

Bus Dedication
April 26, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Transit Bus #12 was dedicated to Councilman Newton in honor of his wife and marriage.

Regular Meeting
April 26, 2021

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, Stewart, Harbin, John Roberts, Newton 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; City Engineer, Lacreia Bilbrey; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. The invocation was given by Councilman Jeff Roberts and respect to the flag was given by Councilman Tony Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO
REZONE 312 SAYRE STREET FROM LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said over the past few years, the applicant made several improvements to the former McLees Garage building in order to operate a vehicle customizing/restoration business, along with a muffler repair shop into the building as well. These uses are all currently permitted under the LI, Light Industrial zoning classification. However, the next phase of the applicant's business development is to have the ability to sell vehicles which is not allowed in the LI district. The applicant is requesting GC, General Commercial zoning, which will allow automobile sales.

Since this is considered a downzoning, rezoning the property will eliminate the ability to use the property for more intensive industrial-related uses in the future. The existing uses on the site will still be conforming with the GC classification, if rezoned.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their May 4th meeting.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a referral to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone 312 Sayre Street from LI, Light Industrial to GC. General Commercial.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO ANNEX AND ZONE TO PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 323 ACRES LOCATED OFF WILLIAMSTON ROAD, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF US 29 BYPASS

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said a petition has been made to annex the subject property in order to construct a single-family residential development. Although information is still being gathered, the proposal is to build up to approximately 650 homes in four development phases. Around one-third of the land is in a floodplain and is not to be developed.

The requested zoning is PDD, Planned Development District, so all of the specifications for the development will be outlined in that document. The development details are currently being finalized for the PDD document and will be available for Planning Commission and City Council consideration.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their May 4th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a referral to the Planning Commission a petition to annex and zone to PDD, Planned Development District, approximately 323 acres located off Williamston Road, near the intersection of US 29 Bypass.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-09 TO RE-AFFIRM THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ACCIDENTIAL LOSS

Finance Director, Margot Martin said in December 2014, the Mayor and City Council passed a resolution re-establishing a Safety Program Policy which was re-affirmed on January 29, 2019. The purpose for passing this resolution was to set forth the City's commitment towards the prevention and control of accidental loss, as well as assigning City employees with specific responsibilities as outlined by the Safety Program Policy. The program is currently in place; however, Risk Management Services (City's insurer) recommends that their members' governing bodies adopt a similar policy or statement to re-affirm their commitment to safety each election year.

This action provides a safe place to live and work for the citizens and employees of the City of Anderson, and potentially realize a premium savings because of compliance with insurers' Risk

Self-Assessment guidelines. A favorable loss history and compliance with the insurer's Risk Self-Assessment guidelines will result in a significant savings in Workers' Compensation premiums.

Since 2016, the City has saved \$176,880 in Workers' Compensation premiums.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Resolution 21-09 to re-affirm the City's commitment towards the prevention and control of accidental loss.

**REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE MURRAY AVENUE AND
TOWERS STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

City Engineer, Lacrechia, Bilbrey said the City was notified of a sinkhole along the rear of the building of 512 South Murray Avenue (commonly referred to as Mac's Tire). After researching the history of the failing pipe, it was determined that the pipe is part of a stormwater drainage system that was built circa 1914 by the City as part of a railroad spur expansion. The City contracted with Schnabel Engineering to prepare construction plans for the repair and stabilization of the Mac's Tire building and with Davis & Floyd Engineers to design the relocation and replacement of the affected portion of the drainage system. Davis & Floyd Engineering evaluated several alternatives and developed plans for two route alternatives. Alternative #1 would allow for shallower installation of pipe but would be longer in than Alternate #2, and require work in the Murray Avenue right-of-way. Alternate #2 would require deeper installation than alternative #1, but it would eliminate work in the Murray Avenue right-of-way. At this time, the City Engineer and the Moorhead Construction are in the process of determining which option would provide the best solution while considering all parties involved.

The drainage improvement phase of the project was bid using the City's website, Anderson Independent Mail and South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO). A pre-bid meeting was held on March 22, 2021 at the project site and was attended by representatives from two companies. Sealed bids were due April 1, 2021. One bid was submitted for consideration and is listed below.

Bidder	Bid Alternate #1	Bid Alternate #2
Moorhead Construction	\$1,377,265	\$1,385,015

Although staff only received one bid, they believe that Moorhead is qualified to complete the work and that current market conditions would not produce different results with a rebid. In addition, the bid for both alternates was within 5% of the engineer's estimate of \$1,326,061.

Moving forward with this project will provide increased stability and long-term operation of this drainage system for a significant portion of downtown.

Funding for this project will be from the stormwater fund.

Public Works staff and Davis & Floyd Engineering have reviewed the bid, past projects, and references. Staff recommends the approval of the construction contract with Moorhead Construction in the amount not to exceed \$1,385,015.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a construction contract for the Murray Avenue and Towers Street Drainage Improvement Project with Moorhead Construction in the amount not to exceed \$1,385,015.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-10 AUTHORIZING A LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said the City of Anderson, South Carolina and the Town of Williamston, 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 Town of Williamston 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 Town of Williamston 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 John Roberts seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Resolution 21-10 authorizing a Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between the City of Anderson Police Department and the Town of Williamston Police Department.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-11 AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY TO TAKE OVER OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF CALHOUN STREET BETWEEN MCDUFFIE STREET AND MAIN STREET

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland said Calhoun Street is a state street operated and maintained by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The City of Anderson has plans to extend Main Street Phase I of the Downtown Development Plan to include portions of Calhoun Street between McDuffie Street and Main Street. The planned improvements on Calhoun Street are not consistent with state road standards. The City will be able to implement the improvements upon obtaining ownership and maintenance of the street from the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

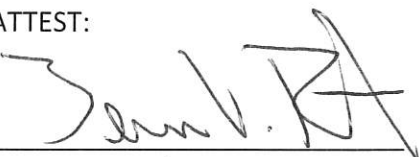
A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Resolution 21-11 authorizing a request to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the City to take over ownership and maintenance of Calhoun Street between McDuffie Street and Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 6:30 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

