

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss six matters not on tonight's agenda which include 1) – 4) receive background information and discuss potential economic development contracts related to properties near the Main Street, Oakland Ave., I-77 and the Red River Road areas, 5) receive background information and receive legal advice related to a City Utilities contractual issue, and 6) receive legal advice related to a zoning matter.

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

Council met in special session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Pender and Councilmembers Black, Jackson, Lindsay, 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. No members of the media were present.

**HELD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2020/2021 BUDGET AND RELATED ITEMS**

Pursuant to State law (Section 6-1-80) a public hearing was conducted by the Council on the FY 2020/2021 Budget. Citizens had the opportunity to provide input on the proposed budget.

David Vehaun, City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

No citizens were present wishing to speak in favor of the item.

John Ramseur, 1319 Ogden Road, spoke in opposition to the increases in cemetery rates proposed.

Monique Ramseur, 1437 Meadow Glen Lane, spoke in opposition to the increases in the cemetery rates proposed.

There were no other citizens wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the budget and Mayor Gettys closed the Public Hearing.

**RECOGNIZED FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIPT OF THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA)**

The City has received the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for the current fiscal year from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the City of Rock Hill. The City has received this award 29 years in a row.

Maddison Tice, Senior Financial Analyst, was present and recognized by the City Council.

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF MAY 11, 2020**

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHT OF WAY GRANTS BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO THE YORK COUNTY NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY** – Adopted

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

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO ROCK HILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** – Deferred

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO ROCK HILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was deferred without objection.

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

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, AIRPORT; CHAPTER 21, PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; AND CHAPTER 28, TREES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** –

Adopted

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, AIRPORT; CHAPTER 21, PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; AND CHAPTER 28, TREES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS was given second reading and adopted upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was approved upon a vote of 5-2, with Councilmembers Jackson and Lindsay dissenting.

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

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING ELECTRIC RATES** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING ELECTRIC RATES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Black, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will decrease our average residential customer's monthly bill for electric by \$5.33, effective July 1, 2020 due to rate decreases implemented by Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, the City's wholesale power supplier. This ordinance will also decrease the electric rate for Rock Hill School District 3 based on the Tax Increment Financing District Agreement signed on January 27, 2020. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING WATER RATES** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING WATER RATES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will increase our average residential customer's monthly bill for water by \$1.80, effective July 1, 2020, to cover water system capital improvements, including improvements and expansion of the water filter plant. These improvements are designed to improve the reliability of the processes, increase equipment efficiencies, and increase the overall capacity of the water plant in serving the water customers. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SEWER RATES** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SEWER RATES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will increase our average residential customer's monthly bill for wastewater by \$1.30, effective July 1, 2020, to cover wastewater system and plant capital improvements. These improvements will increase the reliability and capacity of the wastewater treatment system. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SOLID WASTE RATES** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SOLID WASTE RATES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and failed upon a vote of 3-4 with Councilmembers Black, Jackson, Lindsay, and Sutton dissenting. A new motion was made by Councilmember Sutton to approve the ordinance as presented with exclusion of the increase for collection and disposal of bulky items, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 5-2, with Councilmembers Black and Jackson dissenting.

This ordinance will increase commercial and residential sanitation rates by 4% to cover increased tipping fees imposed by York County and increased recycling costs. The average residential customer's monthly bill for sanitation services will increase by \$0.78. Additionally, this ordinance implements a new charge of \$10.00 per month for commercial recycling customers due to increased recycling costs. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING BUILDING INSPECTION FEES –**

First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING BUILDING INSPECTION FEES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

There are several miscellaneous development fees that have not been increased in over 10 years and do not represent our cost to serve. Re-inspection fees are only levied in situations where a job was clearly not ready, a clear-cut requirement was not followed, or multiple obvious failures were identified.

Bill Meyer, Planning and Development Director, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING ZONING FEES –**

First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING ZONING FEES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

There are several miscellaneous development fees that have not been increased in over 10 years and do not represent our cost to serve. This ordinance increases fees to cover the cost of service.

Bill Meyer, Planning and Development Director, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,800,000 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LESSOR THEREOF TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO –**

First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,800,000 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LESSOR THEREOF TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Black, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This equipment lease purchase will fund the replacement of existing equipment, one new tractor for the airport, one new dump truck for stormwater, one new utility truck for water/wastewater and one new excavator in wastewater. Funding for repayment terms vary depending on the item and the useful life of the equipment purchased. Repayments of the lease are included in the FY 2020-2021 budget. Staff recommended approval.

Anne P. Harty, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS** – First Reading

Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will provide specific guidance regarding connection to the water system within municipal limits. These improvements will improve the reliability of the connection process and ensure a high quality water supply for all customers. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SEWER SERVICE** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING SEWER SERVICE was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will provide specific guidance to regulate the use of sanitary sewer systems within the municipal limits to prevent unsanitary conditions, unauthorized connections, unapproved extensions or other conditions which may adversely affect the safety of citizens. Staff recommended approval.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Black, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved an Accommodations Tax funding allocation with some changes to the Tourism Commissions recommended allocation.

The Tourism Commission recommended an allocation of \$485,757. The City Council approved allocation was: Arts Council of York County \$40,715, Bethelwoods \$2,798, Camp Canaan \$19,381, Charlotte Independence Soccer Club \$12,145, Christmasville \$20,000, City of Rock Hill 2021 UCI BMX Carolina Nationals \$29,925, College Disc Golf Championship \$7,400, Come See Me \$34,846, Cultural and Heritage Commission \$14,092, Historic Rock Hill – White Home \$39,127, Juneteenth \$7,535, Old Town Summer Concerts \$14,000, Old Town Ice Rink \$2,198, Olde English District \$30,000, Rock Hill Sports Commission 2020 UCI BMX SX World Cup Finals \$42,000, US National Disc Golf Championship \$14,600, Visit York County \$150,000, Yap Ye Iswa Festival \$4,995.

Mark Sexton, PRT Operations Supervisor, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE CEMETERY FEES**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 5-2 with Councilmembers Jackson and Reno dissenting, approved a recommendation to increase cemetery fees.

Cemetery fees for opening/closing graves, cremations, disinterment, and the sale of grave spaces were last adjusted in 2018 and remain lower than comparable fees charged in the region. Recommended fees offset expenditures related to the cemetery operations. Staff recommended approval of increasing cemetery fees effective July 1, 2020:

Cindi Howard, General Services Director, presented the item to the City Council.

### **APPROVED REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL'S CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 6-1 with Councilmember Jackson dissenting, approved revisions to the City of Rock Hill's Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

The City of Rock Hill operates and maintains three cemeteries: Barber Memorial Cemetery, Forest Hills Cemetery and Laurelwood Cemetery. These rules and regulations protect the value of interment rights and ensure the general peace, tranquility, character and distinction of the cemeteries. With a rise in cremation rates, minor adjustments to interment rules and regulations were recommended by staff.

Cindi Howard, General Services Director, presented the item to the City Council.

### **ADOPTED A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, adopted a Personnel Resolution.

The 2020 Personnel Resolution recommendations include enhancing the Ethics Policy, new legislation requirements for FMLA and leave, and providing additional guidance for appearance standards. Significant changes were also made to the Employee Substance Abuse and Testing Policy due to the addition of the Transit Division and associated FTA requirements. Staff and legal recommended approval.

Steven Gibson, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

### **ADOPTED OF A SAFETY RESOLUTION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, adopted a Safety Resolution.

This resolution reinforces safety as a core value of the City. By adopting a safety resolution annually, the City is meeting safety guidelines required to receive a 5% discount on workers' compensation insurance premiums from the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust. Staff recommended approval.

Anne P. Harty, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item to the City Council.

### **APPROVED EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL PREFERENCE PROVISION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved extension of the Local Preference Policy.

In February 2010, City Council endorsed a modification to our purchasing policy that would provide a limited advantage to our local contractors with a condition that would require the local contractor to meet low bid in certain situations. It has

since been extended and expires on June 30, 2020. Staff recommended extending the Purchasing Policy Local Preference Provision until June 30, 2021.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED EXTENSION OF UTILITY UPSIZING REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved extension of Utility Upsizing Reimbursement Policy.

In July 2011, policy modifications were authorized by the City Council to reimburse developers for their cost of the upsizing of water and sewer lines. Since the modification, four projects have been reimbursed for a total of \$166,815. Staff recommended extending the Utility Line Upsizing Reimbursement Policy until June 30, 2021.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL did not receive first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Pender to forgo City Councilmen salary increases, which duly seconded and unanimously approved.

As a result of a citizens' group study recommendation in 2013, an ordinance was adopted requiring the City Council to consider salary adjustments on a bi-annual basis in conjunction with the budget ordinance. A formula was established, which provides for adjustments to the Mayor and Councilmembers salaries based on the lesser of the two previous years Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the annual percentage increase for budgeted raises provided to City employees. The ordinance also provides for this adjustment become effective upon the beginning of the next council term. The 2018 CPI was 1.9% and the FY19 raise to City employees was 2.5%. The 2019 CPI was 2.3% and the FY20 raise to City employees was 2.5%. Based on the ordinance, a 4.2% increase in the annual salaries of the Mayor and Council was considered and declined by unanimous vote. As a result, there will be no salary increase at the effective date immediately after the new Council term begins on January 24, 2022.

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

**ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE, ADOPT A BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE, ADOPT A BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This item provides for the adoption of the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) in the amount of \$255,870,494, and no change in the millage rate at 93.5 mils. The City Manager recommended approval of the ordinance.

David Vehaun, City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**DEFERRED PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PETITION M-2020-10 BY BAYBRIDGE GROUP (BRIAN FOSTER) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 62.71 ACRES AT 263, 264, & 276 MILLER POND ROAD AND ONE ADJACENT UNADDRESSED PARCEL FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I (RD-I) IN YORK COUNTY TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-3 (SF-3). THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL. TAX PARCELS 541-00-00-134, -146, -148, & -149**

City Council deferred without objection Planning Commission recommendation regarding Petition M-2020-10 by Baybridge Group (Brian Foster) to rezone approximately 62.71 acres at 263, 264, & 276 Miller Pond Road and one adjacent unaddressed parcel from Residential Development District I (RD-I) in York County to Single-Family Residential-3 (SF-3). The subject properties are proposed to be annexed into the City of Rock Hill; Tax Parcels 541-00-00-134, -146, -148, & -149.

The applicant is requesting annexation and rezoning in order to facilitate the development of a single-family residential subdivision with approximately sixty-seven lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed SF-3 zoning at their May meeting by a vote of 7-0.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**DEFERRED ACTION ON A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL OF MILLER POND ROAD AREA LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. AS SHOWN ON MAP DATED MAY 6, 2020**

City Council deferred without objection a Petition for Annexation to the City of Rock Hill of Miller Pond Road area lying adjacent to the city limits of the City of Rock Hill, S.C. as shown on map dated May 6, 2020.

This is the annexation petition for the property at the end of Miller Pond Rd.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**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 MILLER POND ROAD AREA LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C.**

An ordinance entitled AN 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 MILLER POND ROAD AREA LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. was deferred without objection.



This ordinance will enact the annexation of the property at the end of Miller Pond Rd.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 62.71 ACRES LOCATED ON MILLER POND ROAD FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I (RD-I) IN YORK COUNTY TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-3 (SF-3)**

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 62.71 ACRES LOCATED ON MILLER POND ROAD FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I (RD-I) IN YORK COUNTY TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-3 (SF-3) was deferred without objection.

This ordinance will enact the SF-3 zoning for the property at the end of Miller Pond Road as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PETITION M-2020-11 BY TKC-THE THREAD LLC TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 8.5 ACRES AT 220 WEST WHITE STREET AND ADJACENT RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM INDUSTRY BUSINESS (IB) TO DOWNTOWN (DTWN). TAX PARCELS 598-22-01-001 & -002**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved Planning Commission recommendation regarding Petition M-2020-11 by TKC-The Thread LLC to rezone approximately 8.5 acres at 220 West White Street and adjacent right-of-way from Industry Business (IB) to Downtown (DTWN). Tax parcels 598-22-01-001 & -002

The applicant is requesting rezoning in order to facilitate the development of a mix of commercial uses on the property. The proposed uses are generally permitted by right in the DTWN zoning district. The project would reuse the existing building on the site and is expected to be developed in two phases. Phase I would develop half of the existing building (on the Wilson Street side) and would make improvements to the parking areas. Phase II would redevelop the Laurel Street side of the building, and would add a structured parking deck south of Wilson Street. At that time, an urban park also would be created in the existing parking area. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning at their May meeting by a vote of 7-0. See attached staff report for more information.

David Featherstone, Keith Corporation, addressed the City Council in regards to the item.

Claude Close, Springs Creative, addressed the City Council in regards to the item.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 8.5 ACRES LOCATED ON WILSON**

**STREET FROM INDUSTRY BUSINESS (IB) TO DOWNTOWN (DTWN). TAX PARCEL 598-22-01-001 & -002 – First Reading**

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 8.5 ACRES LOCATED ON WILSON STREET FROM INDUSTRY BUSINESS (IB) TO DOWNTOWN (DTWN). TAX PARCEL 598-22-01-001 & -002 was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will enact the DTWN zoning for the property at 220 W. White Street as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Eric Hawkins, Planner III, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPOINTED SPENCER AND SPENCER AS CITY ATTORNEY**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, appointed Spencer and Spencer as City Attorney.

The City Code provides for the City Attorney to be appointed by the City Council. Presently, Spencer & Spencer, P.A. is engaged for this purpose. Staff recommended approval of this appointment.

David Vehaun, City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED ROCK HILL UNITE LOCAL RELIEF PROGRAM**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and later amended by Councilmember Pender to clarify that utility assistance is restricted to City of Rock Hill utility customers and that businesses within the boundaries of Rock Hill School District would be eligible for the small business loan program, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 5-2 with Councilmembers Black and Sutton dissenting, approved Rock Hill Unite Local Relief Program.

The Rock Hill Unite Local Relief Program is designed to assist individuals and businesses experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The recommended program includes 1) Small business loans - supported by \$500,000 from the City's economic development fund, with the goal of matching with philanthropic contributions from corporations, businesses, and private citizens, 2) Financial assistance for food, childcare, and housing assistance provided through Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless service agencies - supported by \$312,000 in additional CDBG funding. This program follows the CDBG calendar and will be presented to the City Council in June, and 3) Utility assistance for City of Rock Hill utility customers, both residents and small businesses, in an amount of \$250,000 for each category from the City's economic development fund.

Jennifer Wilford, Housing and Neighborhood Services Director, presented the item to the City Council.

**DENIED OPTION TO HOLD THE JUNE 8, 2020 MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO EMERGENCY MEETING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, denied option to hold the June 8, 2020 meeting of City Council electronically pursuant to Emergency Meeting Ordinance No. 2020-22. This item is added at the request of the City Council at their April 14 meeting. This ordinance will expire on June 13, 2020.

**ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER**

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is Kenneth Rhodes. 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**

David Vehaun, City Manager, presented a re-opening plan related to the Covid-19 pandemic to the City Council.

Mayor Gettys reported that the Council met previously in Executive Session and that no action was taken.

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