

Regular Meeting
October 12, 2020

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-30 AMENDING SECTION 42-64 AND 42-65 OF
THE ANDERSON CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A
NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE

City Manager, David McCuen said based upon the provisions of the code dealing with nuisance, violators are given a 14-day courtesy summons within which to comply with the notice. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of a Uniform Summons to appear before the Municipal Court and be subject to a fine of no more than \$500. Under this procedure, compliance may be delayed for long periods of time without consequences. By charging a daily penalty for each day the violation is not corrected, it is the opinion of the staff that owners will be more compliant.

The City will benefit by having a more prompt correction of nuisance code violations.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 20-30 amending Section 42-64 and 42-65 of the Anderson City Code providing for penalties for failure to comply with a notice to abate nuisance on Second Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 20-31 TO ANNEX AND ZONE TO R-20, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL A 10-FOOT-WIDE STRIP LOCATED AT 1415 OAK HILL DRIVE

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said the application has been made to extend the city limits boundary in order to become contiguous to future annexation targets. This 10-foot-wide strip is proposed to be zoned R-20, Single-Family Residential, which is very similar to the existing R-20 zoning in the County.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their October 6th meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 20-31 to annex and zone to R-20, Single-Family Residential a 10-foot-wide strip located at 1415 Oak Hill Drive on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Transit Director, Keith Scott said the City Transit system currently has one Ford Transit Van in its fleet. The van is more efficient and effective for the deviation service and meets our ADA requirements for FTA. The van has nine passenger seats and one position for a wheelchair passenger.

By purchasing an additional Transit Van, we will be able to offer the same deviation service and support to our urban and rural routes equally. Fuel costs will be reduced by using the vans for deviation service instead of using an additional bus.

The total cost of the van is \$62,394. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) CARES ACT grant funds through SCDOT will pay 100% of \$62,394. There will be no local cost to the City. All FTA CARES ACT grant funds through SCDOT have been approved and are available for use.

Staff recommends approval to purchase one new Ford Transit Van off State Contract from Palmetto Bus Sales.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the purchase of a Ford Transit Van from Palmetto Bus Sales in the amount of \$62,394, 100% funded by FTA CARES ACT Grant.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A WATER BOOSTER PUMP FOR THE UTILITY SYSTEM

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell said the Utilities Division requests consideration to purchase a water booster pump system to supply pressure and flow requirement for the parking garage and hotel water system requirements.

The City water system is designed to provide adequate pressure and ample fire protection within the City service area. The basis of the pressure and flow design is ground elevation where higher pressures do not exceed 100 pounds per square inch (psi) at lower elevations and do not drop below 35psi at the higher elevations. The static pressure at the ground elevation of the site is approximately 42psi.

This booster pump station will provide 600 gallons per minute (gpm) at 70psi in order to meet our system requirements at the top level of the parking garage and hotel.

Moving forward with this purchase will provide adequate pressures and ample fire protection (two of our water systems goals) to the parking garage and hotel.

The Water Fund - Special Projects Budget will fund this project.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Grundfos BoosterpaQ system from Daparak, Inc. at \$70,288 plus taxes and freight. This is a sole source purchase stemming from 2012 standardization of BoosterpaQ's for efficiency in maintaining the water operations equipment.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the purchase a water booster pump for the utility system, designed solely for the hotel and parking garage site, from Daparak, Inc. in the amount of \$70,288 plus taxes and freight.

City Manager, David McCuen requested to move into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session:

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

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

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 20-04 TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING PROJECT SOUTH POLE

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland 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.

A developer has requested financial assistance from the City of Anderson in return for a redevelopment opportunity that will include the redevelopment of two existing buildings for commercial and residential tenants, as well as the construction of a public plaza and streetscape. The estimated investment is \$1.5 million.

The mission of the City to encourage development will be enhanced by the completion of the project.

The proposed agreement is based on the capital investment and new revenue generated by this project.

Revenues resulting from the proposed development are estimated to exceed \$319,000 over a five-year period. The development will result in the creation of 45 new jobs and 8 new residents, with an annual economic impact of \$426,400 dollars.

The City will provide a performance incentive (reimbursement) of up to \$20,000 annually for 5 years (\$100,000 maximum) to the Brewery. The City will provide the same agreement with a Mixed-Use space next to the Brewery, with a combined maximum total of \$200,000.

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

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 20-04 to enter into a Development Agreement between the City and Project South Pole.

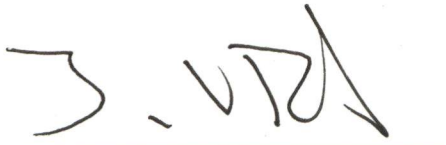
Economic Director, Kimberly Spears spoke to Council about "Fresh Take on Fresh Taste" October 12-17. This a week-long celebration with participating downtown restaurants.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the City of Anderson's website and the Anderson Independent Mail newspaper was notified of the meeting at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer