

CDBG public hearing at 7:00 p.m. before the council meeting. – Imma Nwobodu from Greenville County Redevelopment Authority was present to conduct the public hearing. Mauldin’s will receive funds in the amount of CDBG \$168,372, HOME FUNDS \$69,146. These funds are to help low to moderate income families with housing improvements and for the City to help alleviate things such as blight. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Terry Merritt, Scott Crosby, Dale Black and Larry Goodson. City Administrator Trey Eubanks and City Attorney John Duggan were also present.

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Merritt
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Merritt
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber

Trey reported that the chamber is staying busy. There is a business after hours being held tonight. Kim Hamel will participate in a lunch and learn with the chamber and our Business Liaison Officer continues to work with them as well.

Councilman Crosby called Chief Stewart up who presented Matthew Borgelt. He was recently awarded Rotary Club Firefighter of the Year.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes January 19, 2016; special called council January 29, 2016

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Black made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. Councilman Merritt said the minutes should be approved by the members in attendance. The vote was 4-0 to approve the minutes. Councilmen Merritt, Councilman Black and Mayor Raines were not present at the January 29th meeting.

4. Public Comment.
 - a. I am Jeff Cummings. I live at 119 Pine Gate Drive off of Miller Road. I have a statement I would like to read. I would like to thank Councilman Crosby

and Chief Turner for their help in our request for speed humps on Pine Gate Drive. Pine Gate Drive has gotten to be a problem for us. You can see the traffic stats. It is a short street and it has become a short cut for speeders and those who do not live in the neighborhood. A large number of drivers do not observe the speed limit or the stop signs that are posted. I walk, and Mr. Crosby has had first hand observance. Cars fly through there and one of my granddaughter's schoolmates told her that her dad won't come through there anymore because he got a ticket. It is unfortunate the police department doesn't have enough manpower to target our streets for more enforcement, but we certainly appreciate their effort.

We, the residents of Pine Gate would like to submit our request for speed humps to be installed on our street. Thank you for your time. Any questions I can answer? We are very concerned for children that are on the streets. 90% of the vehicles are other than our neighborhood. I walk my dog and late at night I use a flashlight, but they are not concerned on who is there or the situation. We would like to serve an action on this so our community can be safer.

5. Report from City Administrator- Trey referred to the projects report in the agenda. MPA Strategies is working with us to send out the department reports in an even more transparent format.

Councilman Crosby mentioned the possibility of a municipal internship program possibility to Trey last year. Trey has sent out a draft on an internship program. This may be considered at the Finance Committee in March.

The goals setting session last week went very well and a lot of input was received. A draft has been sent to Council and will be put in final form after any comments are given by Council.

Councilman Matney asked if we would be seeing some options for lighting the public art at the cultural center. Trey said we talked with Carolina Power and should be sending some options to Council soon.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Building Codes (Chairman Black)- The report is on file and can be given to anyone who wishes.
- b. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)-The report is on file. The second season for Lacrosse is coming up. Basketball is going on now. We will welcome feedback and suggestions. Mayor Raines asked if it was ok to have the Egg Drop and Peacock Race on the same day. Van said it would work out because one is in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- c. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby) – The reports are on file. Mayor Raines said he monitored the radio last night and the departments were non-stop. We have some extremely dedicated public servants.

Councilman Matney said Mauldin hosted a presidential candidate at Mutt's. About 600 people attended. Governor Kasich's people were very complimentary.

Councilman Goodson said we needed to think about closing the Sports Center early in bad weather because those people work later in the evening.

- d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Matney)- The reports are on file.
- e. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
- f. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)- The report is on file.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a. Pine gate Drive- traffic study (Committee of the Whole)- Pine Gate drive connects Smith Hines with Miller and is used as a cut-through. The stop signs that are there are not helping control the speeding, so the residents have asked for speed humps to be installed. Chairman Crosby made a motion to install speed humps on Pine Gate Drive. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said he read the report and

speeding does not seem to be the issue. He does not like speed humps. Most people are going the speed limit or no more than 10 over. Councilman Merritt thinks 25 mph is too low a speed, 35 should be the minimum. He does respect the fact that 92% of the residents want these humps and will not vote against this.

Mayor Raines asked how much the humps cost. They said he is not sure, but we have funding in the street department to cover it. The cost will not be excessive. The cost will cover removing two stop signs and signage, markings, and installation of two speed humps.

Councilman Black asked if these were humps or bumps. They are two different items. Are we talking about humps or bumps? Chief Turner is recommending humps. Mr. Cummings said there will need to be chevrons painted as well because the street is fairly dark. There are guidelines as well for installation of the humps. Councilman Black said he wants to make sure the residents really want these humps and that they will not get up in arms because they are right in front of their house. Mr. Cummings said every resident he has talked to knows that once they are installed they will stay.

Councilman Merritt asked if there were sidewalks on Pine Gate. Mr. Cummings said there is curbing, but no sidewalks. Councilman Merritt then asked if the selective enforcement could be ongoing instead of the installation of the humps. Chief Turner said that when the police cars are not there, the problems continue. Chief Turner said when he was over there talking to Mr. Cummings outside in uniform, the drivers did not pay him any attention. There are regulations for site distance, access for emergency vehicles, etc.

Councilman Merritt said there will be noise with people drag racing from one hump to another. Mr. Cummings said that if three were installed, that would stop the problem completely. Councilman Black said we might want to look

at installing some more street lights there. Mr. Cummings said there is one on the corner of Pine Gate and Miller.

Chairman Crosby said he has been very impressed with this study. Everything as been scientific and the analyses are very thorough.

Councilman Matney said his street is a drag way, and sees both sides of the issues. He is concerned about emergency vehicle clearance. The property owners of this area are overwhelmingly in favor of this, but he is torn on this item. Chief Turner said these humps will not hurt emergency vehicles or affect the response time. There are two avenues to come into this neighborhood. With the placement of the humps, you may hit one. Very seldom would you hit both. Chief Stewart and Chief Turner both agree that the humps will not affect their vehicles. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on Extenet contract (Building Codes)- This will allow Extenet to use poles in city rights-of-way for communication equipment installation. This equipment is strictly for data usage. Chairman Black made a motion to accept this contract. The City will receive about \$700 in revenue from this. Councilman Crosby seconded and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Merritt clarified that this is a non-exclusive contract.
- c. Consideration and action on East Butler corridor plan final report (PEDC)- John Gardner said DOT through GPATS show this project will be a five lane project. There will be some substantial and some minor improvements. The most significant changes are at Owens Lane and Butler and at Old Mill and Bethel. This would be paid for by DOT and federal transportation funds which require several public hearings on the project. Chairman Matney said nothing gets built or changed until a final plan is signed off. John said this motion tonight just gives the Mayor direction to go to GPATS and request an amendment to the TIP from five lanes to what Toole Design Group is proposing. There is still more public involvement and more engineering studies. Chairman Matney made a motion to accept this plan. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion.

Councilman Goodson asked if there was a delay, does the allocated money stay for this project, or would it be spent on something else? John said maybe but there is no guarantee. Councilman Crosby wanted to confirm that this was not the last say. John said no, this is an initial adjustment.

Councilman Black asked about closing the access at his neighborhood. John said he didn't think that was a major issue. Councilman Black asked if they could get the reflectors before this project was started. The City Council that is seated when the project is started would have to approve the final documents. A council has no authority to bind future councils. Mayor asked when the drawings would be submitted. John said usually nine months, so maybe the summer of 2019.

Councilman Merritt said he is glad to hear that there will be other chances to review this plan again and it makes him easier to support this. Growth is coming and the City does need to be improved. Overall, he likes the plan, though some of it gives him heartburn. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Consideration and action on Bethel and Bridges Road sewer (PW)- The efforts to receive rights-of-way for a gravity feed sewer line have been exhausted. This is for approval of a sewer lift station. \$408 a year per house is what the developer will be paying for the station until the houses are sold. Chairman Goodson made a motion to pass this with Councilman Black seconding.

Councilman Black said this property is already in the city. Chairman Goodson said Arbor Engineering did make all the changes that were requested. Councilman Matney said sewer is not his wheelhouse, but Arbor has gone back to the drawing board at council's request several times. Council cannot step in and nix a development because we don't like an option. There is no alternative. The property has to have sewer and this is the only way to get it.

Councilman Merritt said he appreciated the diligence of the Public Works Committee and saw a positive contribution by the City Attorney on this issue. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- e. Consideration and action on appointments to the election commission (Finance)- We have two open seats on the commission and three applicants and two members need to be appointed. Council used a ballot to vote and appointed Dennis Cannon and Charlene Ward to the commission.
- f. Consideration and action on 2016 CDBG resolution (Committee of the Whole)- Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Trey said the Miller Road housing project is underway and the senior center roof will get underway next month. The resolution also has language for ADA compliance if we need it to upgrade city facilities.
- g. Consideration and action on rezoning of 930 East Butler Road from C2 to S1 (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Black made a motion to accept this rezoning on first reading. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. This rezoning will allow for storage units on the property. DOT changed their rules and will not allow a driveway here so storage units will be put on the property instead of the hotel that the developer wanted to put on this property. Councilman Merritt asked if NHC was ever talked to regarding their property. Van said that was a discussion and staff has met with DOT on realigning that drive and the one at Millport. Both items are cost prohibitive. Councilman Merritt said it is a shame that the entrance to the City will have mini-warehouses, but he is sure that the business and development services department will make sure it is aesthetically pleasing. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- h. Consideration and action on RFQ for Springfield Park improvements-architectural services (Rec)- Two qualification statements were received to improve the park. They were ranked and Langley and Associates is the choice to gather cost estimates and send our projects out to bid. Chairman Merritt made a motion stating the two received RFQs were ranked and staff

is directed to seek a negotiated fee for drawing a working document on the construction of the new concession stand/restroom facility for the Springfield Park football field area. The rankings are as follows- Langley and Associates is number one and LS3P is number two. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). This project will now go out to bid.

9. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: I have two things. First is to thank Mayor and Council for listening to me. My name is Leo Joyce and I live at 114 Old Bridges Road in Mauldin. I have a comment on the police department and fire department. I had occasion to have a problem with my wife. I called 911. Quickly, they were there and transported my wife to the hospital. We came back from the hospital but could not get her out of the car. The fire department came out and assisted and did a great job.

I would like to thank John Ted Cruz Hillary Clinton Gardner. I agree with his comment about closing the road. I suggested that rather than make all the plans, and I don't know about the helicopter rescue, but the road should be closed and if there are no problems, then they can make a decision. If I can't get out of my development because the cars are bumper to bumper, I will call 911. Thank you.

Joel Ann Chandler: I have asked John Gardner for a copy of the plans and I am sure the other owners would like a copy also. I would greatly appreciate it.

10. Executive session pursuant to SC State Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1), that council go into executive session for a personnel matter pertaining to our Public Works Director position

Councilman Goodson made a motion pursuant to SC State Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1), that council go into executive session for a personnel matter pertaining to our Public Works Director position. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Goodson reported no vote or action was taken in executive session.

11. Council requests.

12. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk