

**CONWAY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT  
RIVER STREET INN, SAVANNAH, GA  
FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 1, 2024**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024 – 8:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Jo Blain, Mayor Pro Tem Larry White  
Council Members: Amanda Butler, William Goldfinch, Julie Hardwick, Beth Helms, Justin Jordan

**STAFF:** Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Mary Catherine Hyman, Deputy City Administrator; John Rogers, Deputy City Administrator; Allison Williams, Finance Director; June Wood, Public Information Officer; and Alicia Shelley, City Clerk

**OTHERS:** Hannah Strong Oskin, My Horry News

The following items were discussed during the first day of Council's annual Budget Retreat:

- General Fund Budget:
  - City Council
  - Human Resources
  - Administration
  - Planning & Development
  - Technology Services
  - Finance
  - Police
  - Court
  - Fire
  - Construction Services
  - Public Works

Budget Retreat recessed for lunch in the meeting room.

The Budget Retreat continued.

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Jordan, to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Potential Acquisition of Property for recreational purposes. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Helms made a motion, seconded by Blain to come out of executive session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

No vote was taken, no actions were taken.

The Retreat continued:

- General Fund Budget:
  - Vehicle Maintenance
  - Hospitality & Beautification
  - Solid Waste
  - Recreation
- Street and Drainage Fund Budget
- Stormwater Fund Budget
- Public Utilities Fund Budget
- Accommodations Tax Fund Budget
- Hospitality Tax Fund Budget
- Planning Discussion for FY 2024-2025

Council members recessed the meeting until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 – 8:00 A.M.**

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**Motion:** Blain made a motion, seconded by Helms, to go into Executive Session for the following: (1) Update on Potential Litigation regarding uncompleted construction work/repairs from Phase 1 of the Underground Utility Construction on Fourth Avenue. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]; (2) Update on Potential Contract for Riverfront Development Public/Private Partnership. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]; (3) Update on Potential Litigation regarding the Unilateral Cancellation of a Contract with the City of Conway. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]; (4) Update on Measures taken by the City of Conway related to the Internal and External Security Measures. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (3)]; (5) Discussion of Potential Acquisition of Property in the Crabtree Swamp Area. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]; (6) Discussion of the Potential Contract and Acquisition of Property in Downtown Conway. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]; and (7) Discussion of an Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision. [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Helms made a motion, seconded by Blain to come out of executive session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

No vote was taken, no actions were taken.

The Planning Discussion for FY 2024-2025 continued.

**Motion:** Blain made a motion, seconded by Hardwick to adjourn the Budget Retreat. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 18 day of March, 2024.



Alicia Shelley, City Clerk