

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its January 16, 2007 regular meeting which had been recessed until January 18, 2007 and on that date recessed until this date and time (January 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.) in the council room of the Municipal Building with the Honorable Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Rembert DeBerry, Lisa D. Griswold, Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr.

Also present were: Craig F. Honeycutt, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk, and Charles L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant City Attorney.

Councilmember DeBerry gave the invocation.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAURINBURG AND SOUTHEASTERN UTILITIES DEVELOPMENT, INC.

The City Manager stated that the Assistant City Attorney has reviewed the proposed development agreement between the City of Laurinburg and Southeastern Utilities Development, Inc. concerning extension of the City's present fiber optic network. He further stated that the agreement appears to be in its final form but that, should Council choose to approve it, they should do so subject to such minor changes in wording as are approved by the City's Assistant Attorney. He explained that the City's Assistant Attorney and Harold Smith were heavily involved in the negotiations of the proposed agreement.

There was a discussion as to what fund fiber optics expenditures and revenues are a part.

The City Manager explained that the fiber optic network is part of the Electric Fund. He then stated that there have been internal discussions to set up the fiber optic as a separate enterprise fund. He stated that Council may want to consider discussing the idea of a fiber optic enterprise fund at Council's annual retreat.

Motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed agreement as submitted subject to any minor changes that the Assistant City Attorney may have and to also authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement when the attorney is satisfied and the agreement is final.

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X, SECTION 146, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY DELETING CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES AND TEMPLES (USES 5.200) AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Mayor explained that the proposed ordinance amending Article X, Section 146, Table of Permitted Uses of the Unified Development Ordinance by deleting churches, synagogues and temples as a permitted use in the central business district needs to be considered for adoption.

Councilmember Parker stated that the ordinance is not intended to be against religion but rather to try and keep businesses in the central business district and churches out of the district because of parking and other conflicts.

Councilmember Griswold moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. O-2007-01 which amends Article X, Section 146, Table of Permitted Uses of the Unified Development Ordinance by deleting Churches, Synagogues, and Temples (Uses 5.200) as a permitted use in the Central Business District. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Griswold, Rainer, Parker, DeBerry, Leak

Nays: None

(Ordinance No. O-2007-01 on file in the City Clerk's Office)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Ann B. Slaughter, Mayor

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk