

City of Anderson  
Regular Meeting  
June 27, 2016

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 Chapman, Council Members Kirven, Thompson, Laughridge, Stewart, Buck Roberts, and John Roberts. Councilman Harbin was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Utilities Accountant, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Interim Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher; and Planning and Transportation Director, Maurice McKenzie. The invocation was given by Councilman Buck Roberts with respects to the flag by Councilman Stewart.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION RETIREMENT  
Steve C. Kirven – Seat 1 Councilman

Councilman Kirven will retire on June 30, 2016 after 24 years of service to the City of Anderson. Mayor Roberts and fellow Council Members spoke about Councilman Kirven's dedication to the City with his critical thinking, conservative values and legal thoughts.

Mayor Roberts presented Councilman Kirven with the Key to the City.

Councilman Kirven thanked council, staff and employees for helping make the City of Anderson successful.

Former Mayor, Richard Shirley, spoke about being sworn-in as Council Members at the same time. He also thanked Councilman Kirven for his years of dedication and commitment to the City of Anderson.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY  
Firefighter Mckinsey Ashley

Interim Chief Bratcher said Mckinsey Ashley is a 2015 graduate of Belton–Honea Path High School. He received his IFSAC Firefighter II and other certifications from Anderson School District One and Two Career and Technology Center with class honors. He also volunteers with the Ebenezer Fire Department in Anderson County.

Firefighter Ashley has successfully completed his probationary period and is qualified to be sworn in as an Anderson City Firefighter. He was sworn-in and pinned by Interim Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher.

PRESENTATION  
Anderson County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Process

Planning and Transportation Director, Maurice McKenzie, said the Comprehensive Land Use Plan acts as a guide for the growth of a community. The plan also focuses on the long term land use goals and policies. It is also required that a County or City Comprehensive Land Use Plan be revised periodically. The City is currently going through the revising process. The completed Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be presented to Council by the end of year for approval.

Mr. McKenzie introduced Michael Foreman and Jeff Parke from Anderson County. Mr. Foreman said Anderson County is also in the revising process of their Comprehensive Land Use Plan. He stated that Anderson County will have seven Town Hall Meetings countywide to assist in the revising process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 16-10 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

City Manager, Linda McConnell said each year City Council adopts a budget for the City of Anderson. Budget adoption is required by state law.

The City's budget is a policy and planning document that tells what the City's priorities are and where the City is going. The purpose of a budget is to control the money, directing it at projects identified by Council and providing basic municipal services.

The total budget for all funds is \$58,394,415. The budget does not include a tax increase or rate increase. The budget does include a 2% cost of living increase and approval of the 2017 Compensation Plan. Each Council member has attended a budget work session. A public hearing was held on June 13, 2016 prior to the Council meeting.

City Council approved this ordinance on first reading at their June 13, 2016 meeting.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chapman seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-10 adopting the \$58,394,415 budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-10 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 16-12 TO REZONE 826 SOUTH  
MCDUFFIE STREET FROM R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO NP NEIGHBORHOOD  
PROFESSIONAL

City Manager, Linda McConnell, stated the applicant proposes to rezone the property for office space usage. There are no current plans for the type of office that will occupy the building. However, NP, Neighborhood Professional zoning classification, only allows low intensity business offices, medical services and single-family residences.

Although the structure has been occupied as a residential dwelling over the last few years, it has been used as office space in the past. Years ago, the property had a zoning of HO, Historic Office, but reverted to R-5, Single-Family Residential in 1998 when the Zoning Ordinance was revised.

The City Council considered this request at their June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved it on first reading. The Planning Commission also unanimously recommended approval earlier this month. If approved, all applicable building codes must be met prior to it becoming office space.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-12 to rezone 826 South McDuffie Street from R-5, Single-Family Residential to NP, Neighborhood Professional on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-12 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 16-13 ESTABLISHING  
SEPTEMBER 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION

City Manager, Linda McConnell, said based upon Section 7-13-190 of the S.C. Code of Laws, a special election to fill a vacancy in office shall be held on the thirteenth Tuesday after the vacancy occurs. Councilman Kirven will vacate his office effective June 30, 2016 and a special election is necessary to elect a candidate to serve Mr. Kirven's unexpired term which ends June 30, 2018.

The filing period for candidates is noon Friday, July 15, 2016 through noon Monday, July 25, 2016. The filing for candidacy shall be initiated at the Anderson County Registration and Elections Office at 301 N. Main Street. Upon completion of the necessary candidacy forms, payment of the \$200 filing fee shall be submitted to the City Clerk and Treasurer at City Hall, 401 S. Main Street.

The last day to register to vote in the September 27, 2016 election is August 27, 2016.

The ordinance was passed on first reading at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-13 to establish the September 27, 2016 Special Election to fill the seat vacated by Councilman Kirven on Second Reading.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Roberts seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-13 on Third Reading as stated above.

**REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ANDERSON SCHOOL OF DANCE**

City Manager, Linda McConnell, said in January 2016, the City Council amended the Economic Development Incentive Ordinance to provide for the establishment of additional programs to assist business development. Thus far, three businesses have received assistance in the amount of \$21,282. Anderson School of Dance is relocating to 219 E. Benson St and expanding their operations. They have applied for participation in the City's Design, Sign, Façade and Interior Up Fit Programs. Per program guidelines, any individual award \$10,000 or over must be approved by City Council.

City Council adopted this program with a philosophy that incentives may provide a financial impact on the decision making process for economic development prospects. Equally important is the emphasis of a business friendly environment and "can do" attitude as a manner of conducting municipal business. Anderson School of Dance has purchased 219 E. Benson St for \$190,000; the total renovations are estimated at \$209,674. Their expansion meets the eligibility criteria and other factors of consideration as follows:

- Creation of jobs
- Increases revenue to the City
- Serves as catalyst to stimulate other desirable businesses
- Located in the Downtown, Historic and TIF districts
- Satisfies a unique niche in the market place

Interior Up Fit Grant Agreement –The total interior up fit costs are \$102,778; applicants may receive up to 50% (\$51,389) of the total costs. Scored selection criteria determines the funding level; points are assigned based on these criteria which corresponds to a percentage. Fifty percent of the total costs are then multiplied by the percentage. Anderson School of Dance received an average score of 1.9 with a percentage of 76%. \$51,398 multiplied by 76% is \$39,056. The recommended funding level of \$39,056 will be reimbursed to the applicant upon receipt of paid invoices and project completion.

City Council approved \$100,000 for the Business Assistance Program; total awards to date are \$26,082. Approval of this \$39,056 request will leave a remaining program balance of \$34,862. Additional program funding has been allocated in the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommends awarding \$39,056 to Anderson School of Dance for interior up fit to facilitate their expansion plans.

Downtown Manager, Arlene Young, said that the Anderson School of Dance started in 1972 in the Anderson Recreation Center. They moved downtown in 1983. They have been iconic to our community. Owners Anna Giles and Catherine Yon have always encouraged parents to shop and dine downtown while their children dance.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to award \$39,056 to Anderson School of Dance for interior up fit to facilitate their expansion plans as part of the Business Assistance Program.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell, reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in July 2016.

July 4<sup>th</sup> – City Office closed

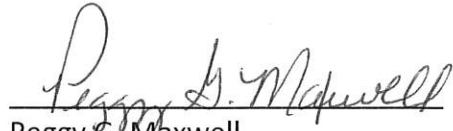
### ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer