

Virtual Meeting
April 27, 2020

The virtual meeting of City Council was held due to COVID 19, on this date at 6:00 pm. Roll call by seat number was conducted by the Mayor to ensure a quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Council Members Thompson, Harbin, Chapman, Laughridge, Newton, John Roberts, and Jeff Roberts. Also, in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Finance Director, Margot Martin; and City Attorney, Frankie McClain. The invocation was given by Councilman Laughridge and respect to the flag was given by Councilman Harbin.

PROCLAMATION
National Police Week – May 10-16

Proclamation

National Police Week 2020

To recognize National Police Week 2020 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Anderson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 58,866 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 18,005 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, 24,103 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 4 members of the Anderson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 146 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring who died in the line of duty in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, May 13, 2020 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Anderson, Incorporated formally designates May 10th –May 16, 2020, as

National Police Week

in the City of Anderson, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Signed this 13th day of April, 2020

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of March 23, 2020 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-05 FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF ANDERSON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,600,000 FOR REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING 2008 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Finance Director, Margot Martin said the City of Anderson has outstanding principal balance of \$1,530,000 for the 2008 General Obligation Bonds, with current interest rate of 4.39%. The original proceeds of \$2,850,000 were used to construct Fire Station Three (3) and purchase of a new fire truck. The current G.O. Bond will be paid in full in April 2028.

The City issued a Bank Placement RFP on March 27, 2020. Bids were due April 27, 2020. The City received 8 bids with interest rates ranging from 1.57% to 2.21%. The City accepted the bid from JP Morgan with a 1.64% interest rate and a net cash flow savings of \$134,256.

Council gave approval for first reading on March 23, 2020.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 20-05 providing for the issuance and sale of the City of Anderson General Obligation bonds in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,600,000 for refunding the outstanding 2008 General Obligation Bonds on Second Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR EAST MARKET STREET STREETSCAPE

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland said a work session with members of City Council and Staff was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 to preview design alternatives for a new streetscape along East Market Street between South Main Street and South McDuffie Street. The new streetscape, to be completed in conjunction with the development of the new Home 2 Suites hotel and adjacent parking garage, will include wider sidewalks to better accommodate increased pedestrian traffic in the area, street trees, lighting, and a refaced retaining wall adjacent to the Fire Department Headquarters. Sidewalk, crosswalk, and lighting designs will be consistent with existing streetscapes throughout Downtown Anderson.

An invitation to bid for the Market Street Improvements Project was advertised using the City's website, Anderson Independent Mail, and South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO). A pre-bid meeting was held on March 30, 2020 at the site. Sealed bids were due by April 16, 2020. Three (3) bids were submitted.

The bids were:

Company Name	Location	Bid
Southern Concrete & Const.	Anderson, SC	\$572,736.00
AOS Specialty Contractors	Lexington, SC	\$571,946.00
Fontaine Construction	Anderson, SC	\$591,761.97

Streetscape improvements along this section of Market Street will extend the Downtown Anderson experience to the new Home 2 Suites and adjacent 320-space parking garage. These new amenities, combined with existing retail, dining, accommodations, and civic spaces, will further enhance the visitor experience Downtown.

The project will be funded by Hospitality Fund and TIF Fund. The successful bidder will be responsible for installation of all hardscape—sidewalks, curbing, lighting, crosswalks, asphalt paving, brickwork, etc. The City, as is now customary, will install all landscaping and irrigation.

LandPlan Group reviewed the bids with staff and recommends awarding the Market Street Improvements project to the lowest, accurate, responsible bidder, Southern Concrete and Construction, Incorporated in the amount of \$572,736.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a construction contract for East Market Street Streetscape with Southern Concrete and Construction, Inc in the amount of \$572,736 to be paid from the Hospitality Fund and TIF Fund.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (ATAX) FUNDS FOR CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) – VISIT ANDERSON

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland said this year, the City received 29 applications for projects requesting ATAX Funds for 2019-2020. The total to allocate was \$171,787.10. On October 28, 2019, City council approved allocation of \$141,787.10 as recommended by the ATAX Advisory Committee at their annual meeting in October 2019. Regarding the remaining \$30,000, City Council requested a re-evaluation of the projects submitted for funding by Visit Anderson CVB in order to ensure that ATAX grants are being used to best serve the tourism industry city-wide. As one of the key organizations whose priority is the promotion of tourism, Visit Anderson CVB has the greatest capacity to carry out impactful tourism projects.

A proposal has since been developed in partnership with the City for Visit Anderson CVB to conduct a Wayfinding Master Plan. This is an eligible use of ATAX funds because the project is a tourism related expenditure relative to the ability of the City to attract and sustain tourism.

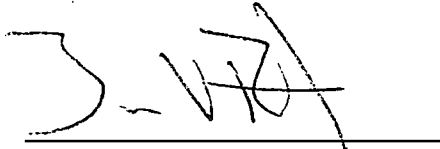
An RFP was advertised and Visit Anderson CVB will lead the process of procuring a qualified firm to carry out the Wayfinding Master Plan, with input from a selection committee inclusive of City staff. Development of this Wayfinding Master Plan will include vehicle and pedestrian signage across the city directing visitors and residents to key destinations, as well as an implementation plan that designates sign locations.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve an ATAX grant for \$30,000 for Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) – Visit Anderson for the purpose of a Wayfinding Master Plan.

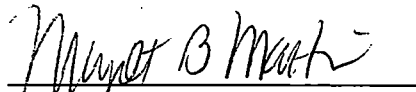
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer