MINUTES



CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 - 5:30 PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:
Mayor Hancock
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock - Absent
Councilmember Caldwell
Councilmember DeLaine
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember McGee

Executive Staff:
City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
ACM/CFO Caulder
HR Director Jones
Fire Chief Burr
Parks & Recreation Director Bedard
Business Services Director Brown
Public Service Director Bethea
Tourism & Communications Director Brown

Attorney – Daniel Plyler Press - none

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, JULY 8, 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 5:33pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hancock expressed to everyone that the Council and the City administration are very concerned with the recent flooding caused by "flash floods" in our area. This cannot be solved 100%. The City Manager and I spent all day speaking to citizens and residents. The City Manager and Public Service Director met with South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and it was a Very productive meeting. We will need to spend around \$200,000 to remediate some of the issue to stop flooding on road completely would be in the millions. We have a volume problem. We have cleaned some pipes and have no major blockages. We will look at it holistically and continue to seek solutions while we try to find funds.

City Manager Moore: The storm water fee we previous had was abolished.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews stated that a storm water study would need to be done for proper and fair fees if the Council were to decide to have a storm water fee structure in the future.

Mayor Hancock stated that the City wants to hear from the residents and completing the storm water study led by the County would be a good place to start. It can be found at darlingtoncountyfloodstudy.com

Public Comments:

Kim Cranford, representing Center Theater located at 214 North Fifth Street.

Mr. Cranford complained that the theater had flooding on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This flooding each day caused him to call in A&I to clear out the water so he could have the Little Miss Pageant. If he had to cancel the city would lose all the economic impact that comes along with this pageant. This cleaning of the building three times will cost the theater between \$10 - \$13,000 dollars. This has been going on for sixty years and it's a shame.

Mayor Hancock thanked him for his comments.

MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Moore introduced new City Attorney, Daniel Plyler. Attorney Plyler thanked Council and expressed how he is pleased to be here to handle the city's legal matters. With his seventeen (17) years of representing local government he looks forward to working closely with the city council and city staff.

City Manager Moore introduced our new Director of Tourism and Communications, Michelle Byers Brown. We are happy to have her on board.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4440: TO AMEND THE LEASE TO T- MOBILE SOUTH, LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO TRITON PCS PROPERTY COMPANY LLC D/B/A T-MOBILE USA, INC. FOR THEIR INSTALLATION OF A DIESEL GENERATOR LOCATED AT THE POOLE STREET WATER TOWER – APPROVED.

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

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Andrews; Second: DeLaine; Carried: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4441: TO AMEND THE LEASE TO VERIZON WIRELESS AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THEIR INSTALLATION OF CELLULAR EQUIPMENT ON THE POOLE STREET WATER TOWER – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Mack; 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 MATTERS RELATED TO POTENTIAL CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO CITY PROPERTY AND APPOINTMENTS ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES ALONG WITH CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS – APPROVED.

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

MOTION: TO EXIT AND 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 – APPROVED.

RESOLUTION 07-22-01: APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES – APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews to appoint members as discussed in Executive Session; Second: McGee; Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNI	MENT: Without objection at 7:06pm.	
		Casey Hancock, Mayor