

Regular Meeting  
October 10, 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 Harbin, Council Members Thompson, Stewart, Buck Roberts, Chapman, Laughridge, and John Roberts. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie; Police Chief, Jim Stewart; and IT Director, Mark Cunningham. The invocation was given by Councilman John Roberts with respects to the flag by Mayor Roberts.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Kyle L. Newton – Seat 1

Sworn-In by City Attorney, Frankie McClain

Mr. Newton won the September 27, 2016 election. He filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Steve Kirven.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 16-19 TO REVISE THE PDD DOCUMENT FOR THE VILLAGE AT GLENWOOD, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF GLENWOOD AVENUE AND BLECKLEY STREET

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant proposes to revise the Planned Development District (PDD) document which was approved in 2007. The site has been the subject of rezoning activity over the years:

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie presented the following:

2005

- Property was zoned LI, Light Industrial
- A developer requested to rezone the property to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to construct a combination of single-family and multi-family homes

- The proposal received many concerns from surrounding residents because of the multi-family housing
- Hearing those concerns, the developer revised his request to R-5, Single-Family Residential, which eliminated multi-family and was consistent with the abutting properties
- City Council approved the zoning change in September 2005 to R-5
- No development occurred

## 2007

- A new developer proposed to rezone the property from R-5, Single-Family Residential to PDD, Planned Development District
- 110 Craftsman-style single-family houses, an amenities area with a swimming pool were proposed
- Resident concerns arose because of the density and the lack of buffering
- The developer created a landscaping/screening plan to buffer the development from the surrounding neighborhood
- City Council approved the zoning change in February 2007
- Some site and infrastructure construction took place, but no houses were built

The new applicant wishes to revise the existing PDD document from 2007, but still plans to build only single-family houses. The process for revising a PDD document is similar to a rezoning, which includes a public hearing by the Planning Commission.

The main revisions are as follows:

- Lessen the number of houses to be built (110 to 85)
- Increase the lot sizes:

### Existing Plat

- minimum lot size of 3,500 square feet
- average lot size of 4,782 square feet
- maximum lot size of 9,138 square feet

### Proposed Plat

- minimum lot size of 4,376 square feet
- average lot size of 6,070 square feet
- maximum lot size of 13,270 square feet
- Revise landscaping/screening requirements
- Eliminate language that does not fit their development plan (language regarding the amenities area is proposed for removal, but land is available if the developer/homeowner's association chooses to construct)

Ray Long, a resident of 1000 Glenwood Avenue, expressed her concerns of this development to Council. Mrs. Long is concerned with the type of housing to be built. She expressed her concerns about the increased traffic and the entrance to the development being located on Glenwood

Avenue. She asked the developer about type of fencing to be used, if the developer could make this a retirement community, and if there would be homeowner dues.

The developer, James Curtis said the homes will be single family owned, not restricted to retirees only. The purchasing price of the homes will be between \$180,000 to \$200,000. There will be homeowner dues to assist in maintenance. Mr. Curtis shared his plans for the landscaping and fencing.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Approximately 10 citizens who have interest/concerns were in attendance.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 16-19 to revise the PDD document for The Village at Glenwood, located at the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Bleckley Street on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE BODY CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT)

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the first purchase of 30 body cameras was in 2012, subsequently more cameras have been purchased to equip all uniform personnel with a body camera with the exception of Lieutenants and Captains. These personnel serve in a more administrative capacity. In August 2016, the City of Anderson Police Department was awarded a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) in the amount of \$55,450 for the procurement of new Body Worn Cameras. The Department advertised Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the purpose of procuring Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) for its law enforcement personnel. The RFP was based upon the Department's experience with BWCs, participation in the "beta-testing" of UTC's Mobile View product, and the desired level of service expected.

Five (5) hard copy proposals were received: The Hagman Group (\$27,988) (Durham, NC), Aventura Technologies (\$35,000) (Commack, NY), Watch Guard (\$83,298.80) (Allen, TX), (4) UTC Mobile View (\$55,035.40) (Salem, OR) and Taser, Incorporated (84,421.68) (Scottsdale, AZ). The Hagman Group is a re-seller and did not follow the requirements of the RFP. Aventura Technologies did not meet our technology and equipment specifications, also known references could not be located. WatchGuard and Taser were not comparably financially to UTC Mobile.

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said the police department used the UTC Mobile View camera as our benchmark for what the police department would expect a camera system to do for the personnel of the City of Anderson Police Department. We have 19 of these cameras and a stand-alone server, which we received several months ago from UTC Mobile View at no charge in exchange for us "beta-testing" them for the company. Upon review, we determined that this

system provides a level of video capability that we desire to have at the City of Anderson Police Department.

A crucial point for us is that the system has a "stand-alone server" which we envisioned to be a unit that could operate without any attachment to any of the other I/T apparatus in use at the City of Anderson Police Department. While we are currently connected in a manner that allows access the current stand-alone server from desktops, we have the capability to access and view video from the server if necessary. The city connection is unnecessary for video management.

Benefits of body worn cameras include 1) video recording of all encounters with the public 2) audio recording of conversation /statements with subjects, witnesses, and public 3) officer safety and protection from frivolous complaints and lawsuits 4) increase the likelihood of successful prosecution and reduce officer court appearances with recorded video of case evidence and/or call for service activity 5) provides and enhances training opportunity.

100% of the funding is provided by the \$55,450 grant from the SCDPS.

