

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss fifteen matters. None of the matters were scheduled to appear on the agenda. The Council received legal advice as to litigation matters and potential litigation matters along with related agreements; legal advice and an update to City zoning and permitting issues; background information and legal advice concerning a potential economic development agreement for the downtown area; and background information and legal advice concerning potential agreements related to employee benefits along with a potential PRT agreement.

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

Council met in special session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay and Councilmembers Black, Pender, Reno, K. Sutton, and P. Sutton. Also present were Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, City Attorney Paul Dillingham, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. City Manager David Vehaun was not in attendance. No members of the media were in attendance.

**RECOGNIZED THE MCKEOWN FAMILY FOR RECEIVING THE 2022 CHAMPIONS AWARD FROM SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH CAROLINA**

The McKeown family received the 2022 Champions Award from Special Olympics South Carolina for their dedication and service to the organization. Garnet McKeown is the Recreation Division Supervisor in the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. The McKeown family was in attendance.

John Taylor, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism presented the item to the City Council.

Barry Coats, President and CEO of Special Olympics South Carolina, addressed the City Council.

Councilmember Pender recognized Kathy Covington, Area 11 Director for Special Olympics, for her work with Special Olympics South Carolina.

**RECOGNIZED PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE CHARLES A. BUNDY AWARD AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM & TRAVEL**

During the South Carolina Governor's Conference on Tourism & Travel, Rock Hill's Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department received the Charles A. Bundy Award for their work in partnering with ESPN8 to showcase Rock Hill and the American Cornhole League (ACL) World Championships from July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Over 14 hours of live ESPN8 coverage reached approximately 900,000 viewers and created an overall economic impact of \$6.6 million from visitors to the sporting events.

John Taylor, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism, presented the item to the City Council.

Councilmember Pender recognized the PRT staff for their work in receiving the award.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, the City Council approved the following two agenda items:

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**ORDINANCE FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR CELANESE ROAD AND ASPENDALE ROAD IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL** – Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS** – Adopted

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS was given second reading and adopted upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and approved upon a vote of 5-2 with Councilmembers Black and K. Sutton dissenting.

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

**ORDINANCE FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 267 NORTHPARK DRIVE IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 267 NORTHPARK DRIVE IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

The water lines on this property are no longer in use and have been closed. This easement abandonment will accommodate future development of the property. Staff recommended approval.

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

**APPROVED PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PETITION M-2023-03 BY ANDREW STROTHER TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.55 ACRES AT 626 OAKLAND AVENUE AND ADJACENT RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM MULTI-FAMILY 15 (MF-15) TO NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE (NO). TAX PARCEL 629-06-01-004**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved Planning Commission recommendation regarding Petition M-2023-03 by Andrew Strother to rezone approximately 0.55 acres at 626 Oakland Avenue and adjacent right-of-way from Multi-Family 15 (MF-15) to Neighborhood Office (NO). Tax Parcel 629-06-01-004.

The applicant is requesting rezoning to allow for a walk-up coffee/tea shop use across from Winthrop University. Rezoning from Multi-Family 15 (MF-15) to Neighborhood Office (NO) allows the existing residential uses to continue while allowing accessibility for some non-residential uses. The Planning Commission recommended

approval of the rezoning at their February 7, 2023 meeting by a vote of 6-0 (one vacancy).

Dennis Fields, Planner III, Planning & Development, 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 0.55 ACRE LOCATED ON OAKLAND AVENUE FROM MULTI FAMILY-15 (MF-15) TO NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE (NO)** – 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 0.55 ACRE LOCATED ON OAKLAND AVENUE FROM MULTI FAMILY-15 (MF-15) TO NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE (NO) was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

This ordinance will enact the NO zoning for the property located at 626 Oakland Avenue as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Dennis Fields, Planner III, Planning & Development, presented the item to the City Council.

**ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER**

Mayor Gettys announced Margaret Boozer as this month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer. This customer receives a \$100 credit on their next utility bill.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no City Council committee reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Councilmember K. Sutton asked staff to review truck traffic patterns and maintenance of Springdale Road between Antrim and Legacy Park East.

Mayor Gettys asked City Attorney Paul Dillingham the status of the York County lawsuit filed against the City.

**RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Mayor Gettys reported that City Council met in executive session and that no action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk