

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss five matters not on the agenda including receiving background information and legal advice concerning potential economic development and utility related agreements related to properties near Mt. Gallant Road, the downtown area, I-77, Main Street and White Street, and receiving background information and legal advice related to a potential intergovernmental agreement concerning property in the downtown area.

SPECIAL SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

Council met in special session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Pender and Councilmembers Black, Jackson, Oborokumo, Sutton and Reno. Also present were City Manager David Vehaun, Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, City Attorney Paul Dillingham, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. No members of the media were present.

RECOGNIZED THE FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION FOR RECEIVING THE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE (ASE) CERTIFICATION FOR 2019

The Mayor and City Council recognized the Fleet Maintenance Division for receiving the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification for 2019.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is an independent, non-profit organization formed to gauge the expertise of automotive professionals for service managers and customers before contracting the technician's services. This is the Fleet's fifth year as an ASE Blue Seal repair facility and Rock Hill is one of only a few municipal fleet divisions with this designation in SC.

Cindi Howard, General Services Director, presented the item to the City Council and members of the Fleet Maintenance Division were present and recognized.

RECOGNITION FOR RECEIVING THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Mayor and City Council gave recognition for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada

(GFOA). The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant achievement by the City of Rock Hill.

Drew Cooper, Financial Compliance Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

RECOGNITION FOR RECEIVING THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Mayor and City Council gave recognition for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial reporting.

The City received this award for its Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. The PAFR extracts information from the comprehensive annual financial report to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance. The PAFR is a key component of our communication strategy.

Emily Burns, Performance Analyst, presented the item to the City Council.

RECOGNITION FOR RECEIVING THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Mayor and City Council gave recognition for receiving the International City/County Management Association Certificate of Excellence award in Performance Management.

This recognition is awarded by ICMA for the City's efforts in the incorporation of data gathering and verification, public reporting, benchmarking, networking, strategic planning, community surveying, staff development, and continuous improvement. The Certificate of Excellence is the highest form of recognition in performance management and represents a significant achievement by the City of Rock Hill.

Lisa Brown, Strategy and Performance Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

RECOGNITION FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE ALL AMERICA CITY 2019 AWARD

The Mayor and City Council gave recognition for receiving the National Civic League All America City 2019 award.

This recognition is awarded by the National Civic League for our community's efforts on creating healthy communities through inclusive civic engagement. The City's application and presentation highlighted how the entire community gets involved: Impact York County, Miracle Park, and the Knowledge Park Action Plan.

Lisa Brown, Strategy and Performance Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

Evan Goetz, Economic and Urban Development, also addressed the City Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the City Council approved the following four consent agenda items:

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

ORDINANCE FOR PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF ANNAFREL STREET IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL - Adopted

There have been no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

ORDINANCE FOR PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF SHEEBAR PLACE IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL - Adopted

There have been no changes to the ordinances since first reading.

DEFERRED UNTIL OCTOBER 28, 2019 PER REQUEST FROM THE APPLICANT OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PETITION M-2019-22 BY WWP ACQUISITION LLC TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 32.19 ACRES AT 3040, 3045, 3049, & 3057 CHERRY ROAD; 1080, 1082, & 1084 RIVERSIDE DRIVE; AND ADJACENT RIGHT OF WAY FROM RIVERSIDE ON THE CATAWBA MASTER PLANNED COMMERCIAL (MP-C) TO PORTER'S LANDING MASTER PLANNED COMMERCIAL (MP-C). TAX PARCELS 662-07-01-188 TO -193

The applicant requested deferral of this item until the October 28, 2019 City Council meeting.

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY

Approved without objection amendments to the City's Growth Management Incentive Policy.

For nearly 20 years, the City's Growth Management Incentive (GMI) has been an effective tool to assist beneficial development to take place in Rock Hill. Projects completed have provided new investment, job opportunities and quality of life enhancements. City Council has asked staff to review the current GMI policy and suggest improvements in keeping with current economic development goals. Staff has created an amended GMI policy which adds additional language which states the purpose and need for the program more clearly. This will help applicants better understand the basis for the program and provide the Incentive Review Committee and the City Council additional information to support the

approval/denial of applications; clarifies that water/sewer “meter set fees” are potentially reimbursable instead of more general language such as “water/sewer connections fees” or “water/sewer tap fees”, that provides additional language about distribution facilities and the likelihood that they will not be granted assistance unless they offer significantly higher wages and/or employees per square feet than are typical, and that clarifies that incentives funds shall not be paid until the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy unless otherwise stated, such as within a development agreement.

David Lawrence, Knowledge Park Development Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

APPROVED EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF YORK FOR WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved executing an agreement with City of York for wholesale water service.

The City of York has requested to enter into an agreement with the City of Rock Hill for the direct purchase of potable water as a wholesale customer. Staff recommended that the City execute an agreement with City of York for being the exclusive wholesale water service provider.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

APPROVED EXECUTING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH YORK COUNTY TO ALLOW FOR A WHEELING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YORK AND YORK COUNTY TO PROVIDE WATER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF YORK

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved executing a Supplemental Agreement with York County to allow for a Wheeling Agreement between the City of York and York County to provide water transportation services to the City of York.

The City of York has requested to enter into an agreement with the City of Rock Hill for the direct purchase of potable water as a wholesale customer. The water would travel through York County’s water distribution system in order to reach the City of York. The approval of this second supplementary agreement, to the initial City of Rock Hill wholesale agreement with City of York dated September 23, 2019, would allow York County to enter into the referenced wheeling agreement with the City of York. Staff recommended approval contingent upon the City Council’s approval of the wholesale water agreement with the City of York on the agenda.

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, presented the item to the City Council.

APPROVED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved employment agreement with Municipal Judge.

Section 19-3 of the City Code provides for the City Council to appoint a judge for a term of two years. The approved agreement with Judge Jane Modla is through September 22, 2021, the second year of the two-year agreement.

Paul Dillingham, City Attorney, presented the item to the City Council.

ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH WINNER

This month's SmartSwitch winner, chosen at random by computer, is Aja Simms. 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

Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager, reported on the status of drought conditions and that mandatory water restrictions may be necessary in the near future.

David Vehaun, City Manager, reported that the City of Rock Hill is one of four places in the United States to be awarded the NCAA college basketball academy for 2020. This events will bring over 600 athletes and the top college coaches to the new Rock Hill Sports and Event Center next year.

RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURNED TO SPECIAL SESSION

The City Council returned to Special Session and Mayor Gettys reported that no action was taken.

There being no other further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this _____ day of _____ 2019.

Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk