



**REPORT**  
CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNCIL FINANCE, AUDIT, BUDGET COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 – 10:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Council Committee Members: Chair Councilmember McGee, Councilmember Caldwell, Mayor Pennington

Executive Staff: City Manager Zeigler, City Manager Elect Moore, Finance Director Caulder, City Clerk Skipper, HR Director Ward, Community & Eco Dev Director Munoz, Fire Chief Burr, Police Chief Thompson, Public Service Director Slatton, PIO Baker, NIWP Manager Braddock, Police Lt. Blair, HPD Office Manager Johnson

In Attendance via Phone: Lawrence Flynn from Pope Flynn and Brian Nurick from Compass.

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4389, DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MAY BE OPEN, MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND FOLLOWING DHEC AND CDC GUIDELINES.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV.

Chair McGee called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

DISCUSSIONS:

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET REVIEW

Financial Advisor Brian Nurick and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn joined the meeting via GoToMeeting to discuss restructuring debt that could give some cash flow relief in these times of the “unknowable”. Six loans could be refinanced and a short-term GO bond with debt service millage could be issued in a year that payment struggles occurred. This could build fund balance on the front end. The entire process could take 2.5 – 3 months. Chair McGee stated that we could use this information as a launch point and have discussions going forward.

Director Caulder informed the committee that utility accounts will begin to be cut off later this month. Payment plans will be created if requested.

The water park budget has not been touched, it will be a continuance budget since we don’t know when the park will be opening.

Director Caulder explained that a \$1.00 per year for 3 years increase in the residential solid waste fee is being recommended.

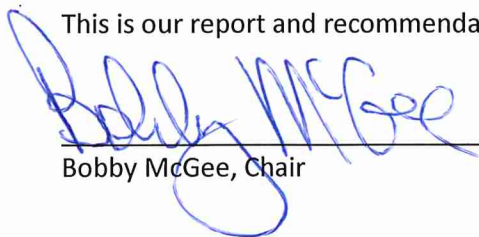
After discussions on all funds the recommendation to add back the .5% COLA that had been initially removed, meaning employees will receive a 2% COLA, and we restored the full budgeted amount (\$85,000) for merit bonuses, and to pursue financing options was made.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chair McGee thanked Director Caulder for her hard work. He suggested that this committee begin to meet at least monthly to discuss finance issues during the year instead of only right before a budget needs to be passed.

Adjourned at 1:34p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.



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Bobby McGee, Chair

5-21-2020

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Date