

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

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

Others present were City Administrator Seth Duncan and City Attorney John Duggan.

1. Call to Order-Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilwoman King
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman King

2. Proclamations and Presentations- The Mayor read the proclamations and presented plaques.

- a. Retirement Presentations-
Captain Kara Boyd
- b. MHS Wrestling Proclamations-
Peyton Fisher
Bianca Connell

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- July 17, 2023
The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comment- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported the bridge naming has received more than 2,000 responses from the public. Submissions will be accepted until September 5 at noon.

The Mauldin Cultural Center will host an Open House on Thursday, August 24th from 5:00-7:00PM. The event will allow residents to learn more about what the Cultural Center has to offer, and see what's coming up next for events and theater.

Hunchback of Notre Dame tickets are on sale. The show will debut on Thursday, September 21 and will run two weekends: Sept 21-24 and Sept 28-Oct 1.

The City of Mauldin's 13th Annual Soobie BBQ Cook-Off is right around the corner. This year's event will start Friday, September 15 at 6:00PM and run through Saturday, September 16.

Wendy Badgley has been hired as the City's next Senior Center Manager.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- Chairman Reynolds reported the Finance Department has received the annual financial report award.
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- Fire Department HQ is about a month away from opening.
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- The two new sidearm trucks have come in.
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- None
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- A Table 301 restaurant has been permitted for Bridgeway Station.
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- None

7. Unfinished Business-

Ordinances- 2nd Reading

- a. Ordinance 1020- Business License Incentive Program Ordinance Change

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to pass this ordinance 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 on final reading with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

- 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

The applicant has requested this reading be delayed until the September Council meeting.

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to hold this item in Council until next month. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

- a. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 6 acres located at Ashmore Bridge Road and Fork Shoals Road (portions of tax map parcel #0411.00-01-001.00 and all of lots 678 thru 694 of Arden Woods Phase 6) and providing an effective date

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

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

Standing Committee Items

- b. MASC Grant Match for City Center Village Master Plan

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the City of Mauldin's application for a Hometown Economic Development Grant sponsored by the Municipal Association of South Carolina and authorize the mayor to execute the resolution. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

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

- c. SRO Memorandum of Understanding with Greenville County

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to pass the agreement with Greenville County for SROs with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

- d. Stormwater Intergovernmental Agreement

Authorization is requested to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Roles and Responsibilities under NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit between the City of Mauldin and Greenville County.

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

e. Jenkins Streetscaping Funding Appropriation

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to appropriate an additional \$1,531,573 from the Capital Fund Fund Balance for the streetscape project on Jenkins Street and Jenkins Court in accordance with GLDTC Project Agreement 586. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

f. Sewer Rehabilitation Program- Amendment 5 with CHA

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to approve amendment 5 to the agreement dated March 17, 2015 between the City of Mauldin and Frazier Engineering, P.A , now CHA Consulting Inc. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

g. Keller Williams Real Estate Business License Late Fee

Mayor Merritt said our process is clear and they knew the Business license fee was due. There should be no waiver. He would rather go through the legal process.

Chairman Reynolds does not disagree but is looking at keeping a relationship with a long-term business.

Councilman Kraeling said he would like legal advice on this matter before making a decision.

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve a partial wavier of late fees. He recommended waiving all late fees except for the month of May 2023, which would be 5%. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 4-3 with Councilwoman Kuzniar, Councilman Kraeling and Mayor Merritt dissenting.

h. Senior Center and Sports Center Copier Contract

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to add the three Recreation Department copiers onto the existing lease with Dex Imaging. Councilwoman King seconding the motion.

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

i. FY 23 Surplus Projection Plan

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve FY2023 Surplus Projection Plan as submitted. Councilwoman King seconded the motion. Councilwoman King asked that staff look at updating our policy as it pertains to comp time.

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

Committee of the Whole

- j. (Amendment to) a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Council to execute an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stormwater Infrastructure Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Mauldin and the South Carolina Office of Resilience to fund a Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to consider this item informally with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

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

The City was awarded 1,166,153.50 dollars from the South Carolina Office of Resilience which has been funded through the American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP). A municipal match of 676,153.50 is required by the City for this project. The remaining funds removed from the municipal match will be paid out of ARPA funds under the City's existing contract with KCI.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to amend the resolution with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

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

9. Public Comment

Rollie Hyust- 104 Swinton Drive. Mr. Hyust thanked Council and the Administrator for obtaining the grant for sidewalks. He is concerned about the bridge on Miller Road. Students are having to walk in the road to get home from school because of the overgrowth on the sides of the road. Mr. Hyust asked if the City could communicate with DOT on getting the road cleaned up on both sides.

- 10. Council Concerns-** Mr. Allgood asked if the bridge Mr. Hyust referenced is the one near the Great Wall and was answered yes.

11. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk