

Regular Meeting
October 8, 2018

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Members John Roberts, Chapman, Harbin, Newton and Jeff Roberts. Councilmen Stewart and Laughridge were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Accounting Manager of Enterprise Funds, Terri Martin; and City Attorney, Frankie McClain. The invocation was given by Councilman Harbin and respect to the flag was given by Councilman John Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 18-15 TO ANNEX AND ZONE TO R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, 3.56 ACRES LOCATED AT 1912 EAST CALHOUN STREET

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant proposes to annex the subject property in order to receive City services. The proposal is to construct 14 single-family houses and R-5, Single-Family Residential zoning is requested. The property is zoned R-M in the County, so this is considered a downzoning since multi-family dwellings are currently allowed but are not permitted in the City's R-5 district. Although the minimum lot size requirement for R-5 is 5,000 square feet, it is estimated that the lot sizes will average around 6,800 square feet in size (a conceptual plan is attached). This property abuts two subdivisions that are inside the city limits – Cobblestone East and Cobblestone West. The lot sizes in both subdivisions are smaller than the proposed subdivision.

In addition to the annexation process, this development will also be subject to the City's subdivision guidelines and plat approval process, which will take place when official plans are submitted.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their October 2nd meeting and unanimously recommended approval. The staff received several calls from citizens regarding the petition, but no one expressed opposition.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 18-15 to annex and zone to R-5, Single-Family Residential, 3.56 acres located at 1912 East Calhoun Street on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 18-06 AUTHORIZING MASC TO COLLECT DEBT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the MASC is requiring all prior participants to adopt a new resolution with contextual changes needed for participants to stay compliant with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. In 2003, Council passed Resolution 03-13 authorizing MASC to collect debt for the City of Anderson in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. The Setoff Debt program allows the City of Anderson to collect monies from delinquent debts by submitting a claim against a debtor's state tax refund. MASC compiles all of the information and sends to the SC Department of Revenue (DOR). The DOR reduces the debtor's state income tax refund by the debt amount owed plus a \$25 fee, which is collected in addition to the amount owed.

Continued use of the program will allow the City of Anderson to continue to recoup a portion of the internal costs relating to the collection of delinquent debt.

Accounting Manager of Enterprise Funds, Terri Martin said in fiscal year 2017 the MASC collected on the City of Anderson's behalf \$43,277 of delinquent water utility debt and fees.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 18-06 authorizing MASC to collect debt in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 18-16 RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS PART OF THE DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED PERSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the MASC is requiring all prior participants to adopt a new ordinance with contextual changes needed for participants to stay compliant with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. In 2006, Council adopted Ordinance 06-24 authorizing the City of Anderson to utilize procedures outlined in the Setoff Debt Collection Act to collect delinquent debts and to contract with MASC to collect debt for the City of Anderson in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. The Setoff Debt program allows the City of Anderson to collect monies from delinquent debts by submitting a claim against a debtor's state tax refund. MASC compiles all of the information and sends to the SC Department of Revenue (DOR). The DOR reduces the debtor's state income tax refund by the debt amount owed plus a \$25 fee, which is collected in addition to the amount owed.

Continued use of the program will allow the City of Anderson to continue to recoup a portion of the internal costs relating to the collection of delinquent debt.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 18-16 relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of the delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 18-07 TO ADOPT THE ANDERSON COUNTY AND
OCONEE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

City Manager, Linda McConnell said to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding, the City of Anderson must adopt the Anderson County and Oconee County Hazard Mitigation Plan through a signed Resolution in a public meeting. By Resolution Number 2018-016 dated February 20, 2018, Anderson County approved the Anderson County and Oconee County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Plan provides for mitigation strategies for natural hazards including, but not limited to the following: tornadoes/ high winds, winter storms, hurricanes, hailstorms/thunderstorms, drought/heat wave, earthquakes, wildfires and floods. Members of City staff were involved in drafting the plan.

Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save tax payer dollars.

Funding will be provided by (1) State and/or Federal grant funds where no matching funds are required from the City or (2) funding specifically approved by subsequent actions of Anderson City Council.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 18-07 to adopt the Anderson County and Oconee County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

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 October 2018.

October 11th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting
October 11th – Business Expo – Chili Cookoff – Chamber of Commerce
October 16th – Westside Community Coalition
October 16th – Seat 2 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting
October 16th – Seat 6 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting
October 18th – Southeast Anderson Task Force
October 19th – Movie in the Park – Coco

EXECUTIVE SESSION

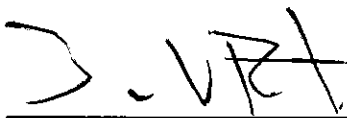
A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried (7-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss: Legal Advice relating to possible litigation pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2)

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

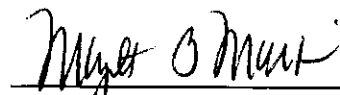
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer