

Council Chambers  
Regular Session  
Monday, May 10, 2021

**CITIZENS' HEARING – 5:30 P.M.**

Dianna Good, 736 Saluda Street, addressed City Council regarding a Façade Grant for Reality Hair Designs.

Gladys Robinson, 2085 Cavendale Drive, African American Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, and Chip Hutchison, 2258 Nations Ford Road, Historic Rock Hill, addressed City Council regarding an effort to honor and interpret the May 9, 1961 Freedom Riders' visit to Rock Hill.

Amanda Witherspoon, 330 Frank Street, thanked the City Council for their stormwater work in the Flint Hill area.

**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 eight matters not on the agenda: to receive background information and legal advice concerning a police issue along with a potential contract involving the police department, to receive attorney client privileged legal advice involving potential agreements to extend City services and utilities for properties near Mt. Gallant Road, I-77, India Hook Road and Main Street, to consider a potential amendment to an existing intergovernmental agreement and receive legal advice related thereto, and to receive background information and legal advice concerning a potential airport lease.

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

Council met in regular session with Mayor Gettys and Councilmembers Black, Jackson, Lindsay, Reno, and Sutton. Mayor Pro Tem Pender was not in attendance. 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 in attendance.

**RECOGNIZED INSIDE ROCK HILL GRADUATES**

Mayor Gettys and the City Council recognized the Inside Rock Hill graduates.

Due to COVID-19, the spring 2021 session of Inside Rock Hill (IRH) was a virtual class. This was the 34th session of IRH, the City's free 10-week civics course that covers all aspects of the City's operations. Twenty-eight (28) citizens completed the requirement for graduation this session - totaling 758 graduates to date. The graduates are Leslie Andino, Janice Cascini, Steven Cascini, Raymond Crabb, Robbie Crockett, Pamela Goodman, Lyla Johnson, Alonzo Lumpkin, Frank Mahan, Edward McKnight, Michele Moser, Patty Penman, Dana Reeder, Sally Robinson, Cindy Runyan, Michael Sams, Sequoia Stewart, Christopher Ward, Alex Williams, and Tiffany Williams. Honor graduates were

Johnathan Barnes, Melanie Brandon, Kasey Evans, Alice Hardin-Meeks, Roscoe Meeks, Janice Miller, Jonathan Nazeer, and Perry Sutton.

Dorene Boular, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented the item to the City Council.

**PROCLAIMED MAY 15 AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

Mayor Gettys and the City Council proclaimed May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

May 15 has been designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day by the President and Congress. The proclamation recognizes those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to honor those law enforcement officers presently serving our community.

Chris Watts, Police Chief, presented the item to the City Council.

**PROCLAIMED THE WEEK OF MAY 16-22, 2021 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Mayor Gettys and the City Council proclaimed the week of May 16-22, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

This proclamation recognizes the vital role an efficient public infrastructure system plays on the health, safety and comfort of our community.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved the following five consent agenda items. The third item of the six published consent agenda items was deferred without objection.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF APRIL 26, 2021**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF APRIL 29, 2021**

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG RIVERVIEW ROAD, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO YORK COUNTY** - 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 CELANESE ROAD/HILLTOP ROAD AREA III 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 0.52 ACRE LOCATED ON CELANESE ROAD FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT I (BD-I) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC)** - Adopted

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

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REVENUE BONDS (PANTHERS PROJECT-JUNIOR LIEN) OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$290,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO** - Deferred

An ordinance entitled ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REVENUE BONDS (PANTHERS PROJECT-JUNIOR LIEN) OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$290,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was deferred without objection.

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

**ORDINANCE TO ADD AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO CERTIFY 520 CHERRY ROAD AS AN ABANDONED BUILDING SITE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDING REVITALIZATION ACT** - Adopted

An ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO ADD AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO CERTIFY 520 CHERRY ROAD AS AN ABANDONED BUILDING SITE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDING REVITALIZATION ACT was given second reading and adopted upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

Between first and second readings, the Developer provided the referenced letter from Winthrop University and clarified dates related to the previous use of the property. The City Attorney reviewed the amended back-up materials and recommended approval.

**APPROVED FAÇADE REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 212 EAST BLACK STREET**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Black, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved the Façade Rehabilitation Grant Program application for 212 East Black Street.

Elrod Pope Law Firm P.A. filed an application for the Façade Rehabilitation Grant Program. The three sides of the building, which are visible to the public, have been improved including awnings, siding, windows, and doors. Some items were deemed ineligible for assistance because they have to do with drains, the roof membrane and downspouts. The application included total estimated cost of exterior improvements \$128,528. Of the application costs, \$6,700 was ineligible. The potential façade grant is \$30,457 or 25% of the eligible estimated costs. The applicant began communications with city staff in June 2020 with the application being received in December 2020. The façade grant will be based on actual costs.

Jennifer Wilford, Director of Economic & Urban Development, presented the item to the City Council.

### **APPROVED FINAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2021 – 2022 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved final funding allocations for the 2021 – 2022 CDBG program year.

The City of Rock Hill will receive an allocation of \$531,852 for the 2021-2022 program year. The proposed projects to receive funding have been amended based on City Council's review and input at their April meeting. The projects as amended are: Saluda Street Section 108 loan repayment \$174,998, Osceola Expansion Infrastructure \$86,854, Acquisition and Rehabilitation of affordable housing \$45,000, First Time Homebuyers Program \$30,000, Brownsfield Assessments \$45,000, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation \$50,000, Residential Historic Preservation \$10,000, SPARKS \$15,000, Talent Pipeline \$5,000, Sunset Park Neighborhood Park Improvements \$10,000, Clinton ConNEXTion Action Plan \$50,000, and administration \$10,000. Staff recommended approval.

Jennifer Wilford, Director of Economic & Urban Development, presented the item to the City Council.

### **APPROVED AN UPDATE TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS AREAS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE NEXT THREE-YEAR PERIOD**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved an update to the Strategic Planning focus areas, goals, objectives and performance measures for the next three-year period.

The City has utilized strategic planning as the primary method to align resources with predetermined initiatives since 2003. Updated every three years, the FY2022-FY2024 Strategic Plan is the City's 7th consecutive plan. Feedback for this plan was obtained from the January City Council Strategic Planning

Retreat, citizen feedback from the national citizen survey and focus groups, surveying of local businesses, and surveying of employees. As a result, staff recommended the following new focus areas for the fiscal year 2022 through 2024 strategic planning period: Serving • Engaging • Growing The strategic plan is an active document, referenced on a daily basis by staff at all levels of the organization. The plan also serves as a reminder to employees and the community that the bar is set high for quality, knowledge, and timeliness. City Council reviewed the goals, objectives, and performance measures associated with the focus areas during the first budget workshop. Staff recommended approval.

Lisa Brown, Director of Strategy Management, presented the item to the City Council.

#### **ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER**

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is Cody Galloway. 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**

Mayor Gettys recognized Councilmember Jackson for her efforts with the Enough Is Enough rally held May 8, 2021. Councilmember Jackson expressed her thankfulness for a recent event in Rock Hill addressing violent crime.

Mayor Gettys informed the public that the community COVID-19 vaccination clinic will relocate to the City Operations Center on May 18, 2021. He noted that the vaccination clinic had administered over 50,000 vaccine injections in 56 days of operation.

#### **RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

There being no other further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk