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said Lieutenant Vincent Smith began his career with Anderson Police Department as an Explorer in 1989, and became a dispatcher for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office in 1993. In 1996 Smith became the first Explorer to be hired by the Anderson Police Department. He has served in the divisions of Street Crimes, Narcotics and Warrants. He joined the Traffic Enforcement Division in 1999, over which he will now be supervising Lieutenant.

Corporal Justin Henderson began his career at the Anderson City Police Department in February 2010 in the Detention Division. Henderson transferred to the Patrol Division in September of 2011 and graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia. He was formerly a member of the traffic team, and has served as the Field Training Officer for Patrol's Bravo shift for the past year.

Deputy Fred Purdy from the Anderson Sheriff Department pinned Lieutenant Smith and Chief Stewart pinned Corporal Henderson. Chief Stewart swore in Lieutenant Smith and Corporal Henderson.

Fire Department Promotion
Engineer Brandon Stroud

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter Brandon Stroud was hired on July 1, 2010. He is a graduate of Pendleton High School and has an Associate's Degree from Spartanburg Technical

College. He has previous firefighting experience with the Townville and Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments. He is an advanced diver with the AFD Technical Rescue Team and has numerous fire and rescue related certifications.

Engineer Brandon Stroud was not present due to illness.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY Firefighter Matt Green

Chief Horne said Matt Green is a graduate of T.L. Hanna High School. He is IFSAC accredited as Firefighter I and II and has numerous other firefighting courses certified through the South Carolina Fire Academy. He has previous firefighting experience with the Homeland Park Fire Department.

Chief Horne proceeded to swear-in Firefighter Matt Green and he was pinned by Battalion Chief, Randy Bratcher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO REZONE 1406 NARDIN AVENUE FROM R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

City Manager, John Moore said the applicant owns an automotive body shop at 1503 South Main Street and also owns the subject property on Nardin Avenue which abuts the business. He wishes to expand his business onto this parcel. He is currently in the process of demolishing a dwelling on the lot. In addition to several zoning-related requirements, rezoning this parcel to GC, General Commercial is also necessary.

Although Nardin Avenue is in close proximity to Main Street, it mostly consists of single-family dwellings. Although the subject parcel abuts commercially zoned property along the back property line, it would be the only property on Nardin Avenue with a commercial zoning classification, if rezoned.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their September 1st meeting and unanimously recommended denial. They determined that the intrusion of this business onto Nardin Avenue is not in the best interest of the surrounding neighborhood. Approximately 30 people opposing the request attended the meeting.

Petitioner, Terry Peardon, owner of the property passed around pictures to Council to show the expansion of parking for his business on the property.

Pastor, James Blanding spoke in opposition to the rezoning. His church backs up to the property and he is concerned about how this rezoning could hurt the community.

Latenga Teasley, spoke in opposition to the rezoning on behalf of her grandfather whose property is beside the potential rezoned property.

Richard Earle spoke in favor of the rezoning.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to deny an Ordinance to rezone 1406 Nardin Avenue from R-5, Single-Family Residential to GC, General Commercial.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF PAVING RESOLUTIONS TO ANDERSON COUNTY, THE ANDERSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Moore said on an annual basis, the City Council submits repaving priority resolutions to the Anderson County Council, the Anderson County Transportation Committee (ACTC), and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Normally, there is uncertainty with available funding and County and SCDOT's established paving priorities. However, the City has always anticipated that the resolutions provide direction for the specified agencies when they develop paving plans.

Paving priority lists are especially important this year, since the state legislature is releasing an additional \$7 million to be spent on state secondary roads in Anderson County. This will go along with the \$2-3 million the ACTC typically receives for local and state roads. This is good news, since 65% of the roads inside the City are state-maintained with the majority being secondary roads. The allocation formula has not been finalized by the ACTC yet, but the City should receive significant funding because 11.18% of state roads in Anderson County are within the City of Anderson.

The staff reviewed the most recent paving lists and worked to re-grade every state and local street inside the City in order to establish a tiered priority system. Evaluations were based on SCDOT's ranking system -- pavement condition (50%), average daily traffic (20%), economic/community impact (10%), and population affected (20%). Attached are the street inventories listed in a tiered order of need, along with the draft resolutions.

The benefit will be to provide Anderson County, the ACTC, and the SCDOT direction in terms of what is in the best interest of City residents who pay local and state taxes.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve paving Resolutions to Anderson County, the Anderson County Transportation Committee, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation which provide paving lists recommended by the City.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT
WATSON PARK

Mr. Moore said the Watson Park site improvement project consists of the site grading, installation of concrete sidewalk, an asphalt drive, two handicap parking spaces, shelter pad preparation/installation, shelter construction and final site stabilization with sod, etc. Watson Park is located at the corner of Bellview Road and Brookview Drive. The total site area is approximately 0.20 acres. These improvements are part of the Recreation Master Plan.

The project will be constructed in the same manner as the Greeley Park Shelter Project with certain tasks completed by contractor and other tasks by city crews. On August 10, 2015, council approved the purchase of a prefabricated structure and installation from Peggs Recreation & Architectural Products for \$21,591.77.

The project was advertised in the Anderson Independent Mail on August 9th and August 16th, and posted on the City's website. An email notice about the project was sent to contractors and builders that had bid on and/or expressed an interest in past city projects.

The bid opening occurred on Friday, August 28, 2015. Five bids were submitted:

Earth Materials, Inc.,	Belton, SC	\$41,514.41
Jimmy L. Davis,	Anderson, SC	\$43,356.00
Stepping Stone Landscaping,	Pendleton, SC	\$44,444.00
Moats Construction, Inc.	Anderson, SC	\$46,627.69
Houston Grading & Hauling,	Easley, SC	\$53,756.00

The City Engineer reviewed all bids for compliance with bid requirements.

This project will upgrade and improve the overall site conditions for Watson Park and provide the community with superior structure with ADA access.

The Hospitality Fund will fund this project.

The staff recommends awarding the Watson Park Site Improvement Project to Earth Materials, Inc., Belton, SC for the amount of \$41,514.41 for site work and allocate \$8,232.48 for electrical work and material cost for city crews to complete the in-house projects. The total price of the site improvement project is \$71,338.66 which includes the costs associated with the shelter.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve a contract with Earth Materials in the amount of \$41,514.41 and other expenses in the amount of \$8,232.48.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Moore said the ATAX Advisory Committee has one position/term of members to address:

Vacant (hospitality/lodging) – Shaneice Williams is no longer with Quality Inn. The staff recommends the Innkeeper of The Bleckley Inn, Rebekah Peurifoy for this position and she has agreed to serve the unexpired term through December 31, 2017.

The other six members that serve on this committee are Cindy Suttles (hospitality/lodging), John Doolittle (hospitality), Larry Linnette (hospitality), Summer Fredette (at-large), Chris Glenn (at-large) and Vicki Culler (cultural).

The staff recommends appointment of Rebekah Peurifoy to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2017.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint Innkeeper of The Bleckley Inn, Rebekah Peurifoy to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. She will serve an unexpired term through December 31, 2017.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE THREE BUSES FOR THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moore said the Transit Department requests approval to purchase two CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) buses, one 32 ft. & one 35 ft. for regular service routes and one 35 ft. Diesel bus for the Tri County Tech route.

The City Transit system has seven (7) buses in its fleet. An Invitation For Bid was put out in June 2015 with National Bus Sales being the only bidder. This purchase is part of the City's bus replacement plan. The 32 ft. CNG bus will replace a 2004 Optima Opus bus that has met its FTA useful life of ten (10) years and has 382,000 miles. The 35 ft. CNG bus will replace a 2001 Chance Coach bus that has met its FTA useful life of twelve (12) years and has 378,000 miles. The 35 ft. diesel bus will add one (1) bus to our fleet, making our fleet size eight (8). This bus is necessary for the Tri County Tech route. The City has five routes, so a fleet of eight is needed for reliable service.

By replacing two (2) buses that have met their useful life, maintenance cost will be reduced. The City of Anderson will be the only system in the SC to run CNG buses. Fuel costs will also be reduced by using natural gas and natural gas fuel will be available at the new Piedmont Natural Gas CNG station on 28 By-Pass.

Federal Transit Administration grant funds will pay 85% of \$458,679 or \$389,877. Local match of 15% or \$68,802 is required by the City for the El Dorado 35 ft. CNG bus. The local match is available in the Transit account. FTA & SCDOT will pay 100% or \$399,885 for the El Dorado 32 ft. CNG bus. FTA & Anderson County will pay 100% of \$347,160 for the El Dorado 35 ft. Diesel bus. All FTA & SCDOT grant funds have been approved and are available for use.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (7-0) to approve purchase two El Dorado CNG replacement buses and one new El Dorado 35 ft. Diesel bus for the Transit Department from National Bus Sales for a total of \$1,205,724.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moore said the Transit Department requests approval to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer.

In 2005, the Transit Department purchased a Ford Explorer for shift change transportation, route support, and deviation service. This vehicle is 10 years old and has 95,588 miles and should be replaced.

The 2016 Explorer would be used for shift change transportation, route support, and deviation service. This vehicle would replace the 2005 Ford Explorer which can be transferred to another City department or auctioned, depending on other City department needs.

The cost of this vehicle is \$24,855 (state contract price). FTA grant funds will pay 80% (\$19,884) and the 20% match (\$4,971) will be paid by the City. The match is in the Transit account.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$24,855.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MALL ROAD AND WEDGEWOOD DRIVE PUMP STATIONS

Mr. Moore said in June 2014, the City began to develop several CMOM programs with the goal to eliminate all discharges of untreated wastewater known as Sanitary Sewer Overflows. One of the first programs was focused on the working order and state of repair of all pump stations. In order to make this certification, each pump station was rated according to its' functionality, reliability, and condition. On four (4) of the City's six (6) pump stations, we were able to make this certification. On the two (2) pump stations that did not meet this certification, the City is required to provide remedial action and a schedule of implementation to make the identified remedies.

The Mall Road and Wedgewood Drive pump stations are the oldest stations in the City's system. Installed in 1965, these stations are 50 years old. In addition to the existing ratings of each of these pump stations, the failure of these stations would result in SSO's upstream of the water treatment plant intake on Lake Hartwell.

In April, Council approved Design South to complete a preliminary engineering report to identify possible new sites, needed right-of-way acquisition, evaluate existing and future flows, look at possible consolidation of other pump stations, establish design criteria, update cost estimates, and preparation of the report. This report has been submitted to SCDHEC and received technical approval.

Moving forward with this project will provide for a more reliable sewer collection system, eliminate sewer stop-ups, take the necessary steps to protect our environment and provide future funding options.

This phase of the project will be funded by the Sewer Administration Professional Services budget.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve an engineering contract with Design South in the amount of \$689,900. This includes \$494,000 for design and bidding services, \$50,000 for Right-of-way acquisition, easement documents, wetlands permitting, and State Revolving fund loan assistance activities as well as \$145,000 for construction surveillance services. The construction surveillance portion of this contract will be reviewed later as the need arises for these services.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JAMES STREET, HUNTER DRIVE AND HENRY AVENUE SANITARY AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Moore said the City of Anderson has experienced a variety of operation and maintenance challenges with older portions of its infrastructure in the Old North Anderson community. This neighborhood was established in the 1930's. Sewer areas along Hunter Drive and Henry Avenue were installed with undersized pipes which are prone to regular maintenance issues.

The eastern fork tributary to Whitner Creek was piped many decades ago to alleviate erosion and maintenance issue. Over time washouts and sink holes have developed along this stormwater pipe system that extends along Hunter Drive from James Street to Glenwood Avenue.

The sanitary sewer portion of the project includes 3,745 feet of 8-inch sewer, 21 manholes and 35 residential re-connections and other restoration activities along James Street, Hunter Drive and Henry Avenue. The stormwater portion of the project include 1,100 feet of reinforced concrete pipe to replace the existing dilapidated stormwater pipe along Hunter Drive, approximately 180 feet of 18-inch connector pipe, 7 catch basins and restoration activities.

Bids were received on August 20th, with two local bidders responding. The bids are as follows:

Don Moorhead Construction, Inc.	\$1,561,420
J & M Construction, Inc.	\$1,872,850

Moving forward with this project will provide for a more reliable sewer collection system, eliminate sewer stop-ups and I/I flows as well as repair storm drain pipe and eliminate dangerous sinkholes.

<u>FY Funding</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer Fund	\$604,400	\$397,600	\$1,002,000
Stormwater Fund	\$559,420	\$0	\$559,420

It is recommended to award this project to Don Moorhead Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,561,420.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve a construction contract with Don Moorhead Construction in the amount of \$1,561,420 for the James Street, Hunter Drive and Henry Avenue Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvements.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, John Moore reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in September 2015.

September 18th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park

September 22nd – Sounds in the Park – CWP

September 26th – Fitness Boot Camp - CWP

EXECUTIVE SESSION

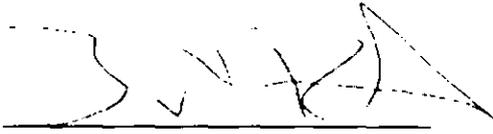
A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development and Personnel – City Manager Contract.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to move out of Executive Session.

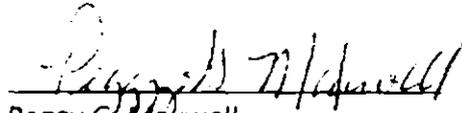
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer