



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 – 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

Attorney – None

Press – Stephan Drew, News & Press

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Deputy City Clerk Crenshaw
ACM/CFO Caulder
Parks and Recreation Director Bedard
Public Services Director Bethea
Tourism & Communications Dir Brown
Fire Chief Burr
Planning & Zoning Manager Kelley
Police Lieutenant Rudick

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, 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 5:34pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

Mayor Hancock presented proclamations declaring:

- Fair Housing Month for April 2023 on behalf of the City of Hartsville;
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month for April 2023 presented to Pam Johnson, Pee Dee Coalition;
- Child Abuse Prevention Month for April 2023 presented to Pam Johnson, Pee Dee Coalition;
- Mental Health Awareness Month for May 2023 at the request of Saviah Miller, Miss Hartsville;
- Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Day on April 19, 2023 at the request of Andy and Kristin Dampier in honor of their daughter Kaegan Dampier;
- Autism Awareness Month for April 2023;
- Donate Life Month for April 2023;
- Children’s Museum Week for the week of April 1-7, 2023 presented to EdVenture Museum Hartsville;
- Municipal Clerk's Week for the week of April 30 - May 6, 2023 presented to City Clerk Skipper and Deputy Clerk Crenshaw.

Center Theater Update – Monty Bell & Kim Cranford

Monty Bell, Commissioner on Center Theater Building Commission, gave an update on the Center Theater building renovation plans, timelines, and the associated financials. Renovation of the building is

a significant project with a broad scope requiring strategic planning and utilizing many skill sets. Initially, the leaking roof and exterior walls had to be addressed by installation of new roof membrane and mortar joint replacements. Those repairs as well as the new heat/cooling system and electrical upgrade are complete. The interior renovation will include painting the theater and installation of new seating, upgraded lighting, a state-of-the-art sound system and an elevator. Interior renovations are expected to begin in July of 2023 and are estimated to take approximately four to six months to complete. After renovations the theater will seat 900, making it the fifth largest theater in the state, and be ADA compliant. The Commission envisions bringing larger, more detailed productions and events downtown when it reopens in mid-winter 2023. The Commission is requesting the community's continued support to raise the remaining \$1.6 million needed to complete the renovation project.

Public Comments

Gospel in the Park Committee – Reverend J. D. Blue and Paula Wise invited Council to the Gospel in the Park Series 2023. The 2023 theme is “Bringing Unity Into Our Community”. The first concert of the season is the Pre-Mother’s Day Celebration on Sunday, May 7th from 5pm to 8pm. Council received the 2023 schedule for the monthly concerts held at Pride Park. Everyone invited to the free concerts and organizers are looking forward to a successful 2023 season.

MANAGER UPDATE

1. Budget Worksession – Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – 9am – 2pm at The Edition, 221 North Fifth Street. Anticipate the draft budget narrative will be ready for Council to review on Tuesday, April 18th.

2. Hartsville Recreation Football Championship Banquet – Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 3pm at Lawton Park. Celebration organized by Reverend Ray Taylor to recognize the team as the District Champions and runner-up to State Champions.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4449: AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager

Assistant City Manager Caulder commended MASC for reducing and capping the collection fees.

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

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Caldwell; Second: DeLaine;

Carried: All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4450: APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A SIX SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SUCH PLAN PROVIDING FOR A COUNCILMEMBER TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT, AND THE METHOD OF ELECTION – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for the record)

Paula Wise, 213 West Richardson Circle, asked for clarification.

Mayor Hancock explained population changes reported after the 2020 Census show population variances among some of the City Council Districts. Staff worked with SC Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office and Darlington Voter Registration to balance out the population more evenly across the City Council

Districts. All impacted voters will be notified of changes to their voting districts by the Voter Registration Office.

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

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4451: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 149 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO DARLINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation - City Manager Moore explained this renews the existing lease of the retail store space to the Darlington County Humane Society.

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

RESOLUTION 04-23-01: PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained the resolution is related to the MASC initiative for municipalities to join in focusing on civility in government as a top priority.

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

Mayor and Councilmembers took the Civility Pledge which states “I pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of my city.” Council agreed to take the pledge at each meeting after the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 CITY JUDGE AND CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW – APPROVED.

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

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

INFORMATION ONLY

a. Calendars and Other Items

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 8:40pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk