

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2021, 7PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Members present: Mayor Terry Merritt, Councilmembers Carol King, Taft Matney, Jason Kraeling, Dale Black and Diane Kuzniar. Councilman Michael Reynolds was not present.

Others present: City Administrator Brandon Madden and City Attorney John Duggan

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Black
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Black
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Interim Chief Miller and Chairwoman Carol King presented these recognitions
 - a. Recognition of the Police Officer of Year- Adrian Cordova
 - b. Recognition of the Police Department's Civilian Employee of the Year- Kelli Stevenson
 - c. Recognition of the Police Officer of the Quarter- James Roland
 - d. Mauldin Police Explorer Post- Several team awards
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. City Council Meeting – April 19, 2021

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Special Called Council Meeting – May 6, 2021

Motion: Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

4. Public Comment
 - a. Carol Ball- Good evening. I live at 125 Dove Haven Drive in Cooper's Lake. I am here tonight because we felt- I am on the HOA, I am Vice President. We felt like we were blindsided when it came to the ordinance tonight on Centerpoint. We were excited about what is happening at Bridgeway, but where Samsung is, it is narrow going in. We have four schools already on Holland Road. We feel like it is going to be a real inconvenience for traffic to have a charter school there. We are disappointed because it is going to be a huge inconvenience for all of us. There are several of us here tonight. We had no idea there was going to be another school, and we already put up with the traffic on Holland Road. It is atrocious, at best.

We are part of Centerpoint, so it may change our allotment and what we are going to have to

spend each year. We wanted to be involved, or informed as to what is going on.

- b. Bill Lang: I live at 143 Dove Haven also. I was wondering if signs were ever posted announcing the rezoning on the Samsung property. I go down that road multiple times a day and have yet to see a sign on the property indicating a rezoning. I am all for charter schools. I have grandchildren who go to school there, but we already have two schools on the road and now you will have three back-to-back to back. It will create a lot of traffic. There is also traffic at the middle and the elementary schools; it backs up in the right-hand lane as well as the center lane. Now we will have the traffic that could possibly block our exit to get out of Cooper's Lake and that will put a burden on us.

I wish that we had been given notice. I didn't learn about this until four hours ago. I am real disappointed that the Greenville County Zoning Board didn't post signage for the rezoning. There is no newspaper anymore, so if you don't put a sign on the adjacent property, the residents don't know what is going on. They have no idea what is coming at them.

You have already had one reading in my understanding, so we are coming at this late. We probably don't have much of a chance of making a difference, but I am not happy with the proposal that another school is proposed. It is going to be a burden on the residents of Cooper Lake subdivision.

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Madden showed a video on the Pizza Blues and Jazz festival. He then showed some pictures of the Mauldin Clean-up Day this past Saturday.

6. Public Hearing

- a. An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 for ordinary and other City purposes; to provide for a levy of taxes on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin for all City purposes, including sufficient tax for any principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness maturing in the Fiscal Year; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues coming to the City during the Fiscal Year

The Mayor suspended the regular Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. to go into a public hearing for the FY 22 budget. Mr. Madden reported this budget increased 16% over last year's budget, mostly from capital outlay. The proposed budget is balanced and does not include a millage, tax, or fee increase. There will be no changes in services provided to our citizens.

This budget also includes a 10-year capital improvement plan. The budget is approximately 41.6 million dollars.

The public hearing ended at approximately 7:35 p.m. The Mayor reconvened the regular council meeting.

7. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)
- d. Economic Planning and Development (Chairperson Matney)- Chairman Matney thanked the Community Development Department and all other departments for the work on PB&J. The teamwork kept things running smoothly at the festival.
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar reported there were 968 inspections, 10 new businesses, and 259 permits pulled in April. The BDS department is doing a great job.
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Black)

8. Unfinished Business

Ordinances – Second and Final Reading

- a. An Ordinance approving a major change to the Centerpointe Planned Development

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

9. New Business

Ordinances – First Reading

- a. An Ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 43 acres located at S.C. Highway 417 and Interstate Highway 385 (Tax Map Parcels: 0295.00-01- 003.01, 0295.00-01-003.03, 0295.00-01-003.04, 0295.00- 01-005.00, 0295.00-01-005.06, and 0295.00-01-005.10) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. An Ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 6.1 acres located at Service Bay Road (Tax Map Parcels: M005.01-02-016.00, M005.01-02-016.03, M005.01-02-018.00, and M005.01-02-018.01) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- c. An Ordinance to provide for the annexation of property owned by David M. Adams, Sr., et. al., and located at Ashmore Bridge Road near Fowler Circle (Tax Map Parcel: M007.01-01-002.00) by one hundred percent petition method; and to establish a zoning classification of R-15, residential, for said property

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Kuzniar asked if there was any road infrastructure planned. This project consists of over 200 single family residential homes being added. Melanie Giles from Bluewater Civil Design said the traffic study has not been completed, but once it is then options will be discussed.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- d. An ordinance to amend Section 21-4 and Section 21-41 in the Mauldin Municipal Code Chapter 21, Flood Damage Prevention

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- e. An Ordinance to provide amended appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 for ordinary and other City purposes; to provide for a levy of taxes on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin for all City purposes, including sufficient tax for any principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness maturing in the fiscal year; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues coming to the City during the Fiscal Year

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Standing Committee Items

- f. Resolution approving the sale and transfer of City property

This is for the transfer of K9 Ambrose to his former handler.

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to approve this resolution and the transfer of Ambrose. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Committee of the Whole

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to consider these four items under the informal method. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- g. An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 for ordinary and other City purposes; to provide for a levy of taxes on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin for all City purposes, including sufficient tax for any principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness maturing in the Fiscal Year; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues coming to the City during the Fiscal Year

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- h. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Relating to the Provision of Municipal Facilities; Consenting to and Approving the Issuance of not Exceeding \$5,000,000 Mauldin Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, by the Mauldin Public Facilities Corporation (the "Corporation") to Provide Funding to Finance the Costs of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, and Installing Various Municipal Facilities; Consenting to and Approving the Execution of a Base Lease Agreement by and Between the City and the Corporation; Consenting to and Approving the Execution of a Municipal Facilities Purchase and Occupancy Agreement (the "Facilities Agreement") Relating Thereto by and Between the City and the Corporation; Consenting to the Form of a Trust Agreement to be Entered into by the Corporation and the Trustee for the Bonds; and Together Therewith an Assignment to the Trustee of Certain Rights to Payment and Other Rights of the Corporation, Under the Facilities Agreement; and Making Provision for all Other Matters Relating to the Foregoing

Councilwoman King said this is for the new fire station that will be constructed in the future.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- i. An Ordinance Establishing a Sewer Pump Station Fee for Additional Parcels of the Indigo Pointe Development Creating a Lien for Unpaid Sewer Pump Station Fees; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Action: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

10. Public Comment

- a. VanDavid Vernon: I live at 10216 Three Springs Trail in Greenville. I came tonight to introduce myself and my organization. I am with Vernon Veterans Services. It is an organization designed to help veterans with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. To do that, we do recreational therapy. What we have going on now is yoga, that we do in Greenville off of Rutherford Road. Every Tuesday we do this. I am also going to be doing Sit and Stretch and am going to be bringing this to Mauldin. This allows us to be outdoors to sit and do yoga. It is open not to just veterans, but their families, and any other participants. This helps us be physical and get our minds back right and our bodies right. VVSinc.org is the website. Please check us out. We would love to have you.
- b. Dean Kirkland: I live at 963 Fargo Street. Could you please remind me the first topic? Yes, Black Lives Matter. I think it is a shame for people who sacrificed. The Bible teaches that all lives matter from conception until they are brought back home. I have a problem with Black Lives Matter. That is all I have to say.

A lot of citizens are concerned that we posted the Chief's position but didn't have to interview. This man has a master's degree and has served this community for how long? 23 years. And we are going to interview and do paperwork and people are going to compete with him and the job he has been doing since Chief Turner left? So, I need to tell you something.

I need to tell you something about me. I am legally, medically, diagnosed, and registered in South Carolina as a mental patient. When something happens that I know is wrong, I get emotionally upset. It is called mental abuse. I have talked to Captain Mike Posey of SLED; he knows I am here today. I have talked to the Chief, Dale Black, and Lt. Vaughn. I told them I would be a gentleman. Last week, the reason for the outburst, I have waited five years to ask you that question of why did you try to fight me? I still don't have an answer. You came by my house and I want to know why did you try to fight me? You don't have much to say. That's all on that one.

Alcohol in the parks- The alcohol in the parks. Trey Eubanks, you, and Taft Matney were instrumental in putting alcohol in the parks. I am going to do my best to get it out of there. We don't need to have drugs near our children and make them think it is acceptable. Drugs are drugs whether they are liquid or pills. I have my concerns about it. I prayed about it and I think God is going to make some changes. I really do. That's all I got to say about that.

The opposition to Dale Black is the same as Black Lives Matter. It concerns me that three councilmen asked for his resignation. You are the general and you didn't stand up for your right-hand man and say most of you don't live in this City, why are you here? Black Lives Matter. I already talked about that. I come down here this morning to issue over 30 something warrants. It has to be civil litigation. I swore them against you and the three councilmen I named. The minimum I can sue for is \$5,000. They asked me how much I am going to sue them for. I said as much as I can get. I am going to give it to the children and the poor. I don't need the money. Does that make any sense? You don't have much to say tonight. Private Dean Kirkland RA149350 off duty. What? I understand. That was it. I am through. That was it.

11. Council Concerns- Councilman Matney thanked staff for coordinating the Mauldin Clean Up Day. There were participants from the high school, several members of Council and many others.

He then thanked Kellett's Korner for making sure the public safety vehicles had gas during the shortage last week.

Councilwoman King thanked Recreation and the staff for the Clean-up Day. This is the first time we have had that many students come together to help the community and community involvement is what it is all about.

Councilwoman King then said Mauldin is fortunate to have Tim St. Clair coordinating our youth arts programs. The production of Freaky Friday was fantastic. She encouraged everyone to check out the upcoming performances at the cultural center.

Mayor Merritt said Old Stage Road must have been cleaned up as well. There are bags up and down the road. He asked staff to check and see if the City needs to pick those up.

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk