

March 20, 2023

CITY OF CONWAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT
196 LAUREL STREET, CONWAY
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, Justin Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem, Amanda Butler, William Goldfinch, Alex Hyman, Larry White. **ABSENT:** Beth Helms

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; John Rogers, Deputy City Administrator; Mary Catherine Hyman, Deputy City Administrator; June Wood, Public Information Officer; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Jessica Hucks, Planning & Development Director; Rock Rabon, Fleet Maintenance Director; Dale Long, Chief of Police; Steven Pearce, Police Sergeant ; Heath Watford, Police Sergeant; Jeff Leveille, Technology Services Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Hospitality & Beautification Director; Kayla Fleming, Associate Judge; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Brandon Harrelson, Public Works Director; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resource Director; Ashley Smith, Parks & Recreation Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Tyler Swanson, Senior Master Police Officer; and Alicia Shelley, City Clerk.

OTHERS: Priscilla Fuller, Sha-Ron Jones, David Schnieder, Kent Hendrick, Tina Hardin, Conway High School Boys Basketball team and coaches, and approximately 10 others in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order. Erik Roberts of the Rock Church gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The requirements for posting notice of this meeting under South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) were met.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion:** Butler made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to approve the March 20, 2023 meeting agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-03-20 (A) to annex approximately 4.04 acres of property located at 3550 Hwy. 701 South (PIN 381-01-04-0023), and rezone from Horry County High Bulk Retail with Accessory Outdoor Storage District (RE4) to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC).**
- B. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-03-20 (B) to annex approximately 0.53 acres of property located at 148 University Drive (PIN 383-10-04-0014), and rezone from Horry County Single Family Residential (SF10) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential (R1).**
- C. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-03-20 (C) to annex approximately 0.85 acres of property located at 1705 Hemingway Chapel Road (PIN 337-15-03-0004), and rezone**

from Horry County Single Family Residential (SF20) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential (R1).

- D. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-03-20 (F) to amend Article 6 – Design Standards, of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), regarding building height limitation in the High-Density Residential (R-3) zoning district.**
- E. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-03-20 (G) to amend Article 4 – Use Tables, of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), regarding the permitted uses in the Light Industrial (LI) and Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning districts.**
- F. Appointment of Municipal Judge to 4-year Term**
- G. Approval of Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement MOU with the City of Myrtle Beach Police Department**
- H. Resolution Accepting Dedication of Roadways and Drainage for Rivertown Row North Phase 1**
- I. Special Event – Groovin’ on the Green – May 5, 12 and 19, 2023**
- J. Special Event – Conway Riverfest 2023 – June 24, 2023**
- K. Approval to Replace Police Vehicle**
- L. Approval of GSWSA Agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Stormwater Management Fee Billing**
- M. Approval of March 2-3, 2023 Budget Retreat Minutes**
- N. Approval of February 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Jordan to approve the March 20, 2023 consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Cheryl Moore Adamson spoke regarding the Whittemore Elementary School project.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Resolution Honoring the Conway High School Boys Basketball Team – Blain-Bellamy presented the Conway High School boys basketball team and coaches with a Resolution honoring their 2022-2023 season and resolve Tuesday, March 21, 2023 as Conway High School Boys’ Basketball Team Day.**

- B. Employee of the Month for March 2023 - Public Safety** – Long presented Tyler Swanson, Senior Master Police Officer, with the Employee of the Month award.
- C. Discussion of a proposal to annex approximately 1.01 acres of property located near the intersection of Highway 501 and Four Mile Road (PIN 326-09-03-0002), and rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) district to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks informed Council that this annexation application was submitted in February, and the intent is to combine the parcel with the one directly on the corner of Highway 501 and Four Mile Road for a convenience store, known as Parker’s Kitchen, to be constructed on the property. The Future Land Use Map identifies the parcel as Highway Commercial. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 6, 2023.
- D. Discussion of a proposal to annex approximately 2.45 acres of property located at 3594 Highway 701 S (PIN 381-01-04-0022), and rezone from Horry County Indoor Amusement Commercial (AM1) district to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks informed Council that this annexation application was submitted in February as this property is now contiguous. The adjacent parcel, Bucks Township Storage was recently annexed. The subject property has a retail gun store and indoor shooting range. The main concern with this request would be the inability of the applicant to expand once annexed, however staff is currently working on drafting a text amendment that will address shooting ranges and this amendment will be forthcoming at a future date. The Future Land Use Map shows the parcel as Highway Commercial. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 6, 2023.
- E. Discussion of a proposal to rezone approximately 1.8 acres of property located at the corner of Hwy 378 and Grainger Rd (PIN’s 338-16-03-0004 and -0006), from City of Conway Medium-Density Residential (R-2) district to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks informed Council that this rezoning application was submitted and the applicants are requesting to rezone the two properties at the corner of Highway 378 and Grainger Road from Medium Density Residential to Highway Commercial. Hucks stated that the properties are currently vacant and mostly wooded. The Future Land Use Map shows the parcels as Highway Commercial. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 6, 2023.
- F. Discussion of a proposal to rezone approximately 1.23 acres of property located at the corner of Hwy 378 and Green Pond Circle (PIN 337-15-01-0003), from City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks informed Council that this applicant submitted a rezoning application in February to rezone the property at the corner of Highway 378 and Green Pond Circle from the Low Medium Density Residential to Highway Commercial. The property is currently vacant. The final plat for the Macala Acres Subdivision shows this parcel as being reserved for commercial. The Future Land Use Map shows the parcels as Highway Commercial. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 6, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING:

- A. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (A) amending the City of Conway 2035 Comprehensive Plan, to include the addition of a Resiliency Element.** Hucks gave a brief overview of the Resiliency Element. Hucks stated that the Planning Commission held the required public hearing on the adoption of a Resiliency Element. There was no public input and PC recommended adoption of the Resiliency Element at their February 2, 2023 meeting. Staff gave a presentation of the Resiliency Element at the February 20, 2023 City Council meeting.

There was no public input. **Motion:** Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (B) amending the City of Conway 2035 Comprehensive Plan, to include updates to the Population and Housing Elements.** Hucks gave a brief overview of the Population and Housing Elements. Hucks stated that the Planning Commission held the required public hearing of the updates. There was no public input and PC recommended approval of the updates to the Population and Housing Elements of the Comprehensive Plan at their February 2, 2023 meeting. Staff gave a presentation of the Population and Housing Elements at the February 20, 2023 City Council meeting.

White stated that he had concerns with the “Affordable Housing” terminology. Emrick reminded Council that State law provides certain language within the Housing Element. Hucks stated that where possible within the update, that staff did amend the language.

There was no public input. **Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Butler, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion: Hyman made a motion, seconded by Jordan, to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (C) amending the City of Conway 2035 Comprehensive Plan, to amend the Future Land Use Map, for property located at 1931 Fulmer Street (PIN 338-06-02-0042).** Hucks informed Council that since updating the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan for the City in 2019, staff occasionally reviews annexation and/or rezoning requests for zones that don’t match what is in the current Future Land Use Map. When a request is approved that doesn’t match the Future Land Use Map, the map must be updated to reflect this change. Hucks said that the property owner of 1931 Fulmer Street would like the zoning to be changed to a district that would accommodate a child daycare facility. The property is currently zoned R1 and the Future Land Use Map shows the property as continuing to be zoned R1. The property owner previously requested that the property be rezoned to Highway Commercial. There was a lot of concern from the surrounding

property owners regarding this property being zoned Highway Commercial, although they were not concerned with the use of the property as a child daycare facility. Without a Future Land Use Map amendment, the property cannot be rezoned to another district other than a zoning consistent with the surrounding zoning or the Future Land Use Map, as that would be considered spot zoning. Hucks stated that amendments to the Future Land Use Map require a 30-day public hearing notice, and requires a public hearing to be held by Planning Commission and City Council. The City Council public hearing on this amendment was advertised for the March 20 Council meeting, and the Planning Commission public hearing on this amendment was advertised for the April 6 Planning Commission meeting. Final reading on this amendment and the rezoning request cannot occur until after Planning Commission has made a recommendation. Hucks said that staff recommended that the Future Land Use Map be amended for this property, to reflect the future land use as Professional. The applicant is also requesting first reading of the zoning change of the property to Professional, to run concurrently with the Future Land Use Map amendment. Hucks said that staff did update the Planning Commission on the rezoning request for this property and explained that staff would be pursuing an amendment for the property, with the public hearing on the Future Land Use Map amendment to be held at the April 6 Planning Commission meeting.

Kent Hendrick stated that he was opposed to the amount of traffic that this rezoning would allow, but not opposed to the daycare.

Hucks stated that staff recommended Professional and she then read what uses are not permitted in the Professional district.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Jordan, to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

FIRST READING:

- A. First Reading of Ordinance #2023-04-03 (D) for approval of an Agreement to Lease City-Owned Property located at 147 Sherwood Drive.** Hyman stated that the City has acquired many lots in the floodplain through the FEMA buyout program. City Council approved the use of private leases to neighboring property owners. Hyman stated that the owners of 186 Long Avenue have requested to lease 147 Sherwood Drive.

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance #2023-04-03 (E) amending the City Code of Ordinances, Section 1-6-1, Personnel Policies, updating the Personnel Policy Manual.** Smith stated that staff proposed to update the Personnel Policy Manual as the current policy was adopted April 25, 2005 and revised on January 12, 2009. Smith added that the changes were included at the Budget Retreat.

Motion: Hyman made a motion, seconded by Blain-Bellamy to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (F) to annex approximately 19.7 acres of property located at 2875 E. Hwy 501 (PIN 400-00-00-0011), and rezone from Horry County Highway Commercial (HC) district to City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks informed Council that this annexation request was located at 2875 East Highway 501 and the property is currently zoned Horry County Highway Commercial. The property is proposed to be developed for two fast food establishments. The Future Land Use Map identifies the property as being Highway Commercial. Planning Commission held the required public hearing on March 2, 2023. There was no public input. Hucks said that Planning Commission recommended approval and staff also recommends approval.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by White to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- D. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (G) to annex approximately 6.39 acres of property located on El Bethel Road (PIN 337-07-02-0002), and rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Institutional (IN).** Hucks informed Council that this property along with the following 3 agenda items E, F and G on the agenda are the same applicant. Three of the parcels are on the same side of the road and the other parcel is directly across the road.

Goldfinch stated that as the City continues to expand out in this direction, and also with Perimeter Road coming in this area, that the City should encourage developers to put the commercial services up front to keep residents off of Highway 501.

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Hyman to combine agenda items VIII.D., VIII.E., VIII.F., and VIII.G. and approve first reading of these ordinances. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- E. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (H) to annex approximately 9.04 acres of property located on El Bethel Road (PIN 337-06-01-0006), and rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway Institutional (IN).** Combined with agenda items VIII.D., VIII.E., VIII.F., and VIII.G.
- F. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (I) to rezone approximately 7.64 acres of property located on El Bethel Road (PIN 337-06-01-0003) from City of Conway High Density Residential (R-3) to City of Conway Institutional (IN).** Combined with agenda items VIII.D., VIII.E., VIII.F., and VIII.G.
- G. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (J) to rezone approximately 2.35 acres of property located on El Bethel Road (PIN 337-06-01-0004) from City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) to City of Conway Institutional (IN).** Combined with agenda items VIII.D., VIII.E., VIII.F., and VIII.G.

H. First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (K) to rezone approximately 1.39 acres of property located at 1931 Fulmer Street (PIN 338-06-02-0042), from City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district to City of Conway Professional (P) district. Hucks informed Council that this request goes along with the Future Land Use Map amendment that was discussed earlier. Hucks said that this applicant had previously requested to be rezoned to Highway Commercial for a child daycare facility. Planning Commission deferred this item at their February meeting due to the public concerns regarding the uses that would be permitted should the daycare cease operation. Hucks said that another zoning district could be considered spot zoning unless the Future Land Use Maps were amended. Staff recommended that if they were to be amended, that the Professional district would be a better fit. The rezoning request was also amended to Professional. The required public hearing for this rezoning request will be at the April 6, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Hucks stated that staff recommends approval.

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Hyman to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

I. First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (L) to annex approximately 17.2 acres of property located at 403 and 411 Liz Lane (PINS 369-00-00-0027 and 368-00-00-0005), and rezone from Horry County Commercial Forest Agriculture (CFA) / Residential, no mobile home allowed (SF20) to City of Conway Low Density Residential (R). Hucks informed Council that in 2021, the City annexed the adjacent parcel, 501 Liz Lane, into the City limits, designating the R zoning district for the parcel. The applicant submitted plans for a switching station, proposed to span across three parcels and some of which showed property to be in Horry County's jurisdiction. The county records are not clear as to whether these parcels are in the City or the County. Annexation of these parcels would help to facilitate the construction of the switching station. Hucks said that the Future Land Use Map shows the parcel as being Utilities and staff recommended approval of the request.

White asked if this was all Santee Cooper's. Hucks said yes, all three parcels will be combined once annexation is complete.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

J. First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-04-03 (M) to annex approximately 2.03 acres of property located at 491 W. Cox Ferry Road (PIN 382-04-04-0006), and rezone from Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF20) district to City of Conway Residential (R) district. Hucks informed Council that this annexation request was submitted last month as a requirement to connect to City utilities as the property was recently transferred into the applicant's name. The back corner of this property touches a student housing complex with frontage on Highway 544. The Future Land Use Map identifies this parcel as Low Density Residential and staff recommends approval of this request.

Motion: Hyman made a motion, seconded by Butler to approve first reading of this ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

White asked if this was filling a donut hole. Hucks said that most parcels on West Cox Ferry Road do have access to City water, and a little further down is the Meadowood Subdivision, which is already in the City limits, therefore this is a donut hole.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Emrick informed Council of the following:

- The majority of the sidewalks and concrete work on Laurel Street are completed as a result of the Crooked Oak and 3rd and Laurel Lofts projects. They received DHEC approval on the water lines and now can schedule the road repairs.
- We have advertised for contractors for the Pickleball Plaza at Collins Park, we should have bids in by April 10 in for the April 17 Council agenda.
- On April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the SWA and the City of Conway will celebrate Earth Day at Collins Park, with educational outreach and giveaways.
- Some of you may have noticed construction on 4th Avenue that started this morning. Crews have begun to mill and repave 4th Avenue where the underground utility conversion took place. They may be slowed a bit by the cooler temperatures today and tomorrow. They should be completed with all repaving on 4th by the end of this week.
- Jenkins Field Drive was opened a few weeks ago. Refining continues as we near completion of this project. Street trees are planted and sidewalk will hopefully be installed next week. Once completed, we will work on a ribbon cutting date.
- The Spring Jamboree is April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Billy Gardner Recreation Complex.
- Behind this building is a short, paved road that connects this parking lot to Laurel Street. Next week, we will extend this road around to 2nd Avenue. Eventually, additional improved parking will be installed in front of the Peanut Warehouse and at the Riverfront.
- Grass cutting season is about to begin. Just an FYI.
- I have the RFP ready to send out for parking meters. I know social media has been a buzz about this, but I did not hear any volunteers on social media offering a revenue stream to pay for additional parking. The RFP bids will be on a future Council calendar for consideration and discussion.
- Prep work and staging will begin at Whittemore tomorrow with an expected demolition start of next week. Contractors are coordinating with DHEC and the EPA. Expected time for demolition is three weeks from onset.
- A short update on renovations to City Hall. There have been a number of times, at least 5, that I have said, this is the source of the smell in City Hall. We had another last week and it was a biggie. All of you have probably noticed the paint peeling in portions of the original City Hall building. The Building Department removed enormous sections of failing plaster on the walls throughout the upstairs and downstairs. Behind the paint, we found mold growing and it was unpleasantly scented. So again, I say that I think this time, we've found where the bad smells are coming from and have fixed them. Elevator parts are in and installation is imminent. Painting in the older part of City Hall is

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underway and we hope that we can start some of the work on the floors next week. We still have a goal of being back in City hall by the end of April.

- This agenda has been lengthy and we have no workshop items for consideration, however there is an executive session that is needed.
- However, before we get to that, tonight we have Department Head reports from Chief Le Hendrick and Ashley Smith.

Fire Department – Chief Hendrick gave a report on the following:

Department Update

- Made two job offers today; Fully staffed as of 3/27/2023
 - 2 started Recruit School Friday
 - 2 being hired with training on 3/27/2023

Retirements

- Jeremy Carter – 5/26/2023 (25 years with the City)
 - Interviewing for Fire Marshal tomorrow (1 candidate)

Call Volume

- 3,795 Incidents in 2022
 - 70 more than 2021
- 2,177 Medical Incidents
 - 14 more than 2021
- 22 structure fires in 2022
 - 1 more than 2021

EMT Transition

- 18 total EMTs
- 8 existing EMTs
- 10 have passed the two in-house EMT courses (10 for 10)
- 2 start class on 3/27/2023
- Now qualify for the BLS Provider license and have started the application process
 - Medical Control
 - New reporting platform
 - Additional equipment
 - HCFR is assisting with providing equipment
 - 1 EMT has to respond to every medical related incident

Risk Management

- Supervisor Training for all supervisors 3/29/2023

Emergency Management

- Prepared for 2023 Hurricane Season
 - Quick review on 3/29/2023
- Florence reimbursements
 - Received a wire today from SCEMD for \$1,703,970.42

- Emergency Protective Measures
- Chunk of the parks project

Recreation Department/Sports & Fitness Center – Smith gave a report on the following:

- 3 more life saving situations at the Center since last meeting.
- Youth Baseball and Softball – last year there were 1193 participants and this year is 1364 participants.
- Recognized the Conway High School boy's basketball team and stated that the City is also partnering with Conway High School for use of tennis courts and soccer fields.
- Addition of a playground
- Memberships for the month of February – 10,229 check ins, 69 new memberships, 124 new insurance members, for a total of 4457 members at the Sports & Fitness Center
- Aquatics classes:
 - Aqua Zumba 462
 - Silver Sneakers Splash 118
 - Aqua Yoga 226
 - Aqua Turbulence 370
 - Deep Water 243
 - Arthritis R.O.M. 312
 - Volleyball 186
 - Tigersharks 320
- Programs:
 - Easter egg hunt is April 1
 - Flashlight egg hunt is the April 6
 - Floating egg hunt is the April 8
 - Summer Camp registration is full
 - Getting ready for October and Christmas. City of Halloween, meetings with 2nd annual smoke on the BBQ committee (October 13-14) and Christmas vendors for town green.
- Fitness
 - Monthly Class totals 3880
 - Pickleball Classes continue to grow and we will be hosting the 1st Annual Steve Robertson Memorial Pickleball Tournament in April
 - Hosted 2023 Southeast IGP Regional Championship March 4-5
 - Conway Tigersharks hosted the Mayor's Cup February 25th
 - Disc Golf at The Boneyard Disc Golf Course at Smith Jones Park
 - Baseball Tournament schedule for the summer
 - Hosting 20 team youth basketball tournament April 15-16. Teams from around SC, NC, and Georgia will compete and stay in the Conway area
 - Family Fun day Spring Sports Jamboree will be April 15 at the Billy Gardner Sports Complex Pictures, games, kid's events and a lot more.
- Smith thanked the City of Conway Police Department for the presence at the complex.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Hyman said that Council got to play pickleball at Budget Retreat, had a wonderful time, and thanked staff for setting it up. Hyman said that today is his last meeting on City Council as he will be sworn in on Friday as the newest Circuit Court Judge for the State of South Carolina. Hyman said that he has truly enjoyed representing the citizens of Conway. Hyman said that he doesn't think anyone realizes how hard the City's staff works and he doesn't know of anywhere that does any more with less than the City of Conway, and he thanked staff for all that they do. Hyman said that he is truly proud of where the City of Conway is. Hyman then thanked the Mayor and all of the City Council members.

White said that he would like for the City to consider buying property to build apartments for employees. White stated that the Highway 501 median going to the beach does not look good. White then asked if the trees along the Highway 701 South bridge could be cut down, possibly work with the County or the State.

Goldfinch gave his condolences to all as today is the 7th Anniversary of the loss of Firefighter Chris Ray. Goldfinch said that he went to the last eight games of the Conway High School Boys Basketball and what was most special about the team this year was the comradery and they all played as a team.

Jordan followed up with Pickleball and said he didn't know what to expect as he and Hyman teamed up until the City Administrator decided to pull out his own racket. Jordan thanked Hyman for his service to the City.

Butler spoke of concerns of heavy traffic along Grainger Road and at Conway High School along Highway 501, especially when kids are getting out of school. Butler said that she was honored and it was a privilege to have been able to serve on City Council with Hyman.

Blain-Bellamy reminded Council that March 30 was the deadline for the State Ethics filing. Blain-Bellamy also gave her condolences to everyone regarding the 7th Anniversary of Chris Ray's death and asked everyone to continue to pray for his family. Blain-Bellamy read a letter thanking the Sports and Fitness Center staff for a successful softball tournament. Blain-Bellamy told Hyman that it had been an honor to serve with him on Council as he truly cares about the community. Blain-Bellamy said that Hyman not only brings a legal sense but also common sense. Blain-Bellamy said that as much as she hates to see Hyman leave us, but if there is another arena that he can do a lot of good it will be in the judiciary.

Blain-Bellamy called for a short break.

WORKSHOP:

There were no workshop items to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Butler to enter into Executive Session for the following: Consideration of Acquisition of Property in the Crabtree Swamp Area [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2)]. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Hyman to leave Executive Session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Jordan made a motion, seconded by Hyman to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 17 day of April, 2023.


Alicia Shelley, City Clerk