

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2016

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 Chapman, Council Members Thompson, Laughridge, Harbin, and John Roberts. Councilman Stewart and Buck Roberts were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; and City Attorney, Frankie McClain. The invocation was given by Council Member Thompson with respects to the flag by Councilman Laughridge.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM
Matt Harbin

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Anderson City Code specifies that the mayor pro tem shall be elected from the council membership and shall serve a term of one year. The mayor pro tem serves in the absence of the Mayor and as a representative of the City and Council at events, functions, speaking engagements and other such duties and responsibilities otherwise attached to the office of Mayor.

As per Sec. 2-220. Mayor pro tempore.

- (a) Prior to July 1st of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the council shall elect from its membership a mayor pro tempore for a term of one year to run from July 1st to June 30th or until his or her successor is officially named and designated. The council shall elect the member who has served the longest period of time as council person and is willing to serve as mayor pro tempore. The person elected shall not serve consecutive terms. The person elected shall have a minimum of two years of service on council. The person elected shall be succeeded by the person next in length of service who is willing to serve as mayor pro tempore. Should two members of council have equal service, the member with the earliest birth date shall serve first. The council shall have an election each year to name the next eligible member in the rotation. Should circumstances prevent the eligible member from serving, the member may maintain his position of seniority in the rotation for subsequent elections.

Based upon Sec. 2-220, the next Council member in rotation is Matt Harbin, who is willing to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (6-0) to approve Councilman Matt Harbin as Mayor Pro Tem to serve a one-year term.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO REZONE 1303 NORTH MURRAY AVENUE FROM RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO NC, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant proposes to bring an existing credit union building into zoning compliance. The business is operating as a non-conforming use. Over the last several years, surrounding properties, including the City Recreation Center property have been rezoned to bring them into compliance as well.

The rezoning will bring a commercial building into zoning compliance.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their July 12th meeting.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (6-0) to approve referral to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone 1303 North Murray Avenue from RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to NC, Neighborhood Commercial.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 16-14 TO ADOPT THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL CODES CONGRESS (ICC) REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the South Carolina Building Codes Council requires adoption of the International Codes Congress (ICC) Building Code Series 2015 for all jurisdictions using these codes. These codes involve building, plumbing, mechanical, gas, energy conservation, fire, and property maintenance. The City has been operating with ICC Codes since the 2000 series. Periodically, revisions are made to the code, and the last update to the series and Council action was in 2012.

There are several reasons to adopt this code:

- The ICC codes are utilized by every other jurisdiction in South Carolina and most in the United States—uniformity is helpful to contractors and developers. Since Anderson County follows the same codes, there is consistency at the local level.
- The codes were developed with input from engineers, designers, developers, contractors, and building officials. Changes and modifications as they may occur will also receive input from those same groups.
- Each section of the code sets forth logical procedures for applying the provisions of the code.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (6-0) to approve Ordinance 16-14 to adopt the 2015 International Codes Congress (ICC) requirements for building construction on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE WITH ANDERSON COUNTY REGARDING THE DOG PARK

City Manager, Linda McConnell said Anderson County owns several parcels of land located between Manning Street and Fant Street in the City of Anderson. To Benefit Anderson (TBA), a non-profit group, desires to develop this property along with property belonging to AnMed Health for the purpose of constructing a dog park for the benefit of the Anderson, South Carolina, community. The park will be designed and constructed by TBA. The City of Anderson will be responsible for the maintenance, security, and will maintain a general liability insurance policy on the park.

In order to provide for the design, construction, and maintenance of the park, it is proposed that the parties enter into a lease agreement for a term of 50 years. If the property ceases to be used as a dog park, the lease will terminate.

The citizens of Anderson County will benefit by having a dog park for dogs to exercise in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owner.

The design and construction of the park will be funded by To Benefit Anderson (TBA).

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (6-0) to approve a lease agreement with Anderson County regarding property located between Manning and Fant Streets for a Dog Park.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE WITH ANMED HEALTH REGARDING THE DOG PARK

City Manager, Linda McConnell said AnMed Health owns two parcels of land located between Manning Street and Fant Street in the City of Anderson. To Benefit Anderson (TBA), a non-profit group, desires to develop this property along with property belonging to Anderson County for the purpose of constructing a dog park for the benefit of the Anderson, South Carolina, community. The park will be designed and constructed by TBA. The City of Anderson will be responsible for the maintenance, security and will maintain a general liability insurance policy on the park.

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A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin carried unanimously (6-0) to approve a lease agreement with AnMed Health regarding property located between Manning and Fant Streets for a Dog Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

WEST ANDERSON WATER DISTRICT VS. CITY OF ANDERSON

City Manager, Linda McConnell said that West Anderson Water District had brought a lawsuit concerning the geographic service area for the Michelin Plant. The South Carolina Court of Appeals confirmed that the service area belonged to the City of Anderson including the existing building or any new building construction.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell asked Council to review the Quarterly Progress Report included in the Council Packet.

She also stated that Moody's has upgraded the City's Credit rating to Aa3 from A1 on general obligation debt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell, reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in July 2016.

July 15th – Filing begins for Seat 1 Candidacy-City Council

July 15th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park


July 25th – Filing ends at 12 noon for Seat 1 Candidacy-City Council

July 26th – Sounds in the Park in Carolina Wren Park

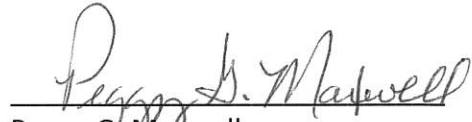
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peggy G. Maxwell', written over a horizontal line.

Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer