

August 21, 2023

CITY OF CONWAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONWAY CITY HALL
229 MAIN STREET, CONWAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro Tem Justin Jordan, Autry Benton, Amanda Butler, William Goldfinch, Beth Helms, Larry White.

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Mary Catherine Hyman, Deputy City Administrator; John Rogers, Deputy City Administrator; June Wood, Public Information Officer; Dale Long, Chief of Police; Charlie Crosby, Technology Services Deputy Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Hospitality & Beautification Director; Kayla Fleming, Associate Judge; Brandon Harrelson, Public Works Director; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resource Director; Rock Rabon, Fleet Maintenance Director; Jasmine Waites Parker, City Attorney; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Jessica Hucks, Planning and Development Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Ashley Smith, Recreation Director; Robert Cooper, Construction Services Director; Ted Dudley, Public Utilities Deputy Director; and Alicia Shelley, City Clerk.

OTHERS: Hillary Howard, Christopher Pearce, Jamie Thompkins, Sha-Ron Jones, Kathy Russell and approximately 15 others were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order. Blain-Bellamy 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: White made a motion, seconded by Butler, to approve the August 21, 2023 meeting agenda. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-08-21 (A) to annex approximately 7.18 acres of property located on Highway 501 (Church Street) (PIN's 338-09-02-0008, 338-09-02-0009, 338-09-02-0011, 338-09-02-0014) and .09 acres of property located on Highway 501 (Church Street) (PIN 338-09-02-0007), and rezone from the Horry County Highway Commercial (HC) district to the City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) and Conservation Preservation (CP) districts.**
- B. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-08-21 (C) to rezone approximately 15.61 acres of property located at 300 Bellamy Ave (PIN 383-00-00-0381) from City of Conway Institutional (IN) district to City of Conway High-Density Residential (R-3) district.**
- C. Approval to Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with SC Department of Juvenile Justice**

- D. Approval to Apply for Entitlement Grant Funding from the FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**
- E. Approval of the Backup Software Maintenance Agreement Renewal (Budgeted)**
- F. Resolution accepting dedication of roadways & drainage system in the White Oak Estates subdivision (Tiger Tail Road, Wild Oak Lane, Tiger Run Lane).**
- G. Special Event Request – Conway High School Annual Homecoming Parade – September 15, 2023**
- H. Approval of August 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Benton to approve the August 21, 2023 consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Kathy Russell and Tricia Stauch spoke to Council regarding roads for a new subdivision along Hemingway Chapel Road.
- Hillary Howard updated Council on the Town Gown activities.

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Helms, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Blain-Bellamy stated that the Public Hearing of the Warden Station Tracts Development Agreement would be held at the City Council meeting on September 18, and before Planning Commission on September 7.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A. Public Works Employee of the Month** – Rabon presented Bobby Wallace with the Employee of the Month award.
- B. Discussion of a request to annex approximately 15 acres located at 154 Winyah Road (PIN 383-00-00-0339), and rezone from the Horry County Limited Industrial (LI) district to the City of Conway Heavy Industrial (HI) district.** Hucks informed Council that this annexation request was submitted as a result of the property being transferred to the current owner when the utility accounts were requested to be changed. The use of the property is an existing asphalt plant. The property is within a primarily industrial area, with Horry County Limited Industrial (LI) zoning across the road (Yeager Ave) (Capital Materials Coastal – building materials store) and directly behind the subject property is also Horry County LI (Blue Max Trucking). At the end of Yeager Ave is a (approx.) 15-acre tract, zoned City of Conway Heavy Industrial (HI), and is the site of “Vulcan Materials Company.” Across Winyah Rd is property zoned PD, which is the

industrial portion of the Wild Wing Planned Development. Planning Commission will hold the required public hearing on September 7.

- C. Discussion of a request to rezone approximately 4.15 acres of property at 1520 Grainger Road (PIN 368-01-02-0027) from the Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district to a Planned Development (PD) district.** Hucks informed Council that on August 3, the applicants submitted a rezoning application for property located at 1520 Grainger Road, the site of the New Faith Temple Church. The applicants are requesting that the property be rezoned to a Planned Development (PD) district, in order to allow the installation of an Electronic Message Center (EMC) sign, as the current zoning does not allow these types of signs, with the exception of educational institutions. The property is currently zoned Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1). Because the property is three (3) acres or more in size, the Unified Development Ordinance, *Section 5.1.22 – Religious Institutions*, requires that they be a Planned Development (PD). Therefore, rather than ask to rezone to another zoning district that may permit the use of an EMC sign (*i.e.* Institutional district), they have requested to rezone to a Planned Development (PD). Hucks said that staff is currently working with the applicant on details of their PD narrative and Master Plan. The property is within a residential area, with different housing densities surrounding the subject parcel, including single-family and multifamily uses and zoning districts, including R-1 and R-2. The church is across from the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The property is also approx. 360 feet from the intersection of Grainger Road and Wright Blvd (Hwy 378). Properties at the Grainger Rd and Wright Blvd (Hwy 378) intersection are zoned Highway Commercial (HC). Planning Commission will hold the required public hearing on September 7.

There was some discussion regarding rezoning to another zoning district that allows EMC signs vs. a PD, and regulations in the PD.

FIRST READING

- A. First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (A) to annex approximately 4.48 acres of property located at 1136 Highway 501 Business (PIN 367-11-03-0003), and request to rezone from the Horry County Highway Commercial (HC) district to the City of Conway Highway Commercial (HC) district.** Hucks stated that this annexation request was submitted in July and is currently in Horry County's jurisdiction, zoned HC. The proposed use of the property has not yet been disclosed. The property abuts parcels zoned City of Conway Forest Agriculture. Other adjacent uses include a gas station, a vacant parcel and a dental office, all of which are currently in the County's jurisdiction. The future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan identifies the property as Highway Commercial. Planning Commission held the required public hearing and recommended approval. Hucks said that staff also recommended approval.

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

- B. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (B) to annex approximately 7.02 acres (total) of property located at 778, 830, and 878 Hwy 544, and 793, 795, and 799 Carter Lane (PIN's 382-05-04-0001, -0002, 382-05-04-0127 and 382-12-01-0014), and**

request to rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF6) district to the City of Conway Low-Density Residential (R) district.

- C. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (C) to annex approximately 4.71 acres (total) of property located at 876 & 878 Hwy 544 (PIN's 382-12-01-0011, -0012, and -0013), and request to rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF6) district to the City of Conway Low-Density Residential (R) district.**

Agenda items B and C were combined.

Hucks stated that the applicants submitted annexation and rezoning applications for the properties located on Highway 544 at 778 and 830, and at 793, 795 and 799 Carter Lane, Item C. is located at 876 and 878 Highway 544. The requests were made as a requirement to connect to and/or extend city utility services. The applicants are daughters of the late Milton Clardy, whom recently passed away leaving the properties to them. When the applicants went to have the utility account taken out of Mr. Clardy's name and put into theirs, there were informed of the requirement to complete restrictive covenants and request annexation of all surrounding properties that are owned by them that are contiguous. 878 Highway 544 is the location of the Clardy's Mobile Home Park, which has been in existence for decades, and is a legal nonconforming MHP in the county, zoned SF6, which does not permit mobile homes. All of the mobile homes are addressed 878 Highway 544, even though the parcel has been subdivided and are only accessible via a private road. The properties about Hillcrest Cemetery and across the Highway is CCU, which are both in the City limits. The future land use map of the Comprehensive identifies the properties as R2 and R3. Hucks said that due to issues with sanitation being able to have appropriate turnaround area and access within the mobile home park, and with the level of nonconformity that would exist if annexed, staff recommends against annexation at this time. Additionally, the applicants have expressed that they do not wish to be annexed into the City limits.

There was some discussion regarding location, no sanitation, applicants possibly expanding the private road, and being a transfer of death situation.

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Bellamy, to deny the requests for Items B and C. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- D. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (D) to annex approximately 0.29 acres of property located at 21 Clemson Rd (PIN 383-10-03-0003), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF10) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**

- E. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (E) to annex approximately 0.39 acres of property located at 29 Clemson Rd (PIN 383-10-03-0001), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF10) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**

Agenda items D and E were combined.

Hucks stated that Items D and E are located at 21 and 29 Clemson Road. The annexation requests were submitted as a requirement to connect to city utility services. The properties are within the Coastal Heights subdivision. There is not an existing structure on 21 Clemson Road and an existing single-family structure on 29 Clemson Road. Several other properties within the Coastal Heights subdivision have been annexed into the city over the years with most being on Clemson Road, but also some lots on University and Lander Drive. The future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan identifies the properties as being R1. Hucks stated that staff recommends approval.

Motion: Benton made a motion, seconded by Butler, to approve first reading of Items D and E. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- F. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (F) to annex approximately .14 acres of property located at 113 Quail Run (PIN 383-09-04-0070), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF10) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**
- G. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (G) to annex approximately 0.27 acres of property located at 131 Quail Run (PIN 382-12-03-0005), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF10) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**
- H. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (H) to annex approximately 0.16 acres of property located at 184 Quail Run (PIN 383-09-04-0039), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF10) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**

Agenda items F, G, and H were combined.

Hucks stated that items F, G and H are located at 113, 131, and 184 Quail Run. The annexation requests were submitted as a requirement to connect to city utility services. The properties are within the Quail Creek Village subdivision, with existing single-family structures on each of the properties. Four other properties within the Quail Creek subdivision have been annexed over the years and were zoned R1 upon being annexed into the City. Hucks stated that staff recommends approval.

Motion: Jordan made a motion, seconded by Blain-Bellamy, to approve first reading of Items F, G and H. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- I. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (I) to annex approximately 0.39 acres of property located at 1759 Juniper Drive (PIN 383-01-04-0037), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF6) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**
- J. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (J) to annex approximately 0.24 acres of property located at 1775 Juniper Drive (PIN 383-01-04-0035), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF6) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**

- K. First reading of Ordinance #ZA2023-09-05 (K) to annex approximately 0.24 acres of property located at 1815 Juniper Drive (PIN 382-04-03-0156), and rezone from the Horry County Residential, no mobile homes allowed (SF6) district to the City of Conway Low/Medium-Density Residential (R-1) district.**

Agenda items I, J, and K were combined.

Hucks stated that items I, J and K are located at 1759, 1775, and 1815 Juniper Drive. The annexation requests were submitted as a requirement to connect to city utility services. The properties are within the College Place subdivision, with existing single-family structures on each of the properties. Hucks said that to date, there have been no other properties within the College Place subdivision that have been annexed into the City of Conway, and currently, sanitation does not service this neighborhood; therefore, staff recommended against annexation at this time.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Butler, to deny the requests for Items I, J and K. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION:

- A. Consideration of a request for waiver of sidewalk requirements for the Fresh Seafood Market, to be located at 1620 Fourth Ave (formerly Coastal Ice Company).**

Jordan recused himself from this request.

Hucks stated that the owner has requested a waiver of sidewalk requirements for the proposed Fresh Seafood Market to be located at 1620 Fourth Avenue. The UDO requires sidewalks to be constructed along the frontage of all properties abutting arterial or local non-residential streets. These sidewalks are required to be a minimum of five feet in width, and a minimum of four inches in thickness. Under these regulations, a 365.57 linear foot sidewalk would be required along Church Street. Using the \$25.59 per linear foot for labor and construction, the estimate for a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction including the sidewalk, grading and clearing is \$9,354.94. Hucks said that the Technical Review Committee reviewed the waiver request and recommends approval as there is not enough room for the sidewalk along Church Street.

Benton asked if the sidewalk will not fit, how can the City still charge the owner the fee in lieu of sidewalk construction. Hucks explained the UDO requirements.

Goldfinch agreed and stated that there was an error in the Ordinance.

There was more discussion regarding amending the ordinance and if that process would hold up the applicant. The owner stated that it would not as he had more construction to complete.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Benton, to defer this request and allow staff time to amend the ordinance. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Consideration of a Hotel and Short-Term Rental Incentive Application for Trident Hospitality Group, LLC, (d.b.a. Holiday Inn at The University) Located at PIN 382-12-04-0006.** Dennis stated that the applicant has applied for a Hotel and Short-Term Rental Incentive for their hotel proposed at the corner of Highway 544 and Buccaneer Cove. The applicant is proposing to build a Holiday Inn Express with approximately 94 rooms. The date of the application was received prior to the August 15 deadline so the applicant is eligible for the 7-year reimbursement. Dennis stated that staff recommends approval.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the application to be qualified as an eligible property for the 7-year reimbursement Hotel and Short-Term Rental Incentive program. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. Consideration of a Request to Place a Historical Marker at Collins Park.** Hyman stated that the Horry County Historical Society and the Horry County Archive have recently begun to erect historical markers throughout Horry County to preserve local history. Most recently, the Historical Society and the Horry County Archive have joined with the United Bank Center for Military & Veteran Studies at CCU with the goal to establish a historical marker at Conway's Collins Park.

Jamie Thompkins of the Horry County Historical Society further explained the request stating that this new marker will preserve two topics of local history – the contributions of the citizens of Horry County to the American victory in World War II, and the sacrifices of two young members of the US Armed Forces from Conway – Edward and Arthur Norton. Thompkins then gave the background of the Norton Twins. Thompkins said that the erection of this history marker at the rear of Collins Park will also encourage enhancement of the rear section of the park, and tie in nicely with the new pickleball courts and improvements. The Horry County Historical Society has also had an offer of a private donation to enhance and beautify the area where the historic marker will be erected.

Motion: Jordan made a motion, seconded by Benton, to approve the erection of this historical marker at Collins Park. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- D. Consideration of a Special Event Request – Chicora Car Club Car Show – September 30, 2023.** Rogers stated that the Chicora Car Club has requested approval of a Special Event for a Car Show to be held at Palmetto Chevrolet on September 30, with a rain date of October 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The applicant requests road closure of Laurel Street between Fourth Avenue to Fifth Avenue.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the Chicora Car Club Car Show as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- E. Consideration of a Special Event Request – 1st Annual Youth Performing Arts Festival – September 23, 2023.** Rogers stated that the Theatre of the Republic requests approval of a Special Event for the 1st Annual Youth Performing Arts Festival to be held September 23, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The request includes road closures of Laurel Street between Scarborough Alley and the water tower.

Motion: Benton made a motion, seconded by Jordan, to approve the 1st Annual Performing Arts Festival as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. Consideration of a Special Event Request - CCU vs. UCLA Broadcast and Tailgate – September 2, 2023. Emrick stated that the City of Conway requests approval of a Special Event for the CCU vs. UCLA Broadcast and Tailgate to be held on September 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on the Town Green. The game starts at 10:30 p.m. The request includes road closure of Laurel Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue.

Motion: Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the CCU vs. UCLA Broadcast and Tailgate as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Emrick informed Council of the following:

- Scarborough Alley has come a long way in two weeks. All new stormwater piping has been installed and is functioning fantastically. The City's contractors did hit a water line this morning, so there are some new water lines in place as well. New sewer pipe is being installed and will take a few days to tie into the new line. One thing that was important about this project was that some of the stormwater lines were installed under buildings. As you know, if stormwater pipes fail, they can collapse causing sink holes. It was imperative to reroute our stormwater from under these buildings and fill the old pipes with concrete to assure that they are safe for years into the future.
- At the last meeting, the Mayor asked that staff push out additional information regarding recycling and what is appropriate for putting in the recycling bins each week. On each new recycling bin, there is a sticker listing what is appropriate and in addition to that, we are going to push out a social media post about recycling each week, to help educate the public.
- These two events are a little far away, but Emrick wanted to make sure they were on Council's calendar anyway, Conway High School Homecoming Parade is September 15 and Coastal's Homecoming Parade is October 28. The City will have a firetruck and/or train for both parades for the Mayor and Council to ride on.
- Don't forget, tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. is the celebration of the opening of the City's new fire training facility, located at the City Shop.
- On September 12 at 11 a.m., MASC will hold its regional advocacy meeting at 5th and Main. If you plan to attend, RSVPs are required.
- On September 14, Emrick will participate in the annual Community Update hosted by the Coastal Carolina Association of Realtors (CCAR) and Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation. This is a great way for us to show off what we are doing in Conway.
- On September 15, CCAR will help us by volunteering at Collins Park to plant new landscaping and other accoutrements associated with the new Pickleball Courts there.
- On September 2 for the CCU vs UCLA game, the tailgate starts at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 10:30 p.m. We will have fun and games with prizes before the game.
- Conway High School's first home game is this Friday at 7:30 against Myrtle Beach, where we will defend the Victory Bell.

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- Staff has been getting some questions on Smith Jones Pool schedule now that school is back in session. The pool will be open normal hours on weekends through Labor Day and then closed for the season.
- Reminder that the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, as the 4th is Labor Day.
- Department Head Reports from Ashley Smith our Parks and Recreation Director and Timmy Williams our Hospitality and Beautification Director are next.

Parks and Recreation Department – Smith informed Council of the following:

- Church Softball is ending the season tonight, with 13 teams participating.
- Youth Sports registration is taking place now.
- Worked with FCA to hold a developmental football camp for local area residents, approximately 60 participants that last the month of August. Teams are then selected so that the teams are apples to apples.
- Sports and Fitness Center has over 3,000 members and the month of July 57 new memberships were signed, and 89 new insurance members.
- The Youth drop in for the month of July was over 1200 kids and the youth membership has risen to 154.
- Smith Jones has been a success and has had 17 pool parties in the month of July.
- Smith Jones and the Sports and Fitness Center had 149 swim lessons.
- Tennis Courts are open and work is being done on other courts, pickleball and basketball.
- Smith Jones Pool will be closing on Labor Day with a big celebration.

Benton commended staff on the football program and the amazing look of the Recreation complex.

Hospitality and Beautification Department – Williams informed Council of the following:

- Several applications have been received regarding the weekend crew and Williams is working with Human Resources on setting up the interviews.
- The Department has completed 75% of the testing on the safety training through Risk Management.
- The new landscape project will be at the Finance Building.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Benton gave a shout out to the City's Chief of Police who is always present on the first day of school and Benton said that as a parent it feels good to know that safety is at the forefront of the Chief's mind and his staff. Benton said that the SRO's are always good at the schools and one of the most important jobs is to keep our city safe. Benton said that Conway High School is opening the field Friday night and to have the turf is a good accomplishment. Benton then encouraged the community to come out and celebrate. Benton said that Council was able to sit down with our Congressman and talk about the needs of Conway. Benton thinks that as a council person just

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being an advocate for our citizens with County, State and Federal is needed. Benton said that one good thing, on Goldfinch's recommendation was to get with our state delegation and meet soon about what we can do with our bridges and roads. Benton said he is super excited to meet with the Administrator to look at the parking lot on Fourth Avenue to see what we can do to spruce it up and use it. Benton encouraged the public to use that parking lot.

Helms said that this is the first year that all the schools in the city limits of Conway will have SRO's and that is pretty impressive. Helms said that the parks look really good with all of the arches up. Helms said that the City parks are inviting and look great.

Goldfinch stated that he can't remember a time when our sitting Congressman has come to sit down and talk to us but Council did have that pleasure last Wednesday, and he thinks that some fruitful discussion and some good things are going to come out of it. Goldfinch said that he reached out to Justin Powell, Chief of Staff for SCDOT and he will help set things up with our delegation. Goldfinch said that Council has to be louder about our needs as we are competing against other municipalities around this County for resources, as Conway needs more infrastructure and another way across the Waccamaw River. Goldfinch talked about the bridge having to come down in the next 10 years, being disassembled, then building a new one, which Goldfinch says, means years of no access. Goldfinch says that Ride IV is starting up and there is a lot of conflicting interest. Goldfinch reiterated that we need to be loud in gaining support and help in getting another way over the Waccamaw River

Jordan said that he echo's everything that has already been said at this point. Jordan said that the City is in a bad spot and are being neglected and do have to push the bridge issue. Jordan said that as a parent of two girls in the school system, it is comforting to see the officers and he thanked them for all that they do.

Blain-Bellamy stated that it is time to revive the Whittemore Elementary School property and she proposes to develop a task force consisting of Rev. Cheryl Moore-Adamson, a representative from the Whittemore Alumni Association, some staff and some Council. She suggested that we start from scratch, where we are today, devise a plan and move forward. Blain-Bellamy said that today is the 6-year Anniversary of the Crescom murder and robbery and she asked that everyone continue to pray for those families who had the ultimate loss of that bad act. Blain-Bellamy asked Rogers to check on the status of the Horry County Schools regarding Whittemore Park Middle School. Blain-Bellamy said that the Horry County League of Cities, which consists of all the Municipalities, gets together quarterly to get to know our neighbors. She then encouraged all to show up to the meetings when they can. Blain-Bellamy said that she thinks the beginning of building a positive relationship with police officers begins when you are a child and that happens when that person is at your school and is on your side to help you and be your friend. She thanked Chief Long for using his resources and making an SRO available in all Conway schools. Blain-Bellamy then had everyone to sing Happy Birthday to John Rogers and William Goldfinch.

WORKSHOP:

Recreation – Gazebo at Collins Park - Smith informed Council that staff would like to remove the gazebo at Collins Park. Smith said that it was not historical and was put there by the previous Collins Park Committee.

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There was also much discussion regarding homelessness.

Due to unsafe conditions, Council approved staff to remove the gazebo.

Public Works – Stormwater Design Manual – Harrelson told Council that the City of Conway currently utilizes the Horry County Stormwater Management Design Manual through adoption by City Council. The City Public Works staff has reviewed the Stormwater Management Design Manual and has proposed a new document for consideration of adoption by City Council. Staff believes Conway is unique and requires its own manual to meet the City's needs to reduce future flooding. This new document is intended to result in the design and construction of a more resilient drainage system while concurrently lessening the import of fill material. The new document has been provided to the City's contracted engineering firm and have received their approval. Harrelson then touched on the biggest changes:


- The rim of all Storm drain inlets shall be above the 100-year water surface elevation of the pond the inlet drains to.
- The maximum flow length in a swale: Revise design storm criteria from 25 year to 50 year; Reduce existing peak discharge rates for the 25 year and 50-year storm by 20%; and Peak discharge rates must be equal to or less than predevelopment rates for the 2 year and 10 year in addition to the 100-year storms.
- Permanent Stormwater ponds shall have 1 ft of freeboard from top of bank for the 100-year storm event.
- Wet detention ponds with drainage areas greater than 30 acres (including areas from interconnected ponds) should have the capability to be drained down a minimum of 12 inches from normal pool elevation without the need for mechanical pumping.
- Wet detention ponds with drainage areas from 15-30 acres, should have the capability to be drained down a minimum of 12 inches from normal pool elevation without the need for mechanical pumping or may provide 20% reduction in peak discharge for the 100-year storm event the boundary location the pond drains to.

Harrelson said that the Water Quality and Storm Drainage Commission has reviewed and recommended the changes.

After some discussion, Council advised staff to move forward on the manual for Council's review.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Benton to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 5 day of September, 2023.


Alicia Shelley, City Clerk