
City Council Meeting October 4, 2022

Date and time: Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 06:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuessler
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Matthew Hickey
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett
Councilmember Charles Brewer
Councilmember Kellie Harrold

Staff Present:

City Manager Seth Duncan
Finance Director Barbara Denny
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig

Police Chief Brian Trail
Lt. Kevin Hoffman
Utilities Director Ben Wright

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

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1. Welcome and Call To Order Mayor Mike Fuessler
 2. Prayer Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
 3. Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Mike Fuessler
 4. Presentations
 - 4.1. Retirement of Cindy Spear, WWTP Superintendent
Mayor Fuessler presented a Proclamation honoring Ms. Spear for her dedication and service to the City of York after more than 33 years of service. City Manager Seth Duncan presented Ms. Spear with a crystal plaque as a token of the City's appreciation for her long, dedicated service to this community. Mr. Duncan also presented Ms. Spear with her original resume and cover letter from 1989.
 - 4.2. New Employee Introductions
Chief Brian Trail introduced Officer Jessica Cooper as a new officer with York Police Department.
City Manager Seth Duncan introduced Amy Craig as the City's new Municipal Clerk.
 5. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items:
 - 5.1. Ordinance 22-678, Annexation and Rezoning Pinckney Road PUD
Al Haselden made a statement that he believed the petition was invalid for annexation, and that the city should wait until the moratorium ordinance is complete before moving forward with the project.

Steve Hamilton stated that smart development should be utilized for the fast-growing York County, and not done at the expense of important green spaces, farmland, heritage sites, and

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natural habitats. He further stated that Mr. Stuck's property should be protected as best as possible.

Brandon Pridemore stated that the precedent for annexation had been set with a project in Clover when they were able to move forward without an application on file. He further stated that masses of land in open space does not benefit the city by not generating taxes or revenue.

Jim Bradford stated that Mid Carolina Tennis Association applied for the H-Tax Grant for \$1,000 each for two tennis tournaments, one tournament on October 22, 2022, and the other on May 6, 2023. He further stated that the tournaments are difficult to hold without courts. He explained the expenses would be kept low and the net proceeds would go to York School District One to assist with court repairs. MCTA would provide gift certificates from local restaurants.

Jeannie Ferguson stated that she understands growth will happen, but she would like to see wisdom used for the choices of good projects. She stated that she is concerned for Mr. Stuck's property due to three schools and bad traffic.

6. City Manager's Report

6.1. City Park Phase II Grant

City Manager Duncan reported on the recently awarded Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$150,000. This will allow the addition of restrooms, stage/amphitheater, a new gate, and additional landscaping. The grant period will run from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024. City Manager Duncan thanked Grazier Rea with Catawba COG who played an important role in grant preparation and submission, and Tripp Barrineau with Keck & Wood for his continued work on the City Park project. Parks & Recreation Director, Chris White, will oversee the design and construction. Since 2019, the City of York has received more than \$6.4 million in grants and state aid.

7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1. Council Meeting, September 6, 2022, Council Work Session, September 20, 2022, and Special Call Meeting, September 20, 2022.

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to accept the Minutes into the record, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. During Discussion, Councilmember Hickey inquired if the language had been amended for Second Reading, Ordinance 22-681. City Manager Duncan stated that the ordinance had not been modified, but the minutes reflect Council's desire. With no other Discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

8. Monthly Financial Report

Financial Director Barbara Denny discussed the finances for the period ending August 31st. She stated that she recently closed the Fiscal Year, and everything looks good for August. She further stated that the budget for the Fiscal Year seems to be in order.

9. Old Business:

9.1. Ordinances:

- First Reading, Ordinance 22-678, Annexation-Rezoning Pinckney Road PUD

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Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to Untable Ordinance 22-678, which was Seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted 5-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Councilmember Ramsey voting in opposition.

Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 22-678, which was Seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Brown, and Councilmembers Ramsey and Harrold voting in opposition.

- Second Reading, Ordinance 22-682, Sale of Property on Rose St. to Tailored Nest Realty, LLC
Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 22-682, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

9.2 Derelict Structure Proceedings Continuation:

- 5 Springdale Drive
- 9 Springdale Drive

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to allow the owner 60 days to either have a permit pulled to demo or rehab or after the 60 days, the City will take initiative to demo, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. In Discussion, Council asked why remediation was taking so long and Mr. Martin replied that he hopes to sell the property once the appraisal is complete now that rezoning is complete. Mayor Fuesser stated that he would like this remediated ASAP. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

10. New Business

10.1. Ordinance:

- First Reading, Ordinance 22-683, BZA Notification Requirements
Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-683, which was Seconded by Councilmember Harrold. In Discussion, it was stated that this would save the City money by allowing mail to be sent First Class rather than Certified Mail. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

10.2. Event Applications:

- Veteran's Day Parade – American Legion Post
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the Veteran's Day Parade Event Permit, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.
- Running of the Turkeys – Trinity United Methodist Church
Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Running of the Turkeys Event Permit, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.
- 2023 Silver in the City – Palmetto Airstream Club

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Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve the Palmetto Airstream Club Event Permit, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

10.3. Discussions

- YPD Recruitment and Retention Phase I

Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to approve the YPD Recruitment and Retention Phase I Compensation Adjustment, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. In Discussion, City Manager mentioned that with the Sheriff's Office raising their deputy's pay to \$42,000 annually, this would give the York Police Department a competitive edge and increase our competition throughout the region. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

- Duke Energy Park & Plug Agreement

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Duke Energy Park & Plug Agreement, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In Discussion, Councilmember Ramsey asked when the system would be installed. City Manager Duncan stated that the Revenue Share does not take effect until 5 years after installation. City Manager Duncan stated that the system should be installed in less than 180 days. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

- H-Tax Events Grant

Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the H-Tax Events Grant, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In Discussion, Councilmember Ramsey inquired as to how long the Christmas Show would last, and if police would be necessary for the event. City Manager Duncan confirmed that the Christmas Show would last 3 days and the police funding is included in the request for the grant.

Also, City Manager Duncan explained that the H-Tax Events Grants were typically for tourism, but that it is worthwhile to invest in the tennis tournaments. They had been sponsored through Summerfest in the past. Councilmember Ramsey inquired if there would be divisions in the tournament and City Manager Duncan confirmed there would be divisions.

With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

- Engineer Selection Wastewater Treatment Plant Remediation – Davis & Floyd

Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to move forward with the selection of David & Floyd to engineer improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. In Discussion, Mayor Fuesser asked Utilities Director Ben Wright if he was happy with their service and Mr. Wright stated that they do an excellent job. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

- On-Demand Mapping Services – Keck & Wood

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve the On-Demand Mapping Services provided by Keck & Wood, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In Discussion, Utilities Director Ben Wright described the services of Keck & Wood. He

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further stated that there are 2 maps on his wall that date back to 2010 and they are the most current maps of the City. With the rapid growth, the City has added over 3,500 feet of line, approximately 30-40 additional manholes, 27 new hydrants, and approximately 300 new water meters. Working with Keck & Wood, the City can build maps back up. It is important to know the location of the water lines. If the City responds now, the GIS system will basically be built up for free through the SC Rural Water Association in conjunction with Keck & Wood. City Manager Duncan explained that it would be using the existing relationship and moving forward with that agreement. The City would maintain full ownership. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fuesser stated National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century of Rock Hill, York County, South Carolina is locally sponsoring National Colonial Heritage Month during October 2022. He further stated that National Colonial Heritage Month brings to mind the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who determined the direction for the formation of our country. Mayor Fuesser proclaimed October 2022 as being National Colonial Heritage Month.

Next, Mayor stated that October 15 will be a City Clean Up Day and anyone who is willing to participate should send him an email soon. He further stated that he would recommend this biannually to clean up our city.

12. Adjourn

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig
Municipal Clerk