

Council Chambers  
Regular Session  
Monday, February 10, 2020

**CITIZENS' HEARING – 5:30 P.M.**

Antonio Massey, 124 St. Thomas Street, and Chris Corrado, 700 Glendale Drive, addressed City Council regarding their after school care program.

Nathaniel Shell, 1843 Ebenezer Road, addressed the City Council regarding the Rock Hill Tennis Center and TD Bank.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Mayor and Council went into Executive Session to discuss six matters, none of the which are scheduled to appear on the agenda except for the last item, which are: 1) to receive background information and legal advice concerning a municipal court scheduling issue, 2) to receive background information and legal advice concerning a potential amendment of an existing agreement related to a property in the downtown area, 3) to receive background information and legal advice related to a potential zoning matter, 4) to receive background information and to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to properties in the I-77 corridor area, 5) to receive background information and legal advice concerning a potential amendment to an intergovernmental agreement related to the downtown area, and 6) to discuss Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

**REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**

Council met in regular session with Mayor Gettys, and Councilmembers Black, Jackson, Lindsay, Pender, Reno, and Sutton. Also present were City Manager David Vehaun, Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, City Attorney Paul Dillingham, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. There was no media in attendance.

**RECOGNIZED BELL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PRIZE WINNERS**

The Black Economic Leadership League created the BELL Entrepreneurship Prize as an incentive for African-American entrepreneurs to create businesses in Rock Hill. The Entrepreneurship Prize, \$100,000 in cash, was donated by Andrew Cope and Cope Construction Company. Seventy aspiring business owners participated in information sessions about the program. Forty completed a rigorous boot camp of training at night and on weekends designed to determine if they had the skills and determination to succeed as entrepreneurs. Twenty-seven of these participants moved on to business plan workshops. Twenty of these aspiring business owners completed business plans in order to compete for Entrepreneurship Prize dollars. Twelve of these business plans were selected as finalists and these select "survivors" presented their plans to a shark-tank-style panel. In December, four of the businesses were selected as winners. Together they shared a \$100,000 cash prize. The winners recognized at the meeting were Harold and Julisa White, Kymberly Mood, Ericka Hogan, and Jesslyn Anderson.

Dawn Johnson, Chair of BELL, and Lee Garner presented the winners to the City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved the following eight consent agenda items:

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 22, 2020**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF JANUARY 27, 2020**

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST WHITE STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO ROCK HILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** - Adopted

There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST BLACK STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ROCK HILL** - Adopted

There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST MAIN STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ROCK HILL** - Adopted

There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, ANNEXATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION, ZONING AND WARD DESIGNATION OF AUTOMALL PARKWAY AREA VI LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C.** -

Adopted

There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 6.9 ACRES AT 2517 CHERRY ROAD, 689 AUTOMALL PARKWAY, AND A PORTION OF 696 AUTOMALL PARKWAY FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (UD) IN YORK COUNTY AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC)** - Adopted

There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 6.48 ACRES ON MINT STREET FROM**

**GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-5 (SF-5) -**  
Adopted

Information regarding land use buffer was provided as additional information. There have been no changes to the Ordinance since first reading.

**APPROVED REALLOCATION OF 2018-2019 SOUTH CAROLINA ACCOMMODATIONS TAX MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS FUND (65%) TO THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION SPECIAL FUND (30%)**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved reallocation of 2018-2019 South Carolina Accommodations Tax Marketing and Promotions Fund (65%) to the Advertising and Promotion Special Fund (30%).

Catawba Cultural Center, a 2018-2019 recipient of Accommodations Tax funding, was unable to make their 30% match on marketing and promotion expenditures. The funds requested for re-allocation are \$7,344, which includes an interest carryover of \$2,946. As in previous years, staff and the Tourism Commission recommend unexpended funds be used for ongoing marketing and operations.

Mark Sexton, Operations Supervisor, Parks Recreation and Tourism Department, presented the item to the City Council.

**ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER PENDER AS MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council elected Councilmember Pender as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Home Rule Act requires that Council elect from its membership a Mayor Pro-Tem for a term of not more than two years. Mayor Pro-Tem Pender has served the previous two years and with this action she begins a new two-year term as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Paul Dillingham, City Attorney, presented the item to the City Council.

**ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER**

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is Pride Hunt, Jr. This customer will receive a \$100 credit on their next utility bill.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no City Council committee reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The City Council recognized boy scouts from Troup 295 in attendance at the meeting.

**RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council returned to Regular Session and Mayor Gettys reported that no action was taken.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council approved the following appointments to City Boards and Commission.

Community Relations Council

Ayana Crawford, 3909 Galleria Blvd., to a term expiring March 10, 2023.  
Sierra Hughes, 254 Notable Lane, to a term expiring March 10, 2023.

Tree Commission

Barry Chitwood, 2049 Landry Lane, to a term expiring January 30, 2023.

York County Natural Authority

Amy Faulkenberry, 1591 Merrill Place, to a term expiring March 1, 2023.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Jackson dissenting, the Council approved the following appointments to City Boards and Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Charles Williams, Jr., 1536 Blanchard Bend, to a term expiring May 1, 2020.

There being no other further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk