

The Indigo Point Public Hearing was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Merritt. There was no public comment. Mayor Merritt closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present: Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, Frank Allgood and Diane Kuzniar.

Others present: City Administrator Seth Duncan and City Attorney John Duggan

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilman Matney
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Matney

2. Proclamations and Presentations

None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- June 19, 2023

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comment- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported revenues are coming in strong and FY 23 expenditures are being finished up. Total expenditures are under the budgeted amount.

There are two more Amp'd Up Fridays at the Cultural Center this summer.

The City was recognized for our CAFR again this year.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- None
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- None
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- Chairman Kraeling said the new curbing being put in by Public Works looks good.
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- None
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar reported permitting is at a

record high.

- f. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- Chairman Allgood reported football starts this month and the department is looking for a Senior Center Administrator.

7. Unfinished Business-

Ordinances- 2nd Reading

- a. Ordinance 1019 – Establishing a sewer pump station fee for additional parcels of the Indigo Point development and for certain properties near and adjacent to the Indigo Point development; and other matters related thereto.

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

- a. Ordinance 1020- Business License Incentive Program Ordinance Change. An amendment to Chapter 10, Article II, Section 53, Business License fee abatement incentive program to encourage and incentivize private capital investment of corporate and regional headquarters within the City and to authorize alternative abatement incentive programs for economic development projects.

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to amend the motion as presented. This is a strike and insert, striking the definition in 5a of corporate headquarters and replacing it with “ corporate headquarters shall mean the facility or portion of the facility where corporate staff are physically employed, and where the majority of the company’s financial, personnel, legal, planning, or other headquarters related functions are handled either on a regional or national basis.” Councilman Allgood seconded the amendment.

Chairman Matney said this is the SC Department of Revenue definition of corporate headquarters and would allow us to mimic the state. Mayor Merritt said Mauldin's abatement program came about in 2014. We are only changing the definition. Councilwoman King asked if the definition should include something pertaining to South Carolina. Is it a foreign entity registered? Councilman Kraeling said this is only a definition of a headquarters. Councilwoman King said prior to the committee meeting, they were wanting to strike "two other states." Now the entire sentence is being left out. Mr. Duncan said it is just a definition of corporate headquarters. The company obviously has to be inside the City. Chairman Matney said the other piece of the change to the amendment puts the authority and responsibility of the incentives in this Council's hands.

Councilman Reynolds asked if Council should have the leeway that is outlined in this ordinance. John Duggan answered that Council has a lot of discretion with economic development.

Vote: The vote on the amended motion was unanimous (7-0).

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- b. Ordinance 1021- An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property owned by Charles Michael Hendrix, and located at 2114 and 2118 Standing Springs Road (tax map parcels: 0583.02-01-009.02 and 0583.02-01-009.03 by one hundred percent petition method; and to establish a zoning classification of R-10, Residential, for said property

Chairwoman Kuzniar mentioned the number of single-family homes has been reduced from 351 homes to 347.

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Standing Committee Items

- c. Indigent Defense Contract

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to approve the contract for \$10,000 with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

d. Golden Strip Career Center SRO Grant Agreement

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to accept the SRO grant for the Golden Strip Career Center with Councilman Matney seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. Appointment to the Planning Commission

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve the appointment of Raj Reddy to the Planning Commission with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

f. Resolution 7-2023 Sale of Fixed Assets

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to adopt the resolution to sell City assets with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

g. GLDTC 612.01 Agreement

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to approve the GLDTC participation agreement with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

h. Janitorial Services Contract

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to approve the Servicemaster janitorial services contract with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment- None

10. Council Concerns- Mayor Merritt asked everyone to keep Rev. Waddy Talley's family in their prayers.

11. Adjournment-Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk