

Conversation with Council Progress Report

as of February 23rd, 2022

Meeting Date: February 17th, 2022

Action Item	Status
How can a citizen report a street with poor lighting and what can be done about it? <i>Residents can make requests for Staff to evaluate lighting of specific areas inside the City limits by calling City Hall or by reporting directly to the MyCivic app. Staff will access the safety of the area at night. If it is deemed that more street lighting is needed, the City will contact Duke Energy to make a request. The City pays approx. \$30 per month per street light.</i>	Procedure in Place
Can the trees across the street from the HWY 123 Pedestrian bridge be cut back or replaced with smaller trees? <i>Staff is looking into the trees surrounding the HWY 123 Pedestrian Bridge and will be evaluating that area for safety and visibility.</i>	Procedure in Place
Can the City require property owners to keep their property clean and free of debris? Would the placing of signs in problematic areas be an option? <i>The Zoning and Codes Administration Division is charged with the administration of the City Zoning Ordinance along with various other city codes related to land development and/or property maintenance. Residents can report possible violations directly to Staff using the MyCivic App. Staff will look into the possibility of placing signs in problematic areas of the City.</i>	Procedure in Place/In Progress
What is the City doing to address affordable housing? <i>The City is concerned about workforce and affordable housing. Several steps that have been taken to help facilitate workforce/affordable housing in Clemson or the surrounding area include the adoption of an R7 zoning district (which allow single family homes on smaller lots which theoretically can lower the cost of a home), supporting the Pickens County objective to form a county housing authority, and seeking opportunities for workforce/affordable housing in all new Planned developments.</i>	In Progress
Was a restroom at the lower baseball fields included in the Nettles Park Master Plan? <i>Restrooms were not included in the Master Plan. Information about the Master Plan can be viewed here.</i>	Complete
Is it legal for property owners/managers to rent per bedroom? Is there a way for the City to regulate this? <i>In South Carolina, the landlord is free to charge any rent price agreed upon by the parties because there is no rent control or limit required by the state. The City is not able to regulate this.</i>	Complete
Can we implement impact fees on developers? <i>The City currently has impact fees in place. The current impact fees can be viewed here. The City Council passed a Resolution on 2/21/22 agenda to start the process of reevaluating the current impact fees.</i>	Procedure in Place

Questions? Contact City Hall at 864-653-2030.

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What are our current procedures in regard to animal control and housing animals?

Ongoing

Under City Ordinance 4-30, it states that a seized animal shall be taken to the county shelter or other designated facility and held for a minimum of 10 working days. The ordinance then directs the police to attempt to notify the owner, gives direction on how this is to be done, and if the owner is contacted and wants the animal back, the animal is released to the owner. Animal owners have property rights to the animal and the only way the city can obtain ownership of the animal is if the owner abandoned the animal, voluntarily relinquishes their rights to the animal, or there is a court hearing before a judge that revokes the property rights.

The City Police Department relies on the training, expertise, and equipment of the County's Animal Control unit when it comes to seizing animals. Absent a friendly dog that will not fight or resist capture, we will call animal control for their assistance in capturing the animal. Wild animals like coyotes and bears fall in the venue of the Department of Natural Resources, and they would be called upon if there were an issue inside the city.

The city has preliminarily looked into the costs and requirements for having its own shelter and is very costly. Not only would the city need to identify a location for the shelter, it would need to be constructed in a way to prevent escape, the spread of disease, proper feeding and exercise, and the like. Not to mention, we would need to have a veterinarian contracted to provide care.

When was the last time that HWY 123 bridge over Lake Hartwell was inspected?

Procedure in Place

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is required to complete bi-annual inspections of the bridge in question. As the bridge is owned/operated by SCDOT these records are not provided to the City unless requested or reviewed in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Bridges are inspected to SCDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards. The last inspection took place in 2020. The next inspection will take place this year.

What is going on at the Chick-Fil-A property?

Ongoing

The Chick-Fil-A is undergoing renovations including the addition of a dual drive through lane which will allow more cars in the parking lot and off of HWY 123.