

Regular Meeting
June 10, 2019

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, Council Members Chapman, Stewart, Harbin, Newton, John Roberts, and Jeff Roberts. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson and Councilman Laughridge were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie. The invocation was given by Councilman John Roberts and respect to the flag was given by Mayor Terence Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 19-07 TO REZONE 1509 EAST RIVER STREET FROM R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO LO, LIMITED OFFICE

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said the applicant proposes to rezone the property in order to bring it into zoning compliance. There is a commercial-style building on the site with paved parking, and was previously in use as a non-conforming hair salon. Since the commercial use vacated the site, it must be rezoned in order for any commercial-type activity to occupy the building. The applicant requests LO, Limited Office zoning, which allows offices and related uses that are generally compatible with surrounding residential uses.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their June 4th meeting and recommended approval. If rezoned, all tenants that occupy the property must comply with the City's zoning, signage, and related codes.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 19-07 to rezone 1509 East River Street from R-5, Single-Family Residential to LO, Limited Office on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 19-06 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020

City Manager, David McCuen said in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, the City Council is required to adopt an annual balanced budget by ordinance prior to July 1.

The City's budget is a policy and planning document that describes the City's priorities and plans. The purpose of a budget is to control the money, directing funds at projects identified by Council and providing basic municipal services.

The City Council held a budget work session on May 22, 2019 to review highlights/overviews of the 2019-2020 budget.

A public hearing was held on June 10, 2019 prior to the Council meeting and no one from the public attended.

The total budget for all funds is \$78,963,179. The budget ordinance maintains the millage rate of 116 (rolled back from 118 in 2017); implements year 2 of the previously adopted rate path for utility rate changes of 6% for water and 3.5% for sewer to invest funds to address capital and infrastructure needs; amends procurement code to increase operational efficiency in purchasing goods and services; and provides a 2.25% cost of living increase for employees. The budget does not include any tax increases or reduction in services for our citizens.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 19-06 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 with all funds totaling \$78,963,179 on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES

City Manager, David McCuen said new technology, called "small wireless facilities" is becoming more prevalent in cities across the country and in South Carolina as well. This involves a denser network of antennas located more at street level to supplement and communicate with traditional cell towers. These antennas are typically attached to existing utility poles or buildings, but most often, they are in visible public spaces.

Because of the new demand and since cell tower regulations in most cities do not address this type of technology, the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) worked with the telecommunications industry to better understand the issue and its potential impacts regarding zoning, licensing, permitting, etc. A model ordinance was created, which balances the needs of

cellular providers with municipal interests. A City Council work session was held on November 26th, 2018 to provide information regarding this subject and to share the MASC's model ordinance. Input from Council members was considered and added to enhance the model ordinance. If approved, they will serve as the City's regulations.

Since this will be a part of the Zoning Ordinance as part of the existing Cellular and Communication Towers section, this must first be heard by the Planning Commission prior to City Council action.

This Planning Commission will consider this request at their July 9th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve referral to the Planning Commission a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Small Wireless Facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, David McCuen reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in June 2019.

June 13th – Chamber Small Business Awards Luncheon

June 14th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park

June 15th – Father's Day Car Show – Downtown

June 18th – Shock this Block – Final Draft Reveal

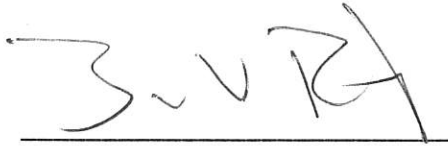
June 20th – Block Party

June 21st – 24th – Shakespeare in the Park

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

Handwritten signature of Margot B. Martin in blue ink, consisting of the name 'Margot B. Martin' followed by a horizontal line.

Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer