

Regular Meeting
March 22, 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, and Newton. Councilmen John Roberts and Jeff Roberts were not present. Also, in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen, Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Economic Development Director, Kimberly Spears; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. The invocation was given by Councilman Kyle Newton and respect to the flag was given by Mayor Terence Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Westside High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team
AAAA State Champions

Mayor Terence Roberts and Councilmen Stewart and Newton presented each player and Coach Jackie Roberts with the Proclamation and an award.

Proclamation

In Celebration of Westside Lady Rams State Champions

WHEREAS, on the behalf of the City of Anderson it gives us great pleasure to express to the Westside Lady Rams our sincere congratulations on your SCHSL Class AAAA Girls Basketball State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2021 the Westside High Girls Basketball Team played in the program's biggest game in almost 30 years, the first time since 1992 under then coach William Roberts, the Lady Rams Basketball Team won the State Championship game at USC-Aiken with a victory score of 44-30 by defeating the North Myrtle Beach Chiefs; and

WHEREAS the Lady Rams started their season ranked 2nd in Region 1-4A and was not listed as one of the top 10 teams in the state of SC. The Lady Rams won 4 consecutive games, they quickly climbed in the top 10 rankings for 4A Girls' Basketball and finished their season with 8-0 in the region; and

WHEREAS, the team's identity was DEFENSE! Everyone embraced their roles and relished the idea that "Defense Wins Championships"; and

WHEREAS, today we recognize Coach Jackie Roberts as the 1-4A Coach of the Year, Destiny Middleton, Azyiah Bell, and Branya Pruitt as 1-4A All-Region Team Players and Destiny Middleton making the 4A All-State Team; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson is very proud of the Lady Rams Westside High Girls Basketball Team, Coach Roberts, Coach Mathis and their coaching staff of these talented individuals. Persevering through challenges with dignity and good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson salutes your performance during the 2020-2021 season and the SCHSL Class AAAA Girls Basketball State Championship.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terence V. Roberts, Mayor of the City of Anderson, along with my fellow members of City Council, congratulate the Lady Rams Girls Basketball Team, Coaches and Westside High School on their success of their championship season, prestigious achievements and encourage them to continue their commitment to excellence in the classroom, community and through athletics.
Go Rams!

Signed this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

PROCLAMATION
Anderson University

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Anderson University is a selective, comprehensive university offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees on campus and online. They are ranked as one of the best regional universities in the South by both *US News and World Report* and *The Princeton Review*, and

WHEREAS, at the heart of their educational program is an uncompromising commitment to the liberal arts as a means of preparing students with both a breadth and depth of knowledge they need not only to be successful in the career of their choice, but to be successful in all realms of life – in family, community, work, and church; and

WHEREAS, April 8, 2021 is Anderson University (AU) fourth annual **A Day**; and

WHEREAS, A Day is an exciting 24-hour fundraising drive to support AU students, faculty, and campus programs. It is a day for people everywhere to come together in support of Anderson University – every gift makes a difference!; and

WHEREAS, during **A Day** we will celebrate all the things that make Anderson special and Trojans across the globe will participate in remembering the past, celebrating the present, and impacting the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson wishes Anderson University a very successful **A Day**. Everyone can support the cause by joining the festivities. Together our Community is stronger.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terence V. Roberts, Mayor of the City of Anderson, along with my fellow members of City Council, do proclaim April 8, 2021 as

Anderson University Day

in the City of Anderson and encourage the community to share their support of AU on social media, **SUPPORT** the cause, **SHINE** in your black and gold, and **SHOW** the world that you are True to AU.

Signed this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 21-06 TO AMEND CITY OF ANDERSON BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 19-15 TO EXEMPT OWNER-OCCUPIED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FROM BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Finance Director, Margot Martin said Section 19 of Business License Ordinance No. 19-15 requires a business license for persons who own five (5) or more residential rental units or gross rental revenue is excess of \$30,000.00 per annual. and provides that all commercial real estate rental/lease must have a business license.

It has come to Council's attention that many businesses in the City own their property and pay rent to themselves for accounting purposes, and it was not the intention of City Council to require a license for commercial properties that are owner-occupied and have no other tenants.

Council desires to clarify its intention by providing a definition of Commercial Property in the Business License Ordinance:

"Commercial Property" means property not solely used as residences or dwellings. Commercial/rental property requires a business license. If the same entity owns more than one property, one business license will be required with all gross income included on that license. A license is not required of commercial properties that are owner-occupied and have no other tenants."

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 21-06 to amend the City of Anderson Business License ordinance 19-15 to exempt owner-occupied commercial property from business license requirement. City Council approved this on first reading February 22, 2021.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 21-06 to amend City of Anderson Business License Ordinance 19-15 to exempt owner-occupied commercial property from business license requirements on Second Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (ATAX) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Economic Development Director, Kimberly Spears said the ATAX Advisory Committee has three expired term to fill:

Vacant (arts and cultural) term previously held by Vicki Culler. Staff Recommends Diann Simms for this position.

Expired term held by Shelton Pace (hospitality/restaurant); Shelton is agreeable to reappointment for an additional term.

Expired term held by John Doolittle (hospitality/restaurant); John is agreeable to reappointment for an additional term.

The other four members that serve on this committee are Summer Fredette (at-large), Reggie Hawthorne (at-large), Cindy Suttles (hospitality/lodging), and DeWayne Bowes (hospitality/lodging).

Staff recommends approval of appointment/reappointments for 4-year terms through December 31, 2024.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint Diann Simms and reappoint Shelton Pace and John Doolittle to the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Committee to a 4-year term ending December 31, 2024.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-02 AUTHORIZING A LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF BELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said the City of Anderson, South Carolina and the City of Belton, South Carolina are both incorporated municipalities located in Anderson County, South Carolina, and as such have all powers granted to municipalities by the Constitution and general laws of this State.

As amended on June 3, 2016, South Carolina Code Ann. Section 23-20-10, *et seq.*, provides for contractual agreements between and among state, county, municipal and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of providing the proper and prudent exercise of public safety functions across jurisdictional lines.

The City of Anderson Police Department desires to enter into such an agreement with the City of Belton Police Department for the purposes of securing to each other the benefits of mutual aid in the event of a natural disaster, disorder, special events, emergency situations, and any other law enforcement activities.

It is in the best interest of the City of Anderson to enter into the agreement authorized by this Resolution.

The citizens of the City of Anderson and the City of Belton will benefit by having enhanced law enforcement response in the event of natural disasters, disorder, special events, emergency situations, and any other law enforcement activities.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 21-02 authorizing a Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between the City of Anderson Police Department and the City of Belton Police Department.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-03 PROVIDING FOR A THIRTY- DAY EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF ORDINANCE 21-03 REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL AND FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

City Manager, David McCuen said due to the dangers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Anderson City Council enacted Ordinance 21-03 on January 25, 2021, requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail stores, restaurants, and other public facilities.

Ordinance 21-03 provides for the Ordinance to expire on the sixty-first day following enactment.

Ordinance 21-03 further provides that the term may be extended by a Resolution of Council for one or more additional terms, of no more than sixty days.

Although there has been a reduction in infection and hospitalization, COVID-19 remains a threat to the health of the citizens of Anderson.

Out of an abundance of caution, staff recommends that City Council extend the term of Ordinance 21-03 for an additional thirty days.

This Resolution is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Josh Hawkins from Anderson County Emergency Management spoke to Council about the current status of the COVID Pandemic in Anderson County.

This Resolution will expire on April 26, 2021. Further discussion about extending the Resolution will be at the April 26th Council Meeting.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 21-03 providing for a thirty-day extension of the term of Ordinance 21-03 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments, and matters related thereto.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-01 CONSENTING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ANDERSON COUNTY'S MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

City Attorney, Frankie McClain said City Council adopted Resolution 19-07 on November 19, 2019, consenting to the inclusion of certain property into a joint county industrial and business park and delivery of an intragovernmental agreement with Anderson County. The agreement provides for the inclusion of property (approximately 41.8 acres) of the former Anderson Country Club. Anderson Solar Farms, LLC a "sponsor" of the fees-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement is reducing the size of the leased site in the City limits to approximately 24.87 acres. Anderson County has had two readings of the ordinance approving the change and is expected to have a third reading at the next meeting.

The City will benefit from the economic development of the area, the generation of a fee in lieu of taxes and a business license fee.

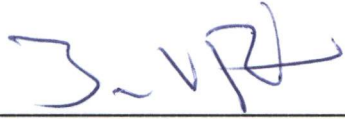
A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Resolution 21-01 consenting to the amendment of Anderson County's Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Greenville County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

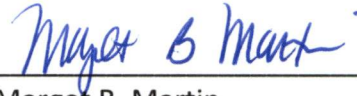
A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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