



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Hancock
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember Caldwell
Councilmember DeLaine
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember McGee

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk
Finance Director Caulder
HR Director Jones
Economic Development Director Munoz
Parks, Rec & Waterpark Director Bedard
Fire Chief Burr
HR Director Jones

Attorney
Press

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV. CITY HALL IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 5:32pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2022 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND THE JANUARY 14, 2022 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Public Comments:

- a. Carol Ann Godwin, 308 East Richardson Circle: Owner of commercial rental property stated that the application for business license was not applicable to her. She explained that she thinks this is taxing the same building twice and asked Council to amend the business license section of the code and make an exemption for commercial property.
- b. Belinda Copeland, 503 West College Avenue: She Stated that she owns and rents (for a little income) the building the Free Medical Clinic occupies. She complained that there was no explanation before receiving the letter regarding business license.
- c. Daniel Moore, City Manager: Ordinance 4422 The State wanted to unify all business license codes across the state. State classifies a business as income, including income from residential or commercial rent. We looked at other cities and they make no exceptions; we do on a case-by-case basis when discussed with the Business Navigator staff based current policy.

Proclamations:

Black History Month: Read and presented to City Clerk for the record.

Brigadier General Jackson: Presented to Bennet Gore to send to Washington for a presentation there to Brigadier General Jackie Thompson Day in Hartsville. He is only the second African-American to be promoted to this rank in the 247 year history of the United States Army's JAG Corps.

Franklin Hines Sympathy: Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Councilmember Franklin Hines and then presented the proclamation to Councilmember Caldwell to provide to Mr. Hines family.

MANAGER UPDATE

- a. Annual SC Ethics SEI Filing deadline 3/30/22
- b. Katie Anderson was introduced as the new Operations Manager at Neptune Island Waterpark She previously worked two seasons at the waterpark.
- c. Hartsville Public Development Corporation voted unanimously to revise by-laws to allow the Mayor Pro-tem and Councilmember from District #1 to be the ex-officio Council appointed members. The RFQ process is in the works.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4427: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE CODE WITHIN CHAPTER 78, SECTION 78-434 AND REPEALING SECTION 74-4 – APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing (state name and address for record):

- a. Kim Rush from 400 McLeod is against this ordinance citing safety issues in the downtown as customers exit businesses and other pedestrians walk along the sidewalks. Sidewalks need to be safe and slow as people come here to spend their money.
 - b. DeLaine: Let's see how it works out.
 - c. McGee: This won't immediately flood our sidewalks. B-1 district on the fringes are not as safe.
 - d. Mack: We asked for input and we took our time before passing this and it can be amended if we need to. There is no information available to not pass it.
 - e. Andrews: Not ready for this on downtown sidewalks. It's a hazard. In favor of outside the B-1.
- Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes, except Andrews voting nay.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4428: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 31- 4, 31-8; APPENDIX A – ZONING, ARTICLE III, AND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 5. B-1 – APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing (state name and address for record) – None.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Caldwell; Second: McGee; Carried: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4429: TO ANNEX AN APPROXIMATELY 5.11 (+/-) ACRES OF LAND, TAX MAP NUMBERS 036-00-01-067 AND 036-00-01-069 LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF BAY ROAD AND WEST BOBO NEWSOM HIGHWAY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF HARTSVILLE – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried all ayes.

RESOLUTION 02-22-01: ACKNOWLEDGING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING ELECTION DISTRICT 1 AS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a)(1)(2) FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO POTENTIAL CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO CITY PROPERTY – APPROVED.

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

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

RESOLUTION 02-22-02: APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION – APPROVED.

Motion: to appoint Warren Felkel by McGee; Second: Andrews; Motion: to appoint Mary Davis by Mack; No second received. Warren Felkel was approved. Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:20pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk