

Council Chambers
Regular Session
Monday, March 8, 2010

CITIZENS' HEARING 5:30 P.M

There was no one present to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton 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 purchase of property by the City near the City's urban core and to receive attorney client privileged legal advice related thereto; to receive attorney client privileged legal advice related to a potential City annexation and the extension of City service related thereto; for discussion of two matters involving potential legal documents involving the creation of jobs and/or economic development within the City and to receive attorney client privileged legal advice related thereto; for discussion of the employment of an employee; and for discussion of Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

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. Herald reporter Matt Garfield was also in attendance.

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

RECOGNIZED ROCK HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S THIRD NATIONAL RE-ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNIZED THE DEPARTMENT AS A FLAGSHIP AGENCY

The City Council recognized the Police Department for their Third National Reaccreditation and recognized the Department as a Flagship Agency. Chief John Gregory was present to receive the award.

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 22, 2010.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, ANNEXATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION, ZONING AND WARD DESIGNATION OF BURTON STREET AREA 1 LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. (CASE #M-2010-02) – Adopted

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CODE BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 1.88 ACRES LOCATED AT 1326 & 1334 BURTON ST. AND THE UN-ADDRESSED LOT BEHIND 1334 BURTON ST. FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT-I (RC-I) TO SINGLE FAMILY -3 (SF-3). (CASE #M-2010-02) – Adopted

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APPROVED SUBMITTAL OF THE URBAN ROCK HILL WEED AND SEED CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hinton which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved submittal of the Urban Rock Hill Weed and Seed Continuation Grant application to the US Department of Justice.

Ms. Holly Eskridge, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the item to the City Council. Councilmember Hinton questioned funding for the current application and sustainability in the long term once the grant ends. Ms. Eskridge stated that the staff are

pursuing additional revenue sources and grants that will provide for sustainability for the program.

DEFERRED ACTION ON AN ELECTRIC NET METERING POLICY.

The City Council considered an Electric Metering Policy for the City of Rock Hill. The Electric Net Metering Policy allows within the framework of the City of Rock Hill's all requirements contract with Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) the ability for a customer to install Customer-owned Renewable Generation (CRG) facilities and sell the excess energy back onto the electric utility system and receive credit for the energy delivered.

Mr. Scott Motsinger, Utilities Director, presented the item to the City Council. Councilmember Reno asked if the zoning code addressed certain edifices that could be constructed for the purpose of generating power (i.e. solar panels, windmills, etc.). The City Manager stated that he would ask the staff to look into the matter from a zoning perspective. In order to ensure that zoning issues and other potential issues are addressed – the City Council deferred action on the item without objection.

Mr. Craig Ferguson, 1122 Hermitage Road, addressed the City Council regarding this matter and suggested that his firm could offer some expertise on this matter for the City.

Mr. Jeff Greenwood, a retailer in the industry, addressed the City Council and provided the City Council information on the issue of net metering.

ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER.

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is Bernard McMullen. 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

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APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council made the following appointments to City Boards and Commissions:

Housing Authority Board

Mr. Tom Coulter, 1043 Ogden Road, for a term to expire on April 12, 2015.

Ms. Helen McFadden, 705-301 Patriot Parkway, for a term to expire on April 12, 2015.

No Room for Racism Committee

Geneta Anderson, 260 Hancock Union Lane, for a term to expire on April 22, 2010.

Reico Barber, 1043 Southland Drive, for a term to expire on April 22, 2010.

Ann Cain, 1636 Saluda Road, for a term to expire on April 22, 2010.

Tamara Ford Crawford, 614 Winding Branch Road, for a term to expire on April 22, 2014.

Thi Le, 4169 Wood Forest Dr, for a term to expire on April 22, 2014.

Douglas Phillips, 1626 Huntmoor, for a term to expire on April 22, 2014.

Myron Brown, 1383 St. Katherine's Way, for a term to expire on April 22, 2015.

Isaiah Venning, 258 Memory Lane, for a term to expire on April 22, 2015.

Rock Hill Clean and Green

Rebecca Watson, 1527 Estes Drive, for a term to expire on April 14, 2013.

Judy Gritzmacher, 823 ½ Milton, for a term to expire on April 14, 2013.

Mickey Taylor, 3490 Penhurst Road, for a term to expire on April 14, 2013.

Jacob Sarna, 4539 Scarlet Oak Drive, for a term to expire on April 14, 2013.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Donovan Stetzler, 1050 Cherrymeadow Ln, for a term to expire on May 1, 2012.

Downtown Parking Commission

Frank Marshall, Comporium Communications, for a term to expire on April 1, 2013.

Butch Brindel, Piedmont Regional Association of Realtors, for a term to expire on April 1, 2011.

John Misskelly, 131 N. Confederate Ave, for a term to expire on April 1, 2012.

Charles Hall, 1973 Farrow Drive, for a term to expire on April 1, 2012.

Lisa R. Hendrix, 1116 Torrington Ct, for a term to expire on April 13, 2011.

Steve Walters, 349 Columbia Avenue, for a term to expire on April 1, 2013.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this ____ day of _____ 2010.

David B. Vehaun, Municipal Clerk