

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss five matters. None of the matters were scheduled to appear on the agenda except for the last one. The Council received legal advice and discussed contractual arrangements concerning a utilities matter, received legal advice concerning two proposed ordinances, received legal advice and discussed potential contractual arrangements concerning a development agreement related to property near Cherry Road, and discussed Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

**CITIZENS HEARING – 5:30 P.M.**

No citizens spoke at the Citizens Hearing.

**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 Paul Dillingham, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. No members of the media were in attendance.

**RECOGNIZE INSIDE ROCK HILL GRADUATES**

The Spring 2023 session of Inside Rock Hill (IRH) was the 38<sup>th</sup> session held. IRH is the City's 10-week civics course that covers all aspects of the City's operations and provide citizens with an inside look at how the City of Rock Hill operates. Twenty-four (24) citizens completed the course this session for a total of 839 graduates.

Graduates this session are Sheryl Aldridge, Juliette Bennett, DeNals Lamar Bland, Shirley Collier, Stephen Donald, Demonica Dunifer, Veronica R. Goree, Vera Hammond, Jurea K. Harris, Brandi Jackson, Julian Jones, Donald Kaufmann, Hannah Kaufmann, Barbara Komp, Janet Mann, Sabina Mason, Ralph Misle, Micheon Pearson, Melissa Rouse, and Bill Smith. Honor graduates are Mattie Blake, Barbara Coffey, Thereasa Crabb, and Andrea Foster.

Dorene Boular, Community Engagement Coordinator, Neighborhood Services, presented the graduates to the City Council.

**RECOGNIZE 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 for 32 years in a row.

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

**RECOGNIZE MAY 14-20, 2023 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PROCLAIM MAY 15, 2023 AS NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS DAY**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to proclaim May 15, 2023 as National Peace Officers Day.

May 14-20, 2023 is National Police Week and May 15 has been designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. 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. Officer Robert G. Johnston, Officer Robert Morris McFadden, Officer William Alphonso Singleton, and Officer Steven Wayne Jordan were recognized by the Council as those who had lost their lives in the performance of duty to the Rock Hill community.

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

**PROCLAIM MAY 21-27, 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a proclamation to proclaim May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week.

National Public Works Week was created to honor the contributions Public Works makes to the community in planning, building, managing and operating sustainable and resilient communities.

Terrence Nealy, Director, Public Works, presented the item to the City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, the City Council approved the following nine agenda items:

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF APRIL 20, 2023**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF APRIL 24, 2023**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 1.23 ACRES LOCATED ON SPRUCE STREET FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-5 (SF-5) TO OFFICE AND INSTITUTIONAL (OI)**– Adopted

As a follow up to questions during first reading, Office and Institutional (OI) zoning includes quiet and compatible professional and business offices and institutions designed to intermingle with surrounding residential uses. Other permitted uses include community and senior centers, museums and libraries, child and adult day care centers, indoor recreation uses, and religious institutions. There were 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 I-77/ABLEWOOD ROAD AREA LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C.**– 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 5 ACRES LOCATED NEAR ABLEWOOD ROAD FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RUD) TO RURAL (RU) AND DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT (DOD) – Adopted**

There were 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 I-77 & MOUNT HOLLY ROAD AREA I LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. – 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 40.45 ACRES LOCATED ON MOUNT HOLLY ROAD FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) AND DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT (DOD) – Adopted**

There were 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 I-77 & MOUNT HOLLY ROAD AREA II LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. – 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 5.95 ACRES LOCATED ON MOUNT HOLLY ROAD FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) AND DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT (DOD) – Adopted**

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAM; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – First Reading**

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAM; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina recently notified the City that it is required to adopt a new authorizing ordinance before May 26<sup>th</sup> to continue collecting certain business license taxes on the City's behalf. These are taxes paid through

MASC's new Local Revenue Services program, which recently combined its Insurance Tax Collection Program, Brokers Tax Collection Program, and Telecommunications Tax Program under one umbrella. The changes will not affect the amount of taxes collected on behalf of the City. This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into the intergovernmental agreement and its program supplement. Staff recommended approval.

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

**DEFERRED A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA TO AUTHORIZE THE DUTIES OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD**

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and subsequently withdrawn without objection, the Council deferred to the May 22 meeting a resolution of the City Council of the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina to authorize the duties of the City of Rock Hill Citizen Review Board.

This resolution will clarify the Citizen Review Board's role as a review panel for certain complaints regarding the Rock Hill Police Department.

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

Dr. Norma Gray, 407 Marshall Street, addressed the City Council.

Larry Winsch, 1816 Hyatt Avenue, addressed the City Council.

Judy Honeycutt, 2958 Sancreek Drive, addressed the City Council.

Alice Hardin-Meeks, 828 Green Street, addressed the City Council.

**APPROVED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

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

City Council approved a preliminary CDBG allocation on March 13, 2023. Since that time, the City solicited public input and HUD finalized the allocation amount. There have been no changes since the preliminary allocation in March. Only one person responded and asked that future funds be allocated to Emmett Scott Center. The City will receive \$533,380 for the 2023-2024 program year.

Corinne Sferrazza, Community Development Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

**APPROVED GROWTH MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR LIFE HOUSE WOMEN'S SHELTER**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a Growth Management Incentive application for Life House Women's Shelter.

Life House Women's Shelter seeks assistance under the Growth Management Incentive program in support of the redevelopment of the building at 313 North Wilson Street. This \$1.5 million project will provide affordable and accessible housing for women and children. The requested reimbursement of water meter set fees, impact fees, and building permit fees total \$26,753.

Lisa Brown, Director, Office of Strategy Management, presented the item to the

City Council.

**APPROVED UPDATE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS AREAS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved update of Strategic Planning Focus Areas, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures.

The City has utilized strategic planning as the primary method to align resources with predetermined initiatives since 2003. Although a full update of the plan is completed every three years, minor edits are made annually to accurately reflect the work programs and goals of the organization. Most of the proposed edits this year are refinements of existing measures. City Council reviewed the goals, objectives, and performance measures during its Council Retreat in January and the first budget workshop in April. Staff recommended approval for the last year in the FY2022 through FY2024 Strategic Plan.

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

**ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH AND CUSTOMERCONNECT WINNERS**

Mayor Gettys announced Ellen Quinn as this month's SmartSwitch winner and Anita McKinney as this month's CustomerConnect winner. Both were chosen at random by computer and each receives a \$50 credit on their next utility bill.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Reno provided Council with an update on the consultant's recommendations regarding the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation board makeup.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Barry Chitwood, 2049 Landry Lane, to a term expiring May 1, 2025.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor Gettys stated Council had met earlier in Executive Session and that one item was added for a legal discussion on a matter of litigation. This item was not on the meeting agenda.

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

Councilmember P. Sutton provided Council with information regarding the resolution sponsored by S.C. House Representative Brandon Guffey and passed by the South Carolina State Legislature naming Rock Hill as Football City, U.S.A.

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