The City of Anderson Police Department recommends the purchase of 60 Body Worn Cameras from UTC Mobile View in the amount of \$55,035.40.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to purchase 60 Body Worn Cameras from UTC Mobile View in the amount of \$55,035.40 with a 100% funding from the SCDPS Grant.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE BODY CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCE)

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the first purchase of 30 body cameras was in 2012, subsequently more cameras have been purchased to equip all uniform personnel with a body camera with the exception of Lieutenants and Captains. These personnel serve in a more administrative capacity. In August 2016, the City of Anderson Police Department was awarded a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) in the amount of \$55,450 for the procurement of new Body Worn Cameras. The Department advertised Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the purpose of procuring Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) for its law enforcement personnel. The RFP was based upon the Department's experience with BWCs, participation in the "beta-testing" of UTC's Mobile View product, and the desired level of service expected.

Five (5) hard copy proposals were received: The Hagman Group (\$27,988) (Durham, NC), Aventura Technologies (\$35,000) (Commack, NY), Watch Guard (\$83,298.80) (Allen, TX), (4) UTC Mobile View (\$55,035.40) (Salem, OR) and Taser, Incorporated (84,421.68) (Scottsdale, AZ). The Hagman Group is a re-seller and did not follow the requirements of the RFP. Aventura

Technologies did not meet our technology and equipment specifications, also known references could not be located. WatchGuard and Taser were not comparably financially to UTC Mobile.

The police department used the UTC Mobile View camera as our benchmark for what the police department would expect a camera system to do for the personnel of the City of Anderson Police Department. We have 19 of these cameras and a stand-alone server, which we received several months ago from UTC Mobile View at no charge in exchange for us "beta-testing" them for the company. Upon review, we determined that this system provides a level of video capability that we desire to have at the City of Anderson Police Department.

A crucial point for us is that the system has a "stand-alone server" which we envisioned to be a unit that could operate without any attachment to any of the other I/T apparatus in use at the City of Anderson Police Department. While we are currently connected in a manner that allows access the current stand-alone server from desktops, we have the capability to access and view video from the server if necessary. The city connection is unnecessary for video management.

Benefits of body worn cameras include 1) video recording of all encounters with the public 2) audio recording of conversation /statements with subjects, witnesses, and public 3) officer safety and protection from frivolous complaints and lawsuits 4) increase the likelihood of successful prosecution and reduce officer court appearances with recorded video of case evidence and/or call for service activity 5) provides and enhances training opportunity.

100% of funding is from the DEA E-Share Account.

The City of Anderson Police Department recommends the purchase of 30 Body Worn Cameras from UTC Mobile View in the amount of \$14,458.20.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve 30 Body Worn Cameras from UTC Mobile View in the amount of \$14,458.20 to be funded by the E-Share Account.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR ECTV AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the current A/V equipment used to broadcast ECTV and for use in the City Council chambers is over 15 years old.

IT Director, Mark Cunningham said over the past 2 years we have experienced several equipment failures. With changing technology, replacement parts are no longer available. We contacted the vendor who completed the original job and they quoted \$234,000 for a new system. We realized that we needed to find a more cost effective solution so we published an RFP in September of

2015. Only one vendor replied, Swagit out of Texas with a total cost of \$50,000 which only included cameras and recording equipment. This proposal didn't include monitors, microphones, speakers, projectors, or charges for travel. Overall the proposal didn't meet our needs. The IT Division recently advertised a revised RFP and Sharp Business Solutions was the only vendor who responded. The equipment they specified is also on state contract. This project will include new broadcast equipment, new audio and video recording equipment, new HD cameras, new microphones and audio systems, new monitors and we will be replacing the projector system with two smart boards.

The IT Division contacted several different municipalities throughout the state to see how they handle recording and broadcasting City Council meetings. The results were varied.

- Goose Creek – only records audio
- Florence – records and broadcasts later
- Aiken – broadcast live on YouTube and on TV the following day
- Greer – broadcast live – their system is designed for a different purpose because they rent their facility for wedding receptions, proms, etc.
- Myrtle Beach – broadcast live but their equipment is dated also
- Mauldin – record the meetings but don't broadcast
- Lexington – broadcast live on a system that they designed in house.
- Greenville – Broadcast live on production equipment
- Charleston – Contract with a company to record and broadcast at a later time.

Total price for equipment and installation is \$121,842.71.

The council chambers is used by all divisions for meetings and training. In addition to the regularly scheduled City Council meetings, the chambers are used for the following:

- Monthly BAR, Planning Commission, BZA and ANATS meetings use this space.
- Safety Training for all City employees are scheduled two days per month
- Courts holds training twice per year
- Division's holds public hearings
- Police Department has community meetings and several training sessions from SLED and the FBI, some of which last for a week. The PD usually receives free training in return for hosting these training sessions for the region.
- Fire Department uses the facility at least 6 times per year for training.

Thus, this equipment will aid the public meetings and training opportunities for which the Council Chambers are used approximately 30% of the work year.

All Divisions stated that updating the technology would benefit them for training and meeting purposes.

The audio/visual equipment will be funded from Fund Balance.

The IT Division recommends approval of this purchase from Sharp Business Systems in the amount of \$121,842.71, including equipment and installation.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve purchase of audio/visual equipment for ECTV and Council Chambers from Sharp Business Systems in the amount of \$121,842.71 to be funded from Fund Balance.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

City Manager, Linda McConnell asked Council to review the Quarterly Progress Report included in the Council Packet.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting – Honea Path

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Westside Community Coalition

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Anderson Task Force

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

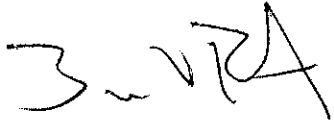
A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin carried unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matter – Possible Property Disposition.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to move out of Executive Session.

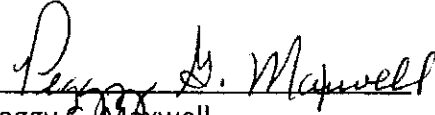
### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor



\_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer