

Regular Meeting
January 27, 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 Stewart, Council Members Thompson, Harbin, Laughridge, Chapman, John Roberts and Jeff Roberts. Councilman Newton was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher; Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie; Parks and Recreation Director, Bobby Beville; and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Harbin and respect to the flag was given by Councilman John Roberts.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter Joshua McCowan

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said Joshua McCowan graduated from Westside High School in 2017. Firefighter McCowan has been a volunteer with Homeland Park Fire Department for five years and was part of the Anderson Fire Department Explorer Post. He was previously employed with the Anderson County Fire Department in the Fire Marshal's office. Firefighter McCowan completed his firefighter training through the South Carolina Fire Academy.

Chief Bratcher swore-in and pinned Firefighter Joshua McCowan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO REZONE 203 MCCULLY STREET FROM RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said the applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property located at the corner of McCully Street and Murray Avenue to General Commercial in order to construct his electrician's shop on the vacant parcel. In addition to the two street frontages, this property abuts land that is zoned both RM-10, Multi-Family Residential and GC, General Commercial. Properties located directly across McCully Street and Murray Avenue are zoned GC, General Commercial.

Upon referral, the Planning Commission will consider this request at their February 4th meeting.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a referral to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone 203 McCully Street from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to GC, General Commercial.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE SHADE SYSTEMS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Parks and Recreation Director, Bobby Beville said the Recreation Division would like to add shade systems for the playgrounds in our parks. The majority of the playgrounds are exposed to direct sunlight which increases surface temperatures of the equipment. Shade systems can reduce temperatures up to 20 degrees.

The Staff ranked the playgrounds based on the amount of activity, time exposed to sunlight and if there were plans to expand, relocate or replace equipment in the near future. Using the criteria, the playgrounds at Darwin Wright Park, Recreation Complex and St. Francis Park were the top three needing shade systems. The ultimate goal is to have shade systems over each of the City's playgrounds.

Providing shade systems for the playgrounds will reduce exposure to harmful UV rays, provide protection for the playground equipment to extend the replacement time, help cool an outdoor space to extend play time on the playground and provide participant/guest comfort.

The Hospitality Fund will fund this project.

This would be a co-op purchase using HGACBuy. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services are eligible.

Staff recommends approval of \$173,556.29 from the Hospitality Fund to purchase shade systems for Darwin Wright Park, Recreation Center playground and St. Francis Park.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of shade systems for playgrounds at Darwin Wright Park, Recreation Complex and St. Francis Park in the amount of \$173,556.29 from the Hospitality Fund.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell said as part of our capital equipment plan, we identified the need to replace one utility service truck and two skid steer loaders in FY2020. Bids were requested through the Fleet Manager's Office.

<u>Service Truck</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ford F-350 4X4	Dick Smith Ford *State Contract Vendor	\$55,924	Columbia, SC

<u>Skid Steer</u>	<u>Cost (\$/ea.)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bobcat	\$29,892.48	Greenville, SC
New Holland	\$36,941.00	Anderson, SC
Hills Machinery	\$39,486.44	Greenville, SC

This equipment will be used daily for operation, maintenance, and construction of the wastewater treatment and collection system.

This purchase will be funded by the Wastewater Department's capital equipment budget.

Staff recommends the approval of \$115,708.96 for the following:

Skid Steer Loaders (Quantity 2)	\$59,784.96 from Bobcat of Greenville, SC
Service Truck	\$55,924.00 from Dick Smith Ford in Columbia, SC

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of two Skid Steer Loaders from Bobcat of Greenville, SC in the amount of \$59,784.96 and one Utility Service Truck from Dick Smith Ford in the amount of \$55,934 for the Wastewater Department.

Mayor Terence Roberts requested to move into Administrative Briefing.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, David McCuen reminded Council of the following upcoming events and meetings in February 2020.

February 10th – Council Meeting

Council Meeting 1/27/2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session:

Section 30-4-70(a)(1)– Discussion of personnel matters relating to employment, appointments, and compensation pertaining to Municipal Court Personnel.

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements with McDuffie Parking, LLC.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to move out of Executive Session.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CITY OF ANDERSON AND MCDUFFIE PARKING, LLC.

The City previously entered into an agreement on October 15, 2019 with the developer for the construction of a parking facility in connection with the hotel to be constructed by the developer on the property conveyed to the developer by the City. The parties have agreed to amend that agreement.

The developer will provide for the design and construction of the parking facility and convey the property to the City. The City will budget \$9,000,000 for the construction of the facility. The facility will contain approximately 320 spaces, 68 of which shall be reserved by the use for developer's hotel.

The City will benefit from the increase in the number of public parking spaces and from the economic impact of the downtown hotel.

The project will be funded by a \$7,000,000 Installment Purchase Revenue Bond, \$700,000 from the Hospitality Fund and \$1,300,000 from the TIF Fund.

City Staff recommends approval of the Agreement, which amends the original contract.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to amend a contract between City of Anderson and McDuffie Parking, LLC.

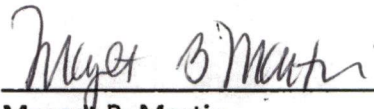
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer