

CITIZENS HEARING – 5:30 P.M.

Dr. Evon Leppy, South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, addressed the City Council regarding the mission of the SCYCA and the National Guard.

Ms. Roxanne Bailey, 1869 Fairlawn Court, President, Fairlawn Villas HOA, addressed the City Council regarding the Allston development.

Ms. Mary Brown, 462 Green Street, addressed the City Council regarding the reestablishment of a convenience store at 455 Green Street.

Mr. Lonnie Sims, 467 Green Street, addressed the City Council regarding the reestablishment of a convenience store at 455 Green Street.

Mr. Chris Wright, 764 Sumter Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding short-term rental regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss eleven matters. None of the matters were scheduled to appear on the agenda except for the last one. The Council received legal advice and negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements concerning utility rights of way to be acquired in the downtown area and Highway 72 area; legal advice concerning property located in the Firetower Road area; legal advice regarding zoning matters; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements concerning property near I-77 and Mt. Gallant Road; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for properties in the downtown area; legal advice and negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for property in the Celanese Road area; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements with the State of South Carolina; and Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay and Councilmembers Black, Pender, Reno, K. Sutton, and P. Sutton. Also present were City Manager David Vehaun, Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, City Attorney Brent Thompkins, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. No members of the media were in attendance.

APPROVED A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE ROCK HILL BEARCAT WOMEN'S WRESTLING TEAM FOR WINNING THE FIRST-EVER WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (SCHSL) WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to recognize the Rock Hill Bearcat Women's Wrestling team for winning the first-ever women's division of the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Wrestling State Championship.

The Rock Hill High School Bearcat Women's wrestling team won the first-ever sanctioned South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Wrestling Invitational

tournament on February 25, 2023. Members of the team are Ta'niya Roberts, Kalijah Campos, Trinity Davis, Serenity Davis, Brismar Valezquez, Maddie Beck, and Alycia Thomas, and Coach Cain Beard. The coach and team were in attendance.

Coach Beard addressed the City Council.

APPROVED A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE TA'NIYA ROBERTS AS A SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPION IN WOMEN'S WRESTLING, 160 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to recognize Ta'niya Roberts as a South Carolina State Champion in Women's Wrestling, 160 lb. weight class.

Ta'niya Roberts won the South Carolina Women's Wrestling State Championship, 160 lb weight class, on February 25, 2023 at the SCHSL Wrestling Invitational tournament.

Ta'niya Roberts addressed the City Council.

APPROVED A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE KALIJAH CAMPOS AS A SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPION IN WOMEN'S WRESTLING, 182 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to recognize Kalijah Campos as a South Carolina State Champion in Women's Wrestling, 182 lb. weight class.

Kalijah Campos won the South Carolina Women's Wrestling State Championship, 182 lb weight class, on February 25, 2023 at the SCHSL Wrestling Invitational tournament.

APPROVED A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE COREY DYE AS A SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPION IN MEN'S WRESTLING, 113 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to recognize Corey Dye as a South Carolina State Champion in Men's Wrestling, 113 lb weight class.

Corey Dye won the South Carolina Men's Wrestling State Championship, 113 lb. weight class, on February 25, 2023 at the SCHSL Wrestling Invitational tournament.

Corey Dye addressed the City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Black, the City Council approved the following four agenda items:

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

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

There were 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 0.55 ACRE LOCATED ON OAKLAND AVENUE FROM MULTI FAMILY-15 (MF-15) TO NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE (NO) – Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

ADOPTED THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMERCE CORRIDOR STUDY AS A WORKING PLAN FOR THE I-77 CORRIDOR

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved the adoption of the South Carolina Commerce Corridor Study as a working plan for the I-77 corridor.

The South Carolina Commerce Corridor Study is a preliminary master plan to support manufacturing and other development along the I-77 corridor from just north of Anderson Road to the York County/Chester County line. This working plan will lead to future Zoning Ordinance amendments for consideration by City Council and further analysis of infrastructure needs for future service. Staff recommended approval.

Leah Youngblood, Director, Planning & Development, presented the item to the City Council.

CONSIDERED INITIAL APPROVAL OF FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved initial funding allocations for the 2023-2024 CDGB program year.

The City of Rock Hill will receive an allocation of \$533,380 for the 2023-2024 program year. The proposed projects to receive funding were provided for Council's review and input as outlined in the CDBG Funding History document. City Council will vote on final approval at the next meeting after public comment has been received. Staff recommended approval.

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

ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER

Mayor Gettys announced Lincoln Sigwald 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 Reno reiterated the CDBG funding allocations would come back to Council for final approval.

Mayor Gettys asked City Attorney Brent Thompkins 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.

CONSIDER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Clean and Green Board

Kristy Bengivenga, 1321 Ebinport Road, to a term expiring April 14, 2026.

Gary Bottomley, 1717 Trellis Drive, to a term expiring April 14, 2026.

Melissa Chapman, 2675 Claxton Drive, to a term expiring April 14, 2026.

Gale Moore, 1543 Herlong Court, to a term expiring April 14, 2026.

Community Relations Council

Margaret Schwietert, 696 Goldflower Drive, to a term expiring March 10, 2026.

Downtown Parking Management

Josiah Blevins, 402 Pickens Court, to a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Tripp Barrineau, 2802 Harlinsdale Drive, to a term expiring April 1, 2026

Housing Authority

Tammy Gordon, 2898 Vernsdale Road, to a term expiring April 12, 2028.

York County Natural Gas Authority Board

Richard Heckard, 351 Berkeley Road, to a term expiring March 1, 2026.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk