



MINUTES
CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 - 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Pennington
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember Caldwell
Councilmember Gammage
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember McGee
Councilmember Wilson
Attorney - None
Press

Executive Staff:

City Manager Zeigler
City Clerk Skipper
Public Service Director Slatton
Community & Economic Dev Dir. Munoz
Police Chief Thompson

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE; AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV.

Mayor Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:43pm and asked Councilmember Wilson to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Gammage; Carried: All ayes.

PRESENTATIONS

Certified 2019 General Election Results were presented to the Mayor and Council by the City Clerk and they were confirmed without objection.

Mayor and Council Comments to Councilmember Wilson: All thanked him for his service and expressed gratitude for knowing him and learning from him. Expressions of endearment were offered by all. The Mayor Pro-Tem expressed that this was a bittersweet moment having served together on Council as well as the Planning Commission. Mayor Pennington thanked him for his faithful service to The entire city, not just his district. Councilmember Wilson stated he was born and raised here and wouldn't trade Hartsville for anywhere else. Although he will miss being on Council he will still be checking in. He thanked the City Manager and the City Clerk for helping him all these years.

Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials: Mayor Pennington administered the oath of office to Johnny Andrews elected to District 4, Bobby McGee elected to district 6 and Bryson Caldwell elected to district 2.

Environmental Concerns - Rev. Alford and Rev. Robinson: These two men represented the community around the cotton gin area where they have environmental and aesthetic concerns. The

Mayor thanked them for coming and explained that conversations were already in the works on this matter before their concerns were brought to the city's attention and the city is looking at opportunities in this location while also developing the Butler District. To move the gin would cost 6-8 million dollars. Rev. Alford and Rev. Robison expressed concerns for damages to homes, vehicles, streets and toxic air being inhaled. There is also a humming by the machines that cause noise pollution in the neighborhood when children are trying to study or sleep. Councilmember Gammage stated that he was happy that voices are being heard and the cloud in this neighborhood is literal and metaphoric; the gin cannot expand without the approval of the Planning Commission and the City Council. Mayor Pennington assured everyone that continued conversations will happen in regard to this situation.

CareSouth Carolina Community Partnership - Joe Bittle, Chief of Community Health and Don Strickland of Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority: Hartsville Area Regional Transit (HART) is free to everyone and helps people get to doctor, hospital, post office, grocery store, work, school, etc. The Darlington County Coordinating Council is the gatekeeper. Mayor Pennington expressed appreciation for these efforts.

MANAGER UPDATE - None.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 12-19-01: ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE – APPROVED.

Motion: Mack; Second: Gammage; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 12-19-02: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A UTILITY CAMERA TRAILER – APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Gammage; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 12-19-03: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM (SCPRT) UNDISCOVERED SC GRANT - APPROVED.

Motion: McGee; Second: Andrews; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 12-19-04: APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP OF TAX MAP PARCEL 056-10-04-014 LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF MARLBORO AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET FROM THE HARTSVILLE OIL MILL TO THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO - APPROVED.

Motion: Mack; City Manager stated that communication about improvement to the street is still being held; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4378: AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR TAX MAP NUMBERS 056-00-01-157 CONSISTING OF 12.0 (+/-) ACRES, 056-00-01-158 CONSISTING OF 6.28 (+/-) ACRES, AND 056-00-01-159 CONSISTING OF 31.85 (+/-) ACRES LOCATED BEHIND THE CURRENT WALMART PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Gammage; Carried: All ayes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4379: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE TO GRANT AND AUTHORIZE A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO HARTSVILLE PARKING, BEAUTIFICATION AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED AS

AMENDED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Gammage; Motion to amend the agreement to reflect a term of 30 years instead of 20: Andrews; Second: Caldwell; Carried as amended: All ayes.

Mayor Pennington thanked Councilmember Wilson again for his service and congratulated Councilmember Caldwell on beginning his service.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:20pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk