



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP &
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 – 9:00 AM
THE EDITION – 221 NORTH FIFTH STREET, HARTSVILLE, SC

Mayor/Council:

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

Attorney – Lawrence Flynn
Press – Stephan Drews, News & Press

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Deputy City Clerk Crenshaw
ACM/CFO Caulder
Parks & Recreation Director Bedard
Public Services Director Bethea
HPD Captain Privette
Business Services Director Brown
Tourism & Communications Dir Brown
Fire Chief Burr
Human Resources Dir Jones
Planning & Zoning Manager Kelley
Staff Accountant Jenkins

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023, AND DULY POSTED AT THE EDITION LOCATED AT 221 NORTH FIFTH STREET AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV. THE EDITION IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:02am and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Civility Pledge.

PRESENTATIONS

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Draft Budget Review presented by City Manager Moore and Assistant City Manager Caulder.

The City continues to see increased growth across multiple areas, which allowed the City to propose several exciting projects and capital purchases to maintain our commitment to investing back in the community. Here are some highlights from the proposed budget:

- Zero tax millage Increase
- Increased Projected Revenue:
 - Total Combined funds: 18% average increase
- Fully Funded Classification and Compensation Study, including a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment
 - Targeted hard-to-fill positions such as Police Officers, Firefighters, and Heavy Equipment Operators to ensure our wages are competitive.
 - Introduction of a livable wage minimum of \$32,200 for all employees.
- \$2.4 million worth of proposed capital leases, including:
 - Seven New Police Vehicles

- New Dash Cameras for all pursuit vehicles
- New Fire Engine
- New Rear Loader Garbage Truck
- Byerly Park Light Management
- Public Safety Complex Architectural Design Funded

The Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget is fully funded by the growth we continue to experience across multiple areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4-70(a)(2) FOR RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE FOR MATTERS COVERED UNDER ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – BUSINESS LICENSE APPEAL – APPROVED.

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

Council entered Executive Session at 1:30pm.

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: McGee; Carried: All ayes.

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

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 2:33pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk