

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss four matters. None of the matters were scheduled to appear on the regular agenda. The Council discussed background information and received legal advice as to potential litigation matters involving the utilities department, and discussed and received legal advice related to existing and potential contracts concerning the sale, lease or purchase of properties near the airport and downtown/urban core areas of the City.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay and Councilmembers Black, Faulkenberry, Reno, K. Sutton, and P. Sutton. Also present were City Manager David Vehaun, Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, and City Attorney Paul Dillingham. Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty was not in attendance and Janice E. Miller, Records Manager, served as Municipal Clerk. No members of the media were in attendance.

RECOGNIZED JESSE HOLLIMAN FOR RECEIVING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION (SCRPA) PARK MAINTENANCE INSTITUTE'S PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The City Council recognized Jesse Holliman for receiving the 2023 South Carolina Recreation & Park Association (SCRPA) Park Maintenance Institute's Professional of the Year award.

Jesse Holliman received the 2023 South Carolina Recreation & Park Association (SCRPA) Park Maintenance Institute's Professional of the Year award. He is in the Parks Division Supervisor for the City's PRT department. Mr. Holliman was in attendance.

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

RECOGNIZED THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA)

The City Council recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment for the City of Rock Hill. This is the 31st consecutive year the City has received this award.

Drew Cooper, Financial Compliance Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 8, 2024

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON WILSON STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO BURNETTE COMMERCIAL, LLC - Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON WILSON STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO HAYLEY N. WHISONANT - Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 3.65 ACRES LOCATED ON EBINPORT ROAD FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-3 (SF-3) TO OFFICE AND INSTITUTIONAL (OI) – Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

APPROVED A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF CITY STREETS

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rock Hill to ratify and confirm acceptance of city streets.

In compliance with Chapter 26, Article VII regarding ownership of streets, Council must consider by resolution an updated Official Road Map by list or map. The updated map and list included all changes since the resolution adopted November 13, 2023.

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

APPROVED THE ACQUISITION OF 337 MAPLE STREET BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURES ACT

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved the acquisition of 337 Maple Street by the City of Rock Hill under the South Carolina Eminent Domain Procedures Act.

The City Attorney recommended this process for 337 Maple Street for the purpose of a storm water improvement project to mitigate neighborhood flooding issues. The owner and City Management reached a tentative agreement but title issues required court action to complete the process. The City Attorney and City Manager recommended approval.

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

DEFERRED THE CONDEMNATION OF FEE SIMPLE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT ON PROPERTY AT 173 WEST MAIN STREET

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, deferred the condemnation of fee simple road right-of-way and permanent utility easement on property at 173 West Main Street.

The City has made a number of attempts to reach an agreement with the property owner, Warren Adams, for 767 square feet of fee simple road right-of-way and 1,213 square feet of property for a permanent utility easement as part of the Wilson Street Road Improvement Project. As the owner has not been receptive to the City's offers of purchase, staff recommended City Council proceed with condemnation of a portion of this property.

Warren Adams, property owner, addressed the City Council.

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

ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH AND CUSTOMERCONNECT WINNERS

Mayor Gettys announced Mark Stanley Byrd as this month's SmartSwitch winner and John E. Davis as this month's CustomerConnect winner. Both were chosen at random by computer and each will receive a \$50 credit on their next utility bill.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Gettys recognized the Scout Troop from St. John's United Methodist Church in attendance at the meeting. Eddie Cubbage, Troop 925, and Addison Tanwater, Troup 927, addressed the City Council. Councilmembers Reno and P. Sutton commented on the Scouting program.

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 _____ 2024.

Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk