

Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2021

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date at the Recreation Center at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge, Council Members Thompson, Chapman, Stewart, Harbin, Newton, John Roberts and Jeff Roberts. 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; Facilities & Grounds Director, Daniel London; Public Works Director, Ken Mullinax; and City Engineer, Lacreia Bilbrey. The invocation was given by Councilman Tony Stewart and respect to the flag was given by Council Member Beatrice Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 21-03 REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL AND FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

City Manager, David McCuen said on July 24, 2020, City Council enacted Ordinance No. 20-24 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail, foodservice establishments and public transportation.

Said ordinance was enacted pursuant to S.C. Code Sec. 5-7-250(d) which provides for the adoption of an emergency ordinance to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or property of the people.

S.C. Code Sec. 5-7-250(d) provides for the automatic expiration of the sixty-first day following the date of the enactment.

Ordinance No. 20-24 provides that Council may extend the Emergency Term for one or more additional terms, each for no more than sixty days, provided that the total duration of the Emergency Term shall not exceed six months without enacting an ordinance in the ordinary course.

Based upon an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and the continued threat of the virus, it is recommended by staff to continue the requirement that individuals wear face coverings in

places open to the public for an additional period of time and to enact an ordinance in the ordinary course to provide the same. City Council passed the ordinance on First Reading at the January 11, 2021, meeting.

The benefit of this Ordinance is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Councilman Jeff Roberts asked if this Ordinance applies to large gatherings at a private residence. The SC Governors Emergency Order would apply to large gatherings.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 21-03 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments, and matters related thereto on Second Reading.

**REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 21-04 TO AMEND SECTION 62-16 OF THE CITY CODE ADDING PROVISIONS FOR THE PROHIBITION OF LOITERING**

City Manager, David McCuen said Section 62-16 of the Anderson City Code provides for the prohibiting of loitering for drug related purposes. There is no prohibition in the City Code for loitering in general. In order to protect private and public property it is recommended that the City Code be amended to provide for the prohibition of loitering in general and for the specific definition thereof. City Council passed the ordinance on First Reading at the January 11, 2021, meeting.

By providing the prohibition and specific definition of loitering in general, law enforcement will be able to provide better protection for public and private property and the peaceful enjoyment thereof.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 21-04 to amend Section 62-16 of the City Code adding provisions for the prohibition of loitering on Second Reading.

**REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO AMEND THE CITY OF ANDERSON ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDING FOUNDATIONS**

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said it is sometimes necessary to refine the Zoning Ordinance in order to maintain its effectiveness and efficiency because of changes in laws, community conditions and preferences, and other factors. Based on the City's desire to improve aesthetics with residential construction, language was recently developed for a residential

Planned Development District (PDD) requiring all new single-family dwellings to have a finished floor elevation a minimum of 12 inches above the adjacent grade. This provision does not apply to garages, carports, and porches.

In order to maintain a more consistent development pattern throughout the City, it is requested to add this language to the Zoning Ordinance so that it applies to every newly constructed single-family dwelling.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to approve referral to the Planning Commission a petition to amend the City of Anderson Zoning Ordinance relating to residential building foundations.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE HVAC MONITORING SYSTEM FOR CITY FACILITIES

Facilities & Grounds Director, Daniel London said the HVAC equipment is currently connected to a Johnson Controls system and has not worked correctly since it was installed over 12 years ago. Johnson Controls has been unable to get their system repaired/working correctly. Johnson Controls also charges the City each time they are called to come repair equipment, regardless of whether the problem is solved. Trane Controls has quoted an installation of new equipment which will integrate properly with the Trane/Carrier HVAC units that were installed during the City Hall restoration and MBC initial construction; included in the new system is a software which allows remote access of all HVAC with the installed equipment.

The installation and integration of the new equipment and software will allow increased operating efficiency and shorter downtimes during future repairs.

The City Hall/MBC Restoration Contract Project Budget stipulates 65% savings return to the city. The \$117,770.50 savings will cover the installation cost. The cost is covered in the original budget for the buildings.

City Hall Installation:	\$45,750
Federal Prison Installation:	\$7,930
MBC Install:	\$63,500
Total:	\$117,180

Staff recommends approval for installation of HVAC Monitoring System with Trane Controls in the amount of \$117,180.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve installation of HVAC Monitoring System for City Facilities with Trane Controls in the amount of \$117,180.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session:

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to move out of Executive Session.

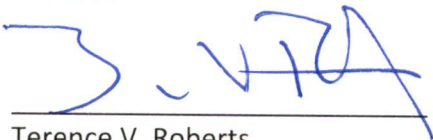
There was no action by Council on the item discussed in Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

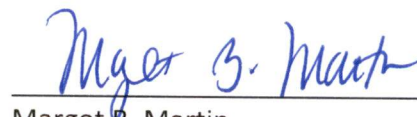
A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

*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