

Council Chambers  
Special Session  
Monday, March 22, 2010

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Roddey which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council moved into Executive Session for consideration of the following items: for discussion of a potential agreement involving the sale of property by the City near the City's urban core and to receive attorney client privileged legal advice related to this matter; for discussion of a potential agreement involving the purchase of property by the City near the City's urban core and to receive attorney client privileged legal advice related to this matter; and for discussion of the employment of an employee.

**RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council returned to Open Session and the Mayor reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M.**

Council met in special session with Mayor Echols, Mayor Pro Tem Hinton, and Councilmembers Black, Pender, Reno and Roddey, and Sutton present. Also present were City Manager Carey Smith, Assistant City Manager Gerald E. Schapiro, Assistant City Manager/Municipal Clerk David Vehaun, and City Attorney Paul Dillingham.

After Mayor Echols called the meeting into session the entire assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010 AND REGULAR SESSION OF MARCH 8, 2010.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hinton which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved the minutes of the Special Session of February 25, 2010 and the Regular Session of March 8, 2010.

**ORDINANCE GRANTING A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE YORK COUNTY FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE YORK COUNTY FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Pender which was duly seconded and unanimously approved. In 2007 the City entered into a formal lease with the Market that allowed them to operate on a temporary basis from the municipal parking lot on Main Street at Saluda Street. Each year the Farmers' Market has entered into a new lease with the City for the use of this space. The Farmers' Market has requested that they be

allowed to lease the same space for operation the Market during the 2010 season. This lease agreement formalizes the relationship between the City and the York County Farmers' Market.

Under the terms of this agreement the York County Farmers' Market will operate from the municipal parking lot at East Main and Saluda Streets for the 2010 season. The Market which will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday will occupy one bay of parking within the lot. The lease is non-exclusive, meaning that other members of the public will not be excluded from use of the parking spaces. The remainder of the lot will remain open for parking and use by the commuter bus line. This is a temporary location for the market to be used while the City and the Market search for a more permanent location in the Downtown area.

Participants in the Market may sell fresh produce, fruits, flowers, crafts, plants, garden flowers, horticultural, and any other agricultural product grown and produced in the York County area by farmers and home gardeners. The participants will be responsible for inspecting the area each day to ensure that there is no rubbish, trash or debris left on the site at each closing of the market. Overnight storage of items on the site is prohibited. The Market will not place any additional structures on the site. In 2007 the Market was permitted to install a small weather-tight utility cabinet on the site to house electronic and communication equipment needed to process WIC and Food Stamp payments. This cabinet is still in place and will be used by the Market again this year.

Ms. Susan Lyle, Project Manager from Economic and Urban Development Department, presented the item to the City Council.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM** – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Hinton which was duly seconded and unanimously approved. The City of Rock Hill is required by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to have a viable Cross Connection Control Program. The City of Rock Hill has had a Cross Connection Control Program since late 1970's. The program includes permitting and inspection of low and high hazard connections to the City's water system. Fire lines, manufacturing buildings and lawn irrigation are a few of the applicable connections that are required by SCDHEC and International Building Code to meet these requirements.

The daily implementation of this program, since its inception, has been handled by the City of Rock Hill Inspection Division. Administration of the program has been transfer to the Utilities Water Division. These duties will include monthly notification to the customer, interaction with the Certified Testers, updating current data and meeting with SCDHEC for an annual review. The Development Services Division will still be responsible for reviewing of plans, permitting and inspecting all new installation of backflow devices.

SCDHEC has requested The City of Rock Hill amend our current standard operating procedures for the Cross Connection Control Program to include amendments to the State Primary Drinking Water Regulations R.61-58.7(F) Cross Connection Control as of April 29, 2005. These changes were implemented in 2005 but SCDHEC has requested that the Cross Connection Control Program with the amendments be approved by City of Rock Hill City Council To comply with SCDHEC's R.61-58.7(F) amendments, the City of Rock Hill Utilities Department recommends low hazard residential lawn irrigation systems be protected with the testable backflow assemblies and tested every two years (bi-annually). A list of acceptable testable backflow prevention assemblies will be provided in the Cross Connection Program. The cost of testing these devices should range from \$65.00 to \$100.00. These costs will vary based on location, depth and repairs. Bi-annual testing will minimize the cost and simplify the process for the residential customer. This will also help control administration cost to the City of Rock Hill Utilities Department. This additional program to the Utilities Department will be administered with no additional staff. Additional staff could be needed if the program grows in the future.

Mr. Scott Motsinger, Utilities Director, presented the item to the City Council.

**ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER.**

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is James Ashley. This customer will receive a \$100 credit on their next utility bill.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

There were no City Council Committee reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council returned to Executive Session.

**RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council returned to Open Session and the Mayor reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

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David B. Vebaun, Municipal Clerk