

City of Anderson  
Regular Meeting  
February 22, 2010

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson, Council Members Kirven, Stewart, Dunaway, Chapman, and Williamson. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; Neighborhood & Transit Director, Willie Day; Business Development Manager, Erin Fann; and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Roberts with respects to the flag by Councilman Stewart. Councilmen Laughridge and Roberts were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 Council Meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED WAY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT  
THE 2010 IMAGINE A NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Moore recognized Ms. Carol Burdette and Kirk Stutler and said the United Way's Imagine a Neighborhood Initiative is in the second year of inception. The purpose of the United Way's Imagine a Neighborhood Initiative is to offer project grants to groups or organizations that have a plan to improve the appearance or safety of a neighborhood within the City of Anderson. While United Way will work throughout Anderson County, this money will be designated specifically for groups within the City. Grantees must complete a 4-session training curriculum in order to be eligible to apply for project funds. Kurt Stutler is the United Way staff responsible for this program. City staff would be involved in the selection process of the grant awards to ensure the applicants tie the project back into the City's neighborhood revitalization implementation plan, which has been adopted by Council. The initial anticipation is to award two (2) grants in the amount of \$5,000. However, that can be split into smaller grant awards depending on the number of applicants. The partnership with United Way will ensure the City's participants will have access to many resources that can be used to leverage the grant award, thus having the greatest impact on the project areas. Housing committee recommends \$10,000 from the demolition program allocation. If approved, approximately \$25,000 would remain in the demolition line item according to current budget. The Neighborhoods and Housing Council Committee met on January 28, 2010 and recommends approval of this partnership with United Way as a collaborative means to accomplish a mutual goal of neighborhood revitalization and citizen engagement.

Mayor Roberts said this is a way to partner with United Way and is a great way to engage the citizens.

Councilman Dunaway said this allows us to leverage a smaller amount of money for a greater good for these neighborhoods. I think this is going to make a tremendous impact on the neighborhoods that are affected by this.

Councilman Kirven said this is a good opportunity for us. How is the selection process going to work? We have to be aware we are a governmental body and United Way is a charitable organization. The opportunities they would have to engage in would be a lot broader than the things we as a governmental body can do. This would give us a chance to make some progress in our public infrastructure in our neighborhood revitalization. Some of the programs United Way has done in the past are more in the areas we normally wouldn't get into; more social service type projects. I want to be sure we keep that in mind and select projects that would fit into our area of activity.

Mr. Moore said United Way would do all the training and review all the applications. They will go over the application with the staff. If there are five projects within the City the staff would review the projects and then recommend to Council which projects to choose.

A motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (7-0) to partner with United Way to financially support the 2010 Imagine and Neighborhood Initiative grant program with \$10,000.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS TO RELOCATE 10" WATER LINE FOR THE PROPOSED EAST-WEST CONNECTOR PROJECT

Mr. Moore said in the 1980's a private developer installed the existing 10" waterline along E. Beltline Blvd. in three phases and deeded the line to Duke Energy. The City purchased the Duke Water System in 2002. The SCDOT has begun construction on the East-West Connector and the existing line conflicts with proposed storm drainage. In order to accommodate the construction, the City must relocate this waterline. The project will consist of approximately 1,600LF of 10" waterline and reconnection of services from Clemson Blvd. to Springbrook Apartments. This project will allow for the completion of the SCDOT East-West Connector project and replace 30 year old infrastructure. This project is estimated at \$143,000 and will be fully funded by the SCDOT through reimbursements for material, labor, equipment, and overhead.

Councilman Chapman asked how long the water service would be interrupted.

Mr. Caldwell said it would be very minimal interruption. We would get the line in and everything cleared up and permits in hand before we would switch anyone over.

A motion by Councilman Dunaway seconded by Councilman Williamson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the purchase of materials to relocate 10" DIP water line for the proposed East-West Connector project. This project is estimated at \$143,000 and will be fully funded by the SCDOT through reimbursements for material, labor, equipment, and overhead.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Moore said The Downtown Development Commission has one vacancy that needs to be filled in the category of downtown resident. This appointment will be to fill the unexpired term due to the death of Mike Gray.

The DDC's mission is to work to encourage economic revitalization within a framework of historic preservation, community involvement and activities, a strong identity and tourism. The DDC is a nine member board of directors appointed by City Council to serve as advocates and advisors to the City Council on issues related to economic growth and sense of place in downtown Anderson.

The other eight members that serve on this commission are:

Downtown Business Owner — Ron Haskell  
Major Industry Rep — Jim Lovinggood  
At-large rep or City resident at-large — Bob Roche  
Downtown Property Owner — Katie Tillman  
Financial Institution — Richard Shirley  
Anderson Area Chamber Of Commerce — Carey Jones  
Anderson University — Dr. Bob Hanley  
Downtown Development Director — Arlene Young

Angie Gilstrap has expressed interest in serving on the DDC and the staff recommends her appointment to fulfill the unexpired term through June 30, 2010, in the downtown resident category.

A motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint Angie Gilstrap to the Downtown Development Commission.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

#### CITIZENS ACADEMY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mr. Moore said The 2010 Citizens' Academy is an interactive program focused on informing citizens about the City's governmental process. Elected officials, City administration and division heads, along with other City staff, will host unique and informative sessions on City government

operations. The academy is an eight (8) week course with sessions lasting from 5:30 — 8 pm once a week.

Councilman Kirven asked if there were any budget involved in this.

Mr. Moore said there should not be any cost involved in this.

Councilman Kirven asked if there has been any thought about recruitment. There needs to be some kind of recruitment mechanism built in to try and identify people who may have an interest in this program.

Mr. Moore said we can announce the program on our website, ECTV, and at our Neighborhood meetings to see who may be interested.

Councilman Stewart asked if transportation has been considered for the elderly.

Mr. Moore said transportation will be available if needed.

City Council will be asked to recommend one (1) person per seat. Those nine (9) selected will then nominate one (1) person each, for a total class size of eighteen (18) persons. Please submit names to Erin Fann, Business Development Manager by March 8, 2010.

#### COUNCIL CALENDAR

Mr. Moore reminded Council of the following dates:

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Council Work Session – Economic Development Incentive  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Public Works Committee Meeting  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – Downtown Committee Meeting

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Dunaway seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (7-0) to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (7-0) to come out of Executive Session.

No votes were taken in Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Williamson carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor

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Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer