

Council Work Session
April 8, 2024

The Work Session of the City Council was held on this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 5:15 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Council Members Thompson, Laughridge, Stewart, Harbin, Jeff Roberts, and Newton. Mayor Pro Tem John Roberts and Councilman Martinez were not present. Also, in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Chief Financial Officer, Margot Martin; and City Attorney, Frankie McClain.

Carolina Wren Park Seasonal Ice Rink

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland presented to Council this item that is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Mr. Strickland said Holiday Ice attendance is down but still a good draw to downtown Anderson. Records show for every one skater equals 2.5 people coming downtown.

City Staff are requesting \$137,000 for a 3-year contract for real ice with 24/7 support from Seasonal Ice, LLC. This company also provides real ice rinks for Greenville and Rock Hill.

The current ice rink with synthetic ice was purchased in 2016 for \$80,000 plus \$39,000 upfit equaling \$119,000 for 8 years with a life cycle of 10 years.

The staff is also proposing to increase the hours open during school holidays and the opening week of Thanksgiving. Attendance in 2016 was 6800 skaters to 2000 in 2023. 2023 was a shorter season.

Councilman Harbin asked if Holiday Ice was getting too expensive and an increase in revenue needs to justify the increase in expense.

Mayor Terence Roberts said discussion can continue further at the presentation tonight. Due to contractual matters, Council needs to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session:

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.

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

No action was taken.

Regular Meeting
April 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Council Members Thompson, Laughridge, Stewart, Harbin, Jeff Roberts, and Newton. Mayor Pro Tem John Roberts and Councilman Martinez were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Chief Financial Officer, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Utilities Director, Scott Banks; and City Engineer, Lacreacia Bilbrey. The invocation was given by Mayor Terence Roberts with respect to the flag was given by Council Mayor Terence Roberts.

PROCLAMATIONS
Fair Housing Month

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized throughout these United States of America as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, set forth a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, both State and Federal offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development continue their efforts to promote and educate as many citizens as possible about every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing insuring that all Americans have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson continues to affirmatively further fair housing for its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence V. Roberts, Mayor of City of Anderson, South Carolina, along with my fellow council members of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 to be.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Anderson, SC for the significance of fair housing to our way of life and encourage all citizens to observe and support both the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of



the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina

Signed this 8th day of April, 2024

Mayor Terence V. Roberts

PROCLAMATIONS
Community Development Block Grant Week

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of April 1 – April 5, 2024 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons. Nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completed using HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, the following activities have been funded: owner occupied housing rehabilitation assistance, homeownership assistance to first time home buyers, public services including the promotion of fair housing, in addition to economic development by providing loans to small businesses and microenterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Anderson designates the week of April 1 - April 5, 2024, as National Community Development Week in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBG and HOME by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY 2024.

Signed this 8th day of April 2024

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

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Community Development Manager, David Tilley and Chairman of the Community Housing Resource Board, Mr. Michael Cunningham thanked Council and City Staff for their continued support to Fair Housing and CDBG Block Grants that help better our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERTION TO PURCHASE A TRAILER FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Utilities Director, Scott Banks said the City's current trailer is a 30-ton trailer and not rated to carry the heavier full-size John Deere Trackhoe.

Bids Received:

Kaufman Trailers. LLC, Lexington, NC	\$59,995
Globe Trailer Manufacturing, Bradenton, FL	\$89,362
Load King, Decatur, GA	\$110,308

One of the City's Strategic Goals is to assure sustainable growth by pursuing long-term infrastructure projects and maintaining sewer treatment capacity.

The Sewer Budget will fund this trailer.

Staff recommends the purchase of a 50-ton lowboy trailer from Kaufman Trailers, LLC in Lexington, NC in the amount of \$59,995.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the purchase of a 50-ton lowboy trailer from Kaufman Trailers, LLC for the amount of \$59,995 for the Wastewater Department.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT TO REPAIR THE EQUALIZATION BASIN LINER AT THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Utilities Director, Scott Banks said during a recent storm the liner in our EQ Basin at Rocky River Wastewater Treatment plant came apart. Staff were able to do a temporary repair, but due to the age of the material we could not make a permanent repair.

Bids Received:	
Cove Utility, Greenville, SC	\$248,761
Mid America Liner, Stafford, MO	\$250,000
Chesapeake Containment, Statesville, NC	\$313,261

One of the City's Strategic Goals is to assure sustainable growth by pursuing long-term infrastructure projects and maintaining sewer treatment capacity.

Insurance proceeds will fund this contract.

Staff recommends approval of the emergency contract with Cove Utility for the repair of the EQ Basin liner at Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$248,761.

Mr. Banks said there are limited vendors for this type of project. Work can be done without interruption and should be completed in a week.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the emergency contract with Cove Utility for the repair of the EQ Basin liner at Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$248,761.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR MAIN STREET PAVING

City Engineer, Lacrechia Bilbrey said in 2023 the City of Anderson engaged Davis & Floyd (D&F) to perform a pavement evaluation of Main Street from Tribble Street to Reed Street. Based on the pavement evaluation the City proposes to contract Davis & Floyd (D&F) for professional engineering and CEI (construction engineering & inspection) services for the repaving of Main Street between Tribble Street and Reed Street. The City has elected to design and construct the project in a single phase. The design is anticipating the development of plans, submittal for permits, project bidding and full-time CEI oversight up to 15 days.

The breakdown of the proposed fee of \$82,000 for this work is as follows:

- A – Project Management and Meetings \$7,000
- B – Plan Preparation\Permitting \$21,000
- C – Bid Phase Services \$17,000
- D – Construction Engineering and Inspection \$37,000

Total Estimated Fee \$82,000

One of the City's Strategic Goals is to pursue long-term infrastructure projects.

This project will be funded by the Hospitality Fund.

Councilman Newton asked if the City would continue improving the crosswalks. City Manager, David McCuen said the project will include finishing the improvement of all crosswalks.

Mrs. Bilbrey said the base of Main Street is in good shape. The recommendation was to mill and resurface the street.

The paving will only be on the City owned portion of Main Street. The City owns Calhoun Street to Reed Street.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve an engineering contract with Davis & Floyd in the amount not to exceed \$82,000 for Main Street Paving.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A SEASONAL ICE RINK IN CAROLINA WREN PARK

Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland said since its inception in 2015, Holiday Ice has been an exciting annual tradition in Downtown Anderson during the Christmas season, attracting over 2,700 visitors annually. The synthetic ice surface has allowed City staff to set up and strike the rink using in-house labor; however, recent years have seen a decrease in attendance compared with the initial years of the event. There could be many reasons for the decrease, but there is no doubt that the synthetic ice surface has played a role.

In an effort to expand Holiday Ice's appeal and attract a larger number of visitors to Downtown Anderson for the 2024 Christmas season, staff have worked with Seasonal Ice, LLC to design a *real* ice rink for Carolina Wren Park. Seasonal Ice has provided similar installations for the City of Greenville, the City of Rock Hill, and locations across the southeast.

The new design would utilize the City's existing skate hut, skates, and rubber matting. Seasonal Ice would install the 42-ft x 60-ft rink, chiller, and fencing, and would provide 24/7 support during the entire Holiday Ice season. Included in the agreement is a tractor-mounted ice groomer, which will allow staff to resurface the ice throughout the season.

One of the City's Strategic Goals is *Value Culture and Public Spaces* by continuing and expanding a signature City event.

This project will be funded by the Hospitality Fund.

Staff recommend approval of an agreement with Seasonal Ice, LLC to provide an ice rink at Carolina Wren Park, including setup, strike, event planning services, and support for a total of \$137,500 annually for three years.

Councilman Stewart would like to see the marketing plan to attract the community to come try the real ice before approving.

Mayor Terence Roberts asked what the timeline for approval was. Mr. Strickland said the outer rink would need to be fabricated and chiller ordered. Approval would be needed by June 2024 for the 2024 season. It might be tight to come up with a marketing plan by this deadline. The City always has a marketing plan for advertised events.

Councilman Newton said that the draw to come to Holiday Ice is not there anymore. He believes this is due to synthetic ice and Holiday Ice has lost its appeal.

Councilman Harbin asked how long Holiday Ice will be open this season. Mr. Strickland said the 1st week after Thanksgiving until December 31, 2024.

Councilman Stewart asked will the City own the rink and chiller after the 3-year contract if decided to not renew the contract. Also, Councilman Jeff Roberts asked what the cost would be to extend the contract for years 4 through 6. Mr. Strickland said he would find out this answer and come back to Council.

Councilman Stewart asked if this item would be tabled to another meeting once Council gets the additional information and marketing plan.

No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

Mayor Terence Roberts announced the following:

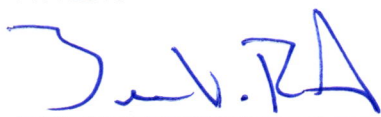
- International Network of Michelin Cities event officially starts April 15, 2024
- Lindley Park Ribbon Cutting on 4/15/2024 at 4:00 pm
- Soiree starts April 26, 2024
- City Election elected Greg Steele to fill the vacant Seat 6 of Councilman Laughridge

ADJOURNMENT

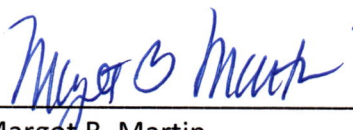
A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the City of Anderson's website and the Anderson Independent Mail newspaper was notified of the meeting at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer