



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL FINANCE, AUDIT, BUDGET COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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, Public Service Director Slatton, PIO Baker, NIWP Manager Braddock, Asst. Fire Chief Bell

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 FRIDAY, MAY 15, 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 10:05 am.

DISCUSSIONS:

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET REVIEW

Chair McGee turned the meeting over to Finance Director Caulder who presented balanced budgets and a timeline for refinancing plan. The balanced budgets include adding back the .5% to COLA that had been initially removed, meaning employees will receive a 2% COLA, and the full budgeted amount of (\$85,000) for merit bonuses was restored. A three (3) year increase of residential solid waste by \$1.00 per month to be effective 7/1/20 is included.

Director Caulder also informed the committee that a budget amendment for this year's budget will be on the next agenda for City Council.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chair McGee asked how this budget presentation is handled at Council meeting. City Manager Zeigler stated that normally the Finance Director presents the budget highlights and the Finance Committee Chair then states that the committee recommends these balanced budgets be approved by Council as presented.

Chair then thanked Director Caulder and everyone who assisted in creating these balanced budgets. He explained that he feels that we are on the right path to doing our best for the citizens.

Adjourned at 10:15am.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Bobby McGee, Chair

Date