

Regular Meeting
April 24, 2017

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

Proclamation

National Police Week 2017

To recognize National Police Week 2017 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Anderson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57,346 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 15,375 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, 20,933 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 4 members of the Anderson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 144 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring who died in the line of duty in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, May 13, 2017 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Anderson, Incorporated formally designates May 14-20, 2017, as

National Police Week

in the City of Anderson, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Signed this 24th day of April, 2017

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said on May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Anderson County Courthouse a ceremony will be held to honor the fallen Police Officers in 2016.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY Firefighter Rashad Harmon

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said Rashad Harmon is a 2008 graduate of Fairfield Central High School. Firefighter Harmon also attended Spartanburg Methodist College and the South Carolina Fire Academy where he earned his NFPA Firefighter II certification along with other certifications. Firefighter Harmon volunteered with the Una Fire Department in Spartanburg County and is also a personal trainer.

Firefighter Rashad Harmon was sworn-in and pinned by Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-03 TO REZONE 312 SAYRE STREET FROM LI,
LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO HI, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

Council Member Thompson asked to postpone the vote on this item. Sayre Street is in Council Member Thompson's Seat. She had questions and concerns she would like to ask the developers before a vote.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to postpone vote to a later date.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2017 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

City Manager, Linda McConnell said in 2016, the City entered into a contract with The LandPlan Group South to update the Recreation Master Plan. The purpose of this Master Plan was to evaluate the current system and submit recommendations in order to achieve a shared vision for meeting the City's recreation needs over the next ten years. A team of consultants, led by The LandPlan Group South with The Boudreaux Group, Toole Design Group and park consultants Elizabeth Taylor and Cynthia Robinson – was selected to conduct this Master Plan. The LandPlan team reviewed recommendations made in previous planning efforts, combining them with a full analysis of the entire park system. The analysis examined the park system's funding, administration, and capital improvements.

Using Demographics, Population Projections, assessments of current facilities, National Standards, and Public Input, the LandPlan team developed a 10-Year Master Plan. This document serves as both a strategic plan and an action plan, providing the City of Anderson with guidelines for future program planning efforts and capital improvement projects.

The administration, recreation staff and council members have had the opportunity to review the master plan document. The recommendation was to adopt the master plan which will provide the staff the ability to recommend potential projects for implementation, including funding. Any recommendations will come back to the City Council for review and approval.

Councilman Stewart asked to postpone vote until the first meeting in June so the Recreation Master Plan can be brought back to the community to allow the citizens to view the plan, ask questions and provide feedback.

Councilman Chapman also asked to postpone vote to allow Council additional time to review the plan more thoroughly and bring back to the Recreation Committee to review and make recommendations. Postponing the approved would be a goodwill gesture to the community.

After much discussion by Council a motion was made to postpone the approval of the plan.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Stewart failed (3-5) with Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Harbin and Councilmen Laughridge, John Roberts and Newton opposed to postpone vote to adopt the 2017 Recreation Master Plan for 30 days.

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin carried (5-3) with Council Members Thompson, Chapman and Stewart opposed to adopt the 2017 Recreation Master Plan as presented by the LandPlan Group South.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS FOR THE NORTH STREET DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said this in-house project involves replacing 135 LF of failing 72" corrugated metal pipe with 60" high-density polyethylene pipe and the repair of two catch basins. The existing system has deteriorated and developed several sink holes from the catch basin located at 109 North Street down to the Orr Street Regional Detention Ponds. While this section of piping is past its life expectancy, it is an integral part of the 200 acres that drain into the Orr Street ponds. Moving forward with this project will address the failure of the corrugated metal pipe and the resulting sinkholes from North Street to the Orr Street Regional Detention Ponds.

The Stormwater Utility will fund this project with an estimated cost of \$32,280. The Stormwater Utility fund has a budget of \$1,058,508 with a component of \$440,000 for capital projects.

The Public Works Committee and staff recommend approval of \$32,280 for the improvements proposed.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of materials for the North Street Drainage System Improvements Project in the amount of \$32,280.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT FOR A REVENUE AND EXPENSE ANALYSIS FOR THE UTILITY FUNDS

Assistant City Manager, David McCuen said the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified consultants to conduct a comprehensive revenue and expense analysis, including a utility rate structure study with the following objectives:

1. Identify the various direct costs included in the City's sewer budget and make recommendations for any changes necessary to ensure those direct operational costs are properly aligned for operational and maintenance costs allocation to the City's partners – Anderson County and Homeland Park.
2. Provide a comparison of currently utility system costs (operations, capital improvements, and bonded debt) against appropriate industry standards.
3. Evaluate the City's purchased water cost from Anderson Regional Joint Water System.
4. Recommend baseline rate structures required to fund the utilities and review the City's base fee.

The City last conducted a revenue and expense analysis for the utility funds in 2011 in conjunction with the 2012 Refunding bonds.

The City in agreement with its sewer partners Anderson County and Homeland Park is required to have a third-party consultant review the sewer's operational costs and ensure the O&M expenses are fairly allocated and the O&M rate is fairly calculated independently. In addition, the City would like to ensure its rate structure will be sufficient to meet the expense requirement of the utility funds in the future.

The following proposals were received by the City:

Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc	\$42,555
Stantec	\$36,050
Willdan	\$36,080

The RFP award point system is attached for your review. The consulting contract will be paid by the sewer and water funds.

The City staff recommends awarding the contract to Stantec for \$36,050

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a contract for a revenue and expense analysis for the Utility Funds with Stantec in the amount of \$36,050.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

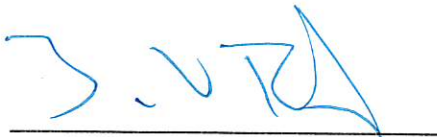
City Manager, Linda McConnell, reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in April and May 2017.

- April 25th – Economic Development Committee Meeting
- April 26th – Neighborhoods & Housing Committee Meeting
- April 28th – Art on the Town – Art Crawl
- May 12th – Westside Community Center Gala
- May 19th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor


Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer