

Regular Meeting
June 26, 2017

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Harbin, Council Members Chapman, Thompson, Buck Roberts, Laughridge, John Roberts and Newton. Mayor Roberts and Councilman Stewart were not present. 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; and Economic Development Manager, Mary Haley Thompson. The invocation was given by Council Member Thompson with respects to the flag by Councilman Laughridge.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mayor Pro Tem Harbin recognized Richard Shirley and Executive Director, Lisa Colby, of the Upstate Chapter of the American Red Cross. He then read the Proclamation as follows:

Proclamation

In Celebration of
Upstate American Red Cross Centennial Anniversary

***WHEREAS*, the American Red Cross has offered aid and disaster relief to millions of individuals since Clara Barton founded the organization in 1881; and**

***WHEREAS*, the Upstate Chapter is celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of its original charter from President Woodrow Wilson in 1917; and**

***WHEREAS*, the services of the Red Cross assist many people by providing lifesaving blood for the ill and injured; helping restore the shattered lives of disaster victims; assisting our service men, women and veterans, and their families in periods of emergency; and helping save lives and lessen suffering through training in First Aid, CPR, AED and water safety courses; and**

***WHEREAS*, the local chapter of the American Red Cross has been a tireless force of good deeds for one hundred years; and**

WHEREAS, the work of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and its volunteers exemplifies the American tradition of caring for those in need and reflects the compassion and generosity of the Anderson community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence V. Roberts, Mayor of the City of Anderson, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of City Council, do hereby proclaim 2017 as

“The Centennial Year of the Upstate American Red Cross”

and urge all of our citizens to join, serve and contribute.

Proclaimed this 26th day of June, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 17-04 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

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 \$60,887,623. In addition, the budget ordinance does include a tax millage cap of 118 mills, a franchise fee increase from 4% to 5% for Duke Energy and a sanitation fee of \$2.75 per garbage cart serviced by the City. The budget ordinance also includes approval and appropriation for the 2017 Compensation Plan and appropriation not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the capital facilities improvements. A public hearing was held on June 12, 2017 prior to the Council meeting. The budget ordinance is attached.

Staff requests second and third readings of Ordinance 17-04 adopting the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The budget for all funds is \$60,887,623 which includes funding for the 2017 Compensation Plan and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for capital facilities improvements. City Council approved this ordinance on first reading at their June 12, 2017 meeting.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-04 adopting the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The budget for all funds is \$60,887,623 which includes funding for the 2017 Compensation Plan and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for capital facilities improvements on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-04 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 17-05 AMENDING THE DUKE ENERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

City Manager, Linda McConnel said Staff requests second and third reading of an ordinance providing for an increase in the franchise fee paid by Duke Energy Carolinas, Inc. to 5% of the gross electrical receipts derived by the company from within the corporate limits of the City of Anderson.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, has been providing electrical service to the City of Anderson through a Municipal Service Agreement dated July 13, 2009. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the city has the right to adjust the fee upon a vote by City Council. The ordinance was passed on the first reading at the June 12, 2017, Council meeting.

The City of Anderson will benefit in that the increase in the franchise fee will assist in enabling the city to continue providing quality services for its citizens.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-05 to increase the franchise fee paid by Duke Energy Carolinas, Inc. to 5% of the gross electrical receipts derived by the company from within the corporate limits of the City of Anderson on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-05 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 17-06 ADOPTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING CLEMSON ENGINEERING HYDRAULICS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said one of the primary missions of the City of Anderson is to encourage development, improve the tax base and enhance the livability of the Anderson Area.

Clemson Engineering Hydraulics has acquired property in the City and is in the process of moving operations there.

Revenues resulting from the proposed development are estimated to exceed \$140,000 in a five-year period.

In return for the development by Clemson Engineering Hydraulics, the City will pay a grant in the total amount of \$25,000 payable over five years.

Anticipated revenues indicate that the grant will be a budgeted general fund item.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-06 adopting an economic development agreement with Clemson Engineering Hydraulics on Second Reading. The City will pay a grant in the total amount of \$25,000 payable over five years.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-06 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-07 TO REZONE 402 BOULEVARD FROM R-15, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-18, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; 303 BOULEVARD AND 200 WILLIAMSTON ROAD FROM LO, LIMITED OFFICE TO RM-18, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said the applicant, Anderson University, wishes to rezone the following properties to RM-18, Multi-Family Residential, which allows uses associated with colleges and universities:

402 Boulevard: This large single-family dwelling was acquired by Anderson University in 2016. They desire to rezone this property to RM-18, which is consistent with their main campus. They plan to utilize this space for their Development Office and related uses. This parcel is in the Boulevard Historic District, so any exterior changes to this site will be subject to review and approval by the Board of Architectural Review.

303 Boulevard: This small parcel, most recently utilized as a beauty salon, was acquired by Anderson University in 2011. The applicant requests to rezone the property to RM-18 in order to make it consistent with the main campus. Current plans involve this building being a student store or a use geared for students. This parcel is in the Boulevard Historic District, so any exterior changes to this site will be subject to review and approval by the Board of Architectural Review.

200 Williamston Road: This parcel has been used as office space for Anderson University for a number of years. There are no plans to change the use, but the applicant wishes to rezone the property to RM-18 in order to continue the consistent zoning pattern with much of the surrounding campus.

For the applicant, rezoning will allow Anderson University to utilize 402 Boulevard for university-related uses. For the other two parcels, rezoning to RM-18 will help to continue efforts to create a more consistent zoning pattern for the school.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their June 20th meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Four residents were in attendance who mainly had questions about the future uses of the properties.

Councilman Buck Roberts recused himself from the vote due to work performed at Anderson University by his company, A.B. Roberts Construction.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (6-0) to approve Ordinance 17-07 to rezone 402 Boulevard from R-15, Single-Family to RM-18, Multi-Family Residential; 303 Boulevard and 200 Williamston Road from LO, Limited Office to Rm-18, Multi-Family Residential on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR GRANT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the City has continued its public investment in Downtown based upon the Vision Plan's premise that public improvements serve as catalysts for private investment and reinvestment. The City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) serve as a roadmap to guide public investment that supports economic growth. The "Under the Bridge" project has been on the City's CIP list since FY14. A conceptual plan was developed and shared 2 ½ years ago with the Economic Development Committee. Upon learning about available funding, staff applied in April to the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor for the "Under the Bridge" project.

Economic Development Manager, Mary Haley Thompson said the Murray Avenue Bridge/Under the Bridge Project is a stimulant to the ongoing vibrancy of downtown. The SCNHC grant provides

a boost to another part of our economic ecosystem and strengthens the City's position along the Heritage Corridor Discover Route. This puzzle piece that connects Main Street will showcase our City's walkability, arts and culture, and serve as a continuing magnet for economic growth. It can create visual interest, a sense of place, and become an attraction amenity. It is an intentional location to highlight the economic contributions of the textile & machinery industries in the City's history and can stimulate further connections to Downtown walking/biking trails. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to open the connection with Anderson's underdeveloped potential in the West End.

Beautification of the viaduct "Under the Bridge" includes design development and implementation of pedestrian amenities such as lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping, and the addition of public art. Public art will focus on the textile heritage of Anderson. The following scope of work is proposed to beautify & artistically highlight the history of the Murray Ave Bridge.

The City has been awarded a grant of \$30,000 requiring a 1:1 match. The project budget and project scope are estimated at \$145,809. In addition to the \$30,000 match, the grant requires that the project be completed by August 1, 2018. TIF and Hospitality funds will be used to fund this project. Although the match of \$30,000 is required by the grant, the staff recommends fully funding the project with a budget estimate of \$145,809. (City funding of \$115,809 and \$30,000 from SCNHC).

Staff recommends approval of the \$30,000 in matching grant funds plus the balance of \$115,809 in TIF and Hospitality funds for the design development and implementation of the "Under the Bridge" project.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the \$30,000 in matching grant funds plus the balance of \$115,809 in TIF and Hospitality funds for the design development and implementation of the "Under the Bridge" project.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

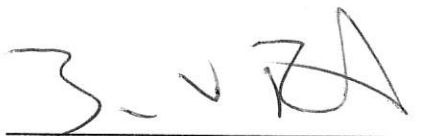
City Manager, Linda McConnell, reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in June and July 2017.

- June 26th – Shakespeare in the Park – CWP
- June 29th - Block Party – CWP
- July 4th – City offices closed
- July 12th – Dog Park Dedication

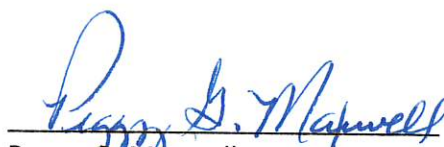
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peggy G. Maxwell", written over a horizontal line.

Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer