

Regular Meeting
April 10, 2017

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, Laughridge, John Roberts and Newton. Mayor Pro Tem Harbin and Council Members Thompson, Stewart and Chapman were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Community Development Director, Erica Craft and Parks and Recreation Director, Bobby Beville. The invocation was given by Councilman Laughridge with respects to the flag by Mayor Roberts.

PROCLAMATIONS
National Community Development Week – April 16th – 21st

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of April 17 – April 21, 2017 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons. Nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completed using HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, our community has received a total of \$3,505,758 in CDBG funds and over \$743,186 in HOME funds as a member of the Anderson County HOME Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the following activities have been funded: owner occupied housing rehabilitation assistance, homeownership assistance to first time home buyers, public services including the promotion of fair housing, in addition to economic development by providing loans to small businesses and microenterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Anderson designates the week of April 17 – April 21, 2017 as National Community Development Week in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBG and HOME by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY 2018.
Signed this 10th day of April 2017.

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

Fair Housing Month – April

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized throughout these United States of America as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, set forth a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, both State and Federal offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development continue their efforts to promote and educate as many citizens as possible about every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing insuring that all Americans have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson continues to affirmatively further fair housing for its citizens.

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

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Anderson, SC for the significance of fair housing to our way of life and encourage all citizens to observe and support both the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina



Signed this 10th day of April, 2017

Mayor Terence V. Roberts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION CONTRACT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PHASE II

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the City of Anderson received a Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) Grant from the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SCSHFDA) for \$424,504. This funding was allocated per NIP guidelines to the City's Partners. The Anderson Community Development Corporation (ACDC) was awarded \$279,000 and Nehemiah Community Revitalization Corporation (CRC) received \$145,504 to acquire and demolish blighted properties.

Community Development Director, Erica Craft said to date, the Anderson Community Development Corporation using NIP Grant funds has acquired sixteen (16) houses at a cost of \$150,835.26. All of the units have been tested for lead and asbestos and abatement is underway. The contract includes demolition at eleven (11) houses under Phase 2:

225 Caughlin Avenue	1206 White Street	1002 E. Whitner Street
1508 Mitchell Street	50 North Street	908 E. Whitner Street
220 Wardlaw Street	1406 W. Whitner Street	119 Marion Street
1409 Watson Street	710 A&B Beechwood Avenue	

Five (5) bids were received as follows:

Cooley's Grading	Anderson, SC	\$88,325
Shaw Grading	Starr, SC	\$84,600
Space Unlimited	Belton, SC	\$74,295
Miller's Construction Co., LLC	Anderson, SC	\$59,075
Phillips Recoveries	Pelzer, SC	\$53,300

Demolition of the blighted properties is required by NIP. It is the next step to finalize implementation of the NIP award.

The City of Anderson's Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) Grant award from the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority will fund the \$53,300 to demolish the eleven houses.

Staff recommends approval of a contract with Phillips Recoveries in the amount of \$53,300 for demolition of these eleven units.

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (5-0) to approve a contract with Phillips Recoveries in the amount of \$53,300 for demolition of eleven units to be funded by a Neighborhood Initiative Program Grant.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF HOSPITALITY FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said staff requests approval of \$87,973.72 from the Hospitality Fund for the purchase of recreation requests.

The Recreation Committee met on April 4th and recommended moving forward with Council approval the attached list of requests presented by staff.

Parks and Recreation Director, Bobby Beville said the recommended expenditures will improve the water quality and aesthetics at Cater's Lake, provide safety for our participants, volunteers, citizens and visitors at programmed sites and improve and enhance service delivery by city crews.

The Hospitality Fund balance at the end of 6/30/16 was \$1,439,496. Monthly hospitality collections are tracking on budget and expected to total \$2.7 million by the end of the fiscal year. The final bond payment on the Rec Center was paid in December and the Church Street Heritage project and the W. Market St. parking lot projects are paid. The projected hospitality fund balance at 6/30/17 is \$1,157,489.

The Recreation Committee and the staff recommend proceeding with the requested items totaling \$87,973.72.

Cater's Lake Fountains

Objective: To enhance the water quality and improve the aesthetics of the lake.

Purchase and install two Kasco 8400JF aerating decorative fountains. The fountains have a 3-year warranty and a 2-year warranty for the LED light kit. The price includes a one

year maintenance contract which includes 2 site visits to pull and clean the fountains and reinstall.

Absolute Aquatics (Lexington, SC)	\$17,721
Louisiana Pond Management (Baton Rouge, LA)	\$19,977
South Carolina Aquatics (Dalzell, SC)	\$21,596

Recommendation: Purchase fountains from Absolute Aquatics - Lexington, SC at \$17,721.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (5-0) to approve two Kasco 8400JF aerating decorative Fountains for Cater's Lake in the amount of \$17,721 from Absolute Aquatics.

Lighting Prediction & Warning System

Objective: To provide the safest protection possible to the public by providing advanced warning of the potential for lightning and severe storms while giving between an 8 to 20-minute notice time to evacuate and seek shelter. This system also gives an all clear notice when the dangerous weather is no longer a threat and the program or special event can continue.

The advanced warning system would be utilized at locations where we program and have special events. Staff recommends having sensors at the Rec Center, Old McCants Football Field, Emblar and Osteen fields and Carolina Wren Park.

There is a 5-year warranty on any software technology upgrades and a 2-year warranty on all parts.

Thor Guard (Sunrise, FL)	Sole Source	\$28,245
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Thor Guard is the only company in the world that manufactures a true lighting prediction system based upon changes and shifts of the earth's electrostatic atmosphere.

Recommendation: Purchase system from Thor Guard – Sunrise, FL at \$28,245.

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (5-0) to approve purchase of Lighting Prediction & Warning System for City Parks in the amount of \$28,245 from Thor Guard.

Vehicle Replacement – Beautification and Park Maintenance Departments

Objective: To replace two aging vehicles in the Parks and Recreation Division. One truck is a 2003 Chevrolet with 123,314 miles and the other is a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado with 121,400 miles. Both trucks will be taken off line and auctioned thru GovDeals.com.

Recommendation: Purchase two 2017 ½ ton Dodge Ram Trucks, V6, Flex Fuel capable, positive traction with tow package (\$20,075 each). The trucks come with a sprayed in bed liner. The cost to outfit the trucks with safety lighting package (strobe) and City decals is \$928.86 for each truck.

State Contract – Butler Chrysler Dodge Jeep (Beaufort, SC) \$20,075 per truck
Total vehicle replacement costs equal \$42,007.72.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the purchase of two Dodge Ram Trucks for the Beautification and Park Maintenance Departments in the amount of \$42,007.72 from Butler Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

QUARTERLY REPORTS

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 January and April 2017.

April 13th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting

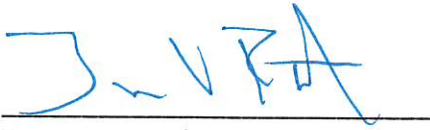
April 21st – 23rd – Fringe Series – *Lepers* – Wren Pavilion

April 28th – Art on the Town – Art Crawl

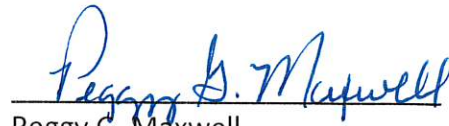
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Buck Newton carried unanimously (5-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer