



## MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 - 5:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

### Mayor/Council:

Mayor Pennington  
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews  
Councilmember Braddock  
Councilmember Caldwell  
Councilmember Mack  
Councilmember McGee

### Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore  
City Clerk Skipper  
Finance Director Caulder  
Tourism & Communications Director Baker  
Economic Development Director Munoz  
Human Resources Director Wallace  
Parks & Recreation Interim Director Bedard  
Public Service Director Slatton

Attorney - None

Press – Matthew Christian, Morning News

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4408, DURING THE COVID- 19 PANDEMIC, THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 WILL BE HELD IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS; MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY. THE MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY TO THE PUBLIC ON YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNHT8NtgJrqplYpde4w>.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE WILL BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING UNTIL NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO [city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov](mailto:city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov). WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLES.GOV. CITY HALL IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Mayor Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:31pm and asked former Councilmember Gammage to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations:

1. Social Emotional Learning Day on March 26, 2021 was presented to Tre' Gammage.
2. Disabilities Awareness Month will be mailed to the organization.
3. Donate Life Month for April will be mailed to the organization. Mayor Pennington stated that this donor transplant is a wonderful program and anyone can enroll when they get their drivers license.

4. Mayor Pennington asked Council to join him as he presented a service proclamation to former Councilmember Tre' Gammage. He stated that Tre's passion for service will be missed and this will not be the end of service for him as he moves forward. Tre' expressed that this was humbling and to be in the same class as Bernice Wilson is an honor and he has learned so much during his time in Hartsville. He stated that he has grown up here and became a husband, father, and man. He also stated that he loves to serve people and is grateful to the City for the opportunity to serve here.
5. Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews read the proclamation for former Mayor Flora C. "Flossie" Hopkins to honor her on her lifetime of public service and to express the city's sincere sympathy to her family on the passing. Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews stated that she had touched him as his 7th grade teacher; school district administrator while he worked in the school system, and then as Mayor while he was on City Council. This proclamation will be entered into the minutes for the permanent record and presented to her family later in the year.

#### MANAGER UPDATE

1. Your statement of economic interest is due by March 30, 2021.
2. BIRD scooters are available by a private entrepreneur.
3. Neptune Island's new food and beverage building is coming along.
4. Budget is well on its way and lessons have been learned through COVID. A workshop will be planned for April (date to be determined).
5. Russ has resigned and this is his last City Council meeting. He is going to Fountain Inn. Russ stated that it has been a fun ride. He has enjoyed working with staff and council. Mayor Pennington stated that it has been a pleasure to watch Russ grow and wished him and his family well.

#### CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

#### NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4409: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 149 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO DARLINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Andrews; Second: Caldwell; Carried: with all ayes.

RESOLUTION 03-21-01: APPOINTING A NEW DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

Motion: Caldwell; Second: McGee; Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews would like to see someone from that district appointed to this Board. The Board is composed of 5 members; 3 appointed from City Council, 1 appointed from Byerly Foundation, and 1 elected from the HPDC Board. Mayor Pennington stated that as the canal grows the board needs more ideas and a strategic partner is needed to be added to the HPDC board. Carried: All ayes to appoint Brianna Douglas from Coker University.

RESOLUTION 03-21-02: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS GRANT APPROVED.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a) (1) FOR DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND A CITY JUDGE – APPROVED.

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

MOTION: TO VERIFY THAT ONLY THE ITEMS STATED IN THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION - APPROVED.

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

UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 6:57pm.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk