



MINUTES
CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 - 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Pennington
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember Shirley - Absent
Councilmember Wilson

Executive Staff:

City Manager Zeigler
City Clerk Skipper
Finance Director Caulder
HR Manger Ward
Public Service Director Slatton
Police Chief Thompson
Fire Chief Burr

Press

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE; AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY.

Mayor Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:38pm and asked Councilmember Wilson to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION - Councilmember Braddock, Chairman of the Finance/Budget Committee, thanked Karen, Gina, and Natalie for their hard work on this years budget along with all department heads. He thanked everyone for being good stewards of the citizen's money.

Finance Director Caulder then reviewed the proposed FY 17-18 budget as follows:

1. General Fund:
 - a. .05% Increase
 - b. No tax mileage increase
 - c. Band-Aid with the one time sale of asset/property (Care South Building for \$245,000)
 - d. State pension issue increased budget by \$126,000
 - e. Includes a 2% COLA and Merit Increases for employees
 - f. Includes a full-time building official position, currently position is part-time
 - g. \$40,000 for sidewalk repairs
 - h. Contingency of \$242,918
2. Utilities Fund:
 - a. By law, we do not have to pass a balanced budget for this enterprise fund
 - b. Will have a deficit with no rate increases
 - c. Propose a rate study to protect our Bond covenants and future projects

- d. Includes a 6.5% transfer to General Fund per City Ordinance
 - e. \$460,000 for Roundabout preparation of water and sewer lines
 - f. \$500,000 muffin top grinders and bypass pump project
3. Infrastructure Park Fund:
 - a. \$100,000 transfer to General Fund from Multi-County Business Park for Street/Parking Maintenance
 4. Sanitation Fund:
 - a. Surplus of \$6,652
 - b. No fee increases
 - c. Restore Admin Assistant position
 5. Hospitality Tax Fund:
 - a. Minimal increase in revenue due to accommodations transfer
 - b. All "in city" prepared food produces this revenue
 6. Accommodations Tax Fund:
 - a. Increase in Revenue from new hotels
 7. Debt Service Fund:
 - a. Keep debt service mileage flat
 - b. Slight increase due to GO Bond for intersections project
 8. Stormwater Fund:
 - a. No stormwater Fees
 - b. Slight decrease in expenditures
 9. Recreation Concessions Fund:
 - a. Includes a \$21,000 transfer to General Fund to cover salary/benefits for Concessions Manager and Recreation Manager positions
 10. Splash Pad Fund:
 - a. Surplus of \$28,000
 - b. Includes a \$34,500 transfer to General Fund to cover Salary/Benefits of recreation employees

Mayor Pennington congratulated Finance Director Caulder on preparing a budget of this complexity in such a short period with no job cuts, no tax or fee increases after rolling back taxes last year, and still including pay increases.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 05-17-03: APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE MATCH DOLLARS FROM WATER AND SEWER RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF BLACK CREEK PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS - APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 05-17-04: APPROVAL OF BID AWARD FOR MARION AVE CEMETERY VEGETATION CLEARING - APPROVED.

Motion: Graham; Second: Mack; Carried: All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 6:32pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk