



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Pennington - Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember Caldwell
Councilmember Gammage
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember McGee

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Community & Economic Dev Dir. Munoz
Finance Director Caulder
Fire Chief Burr
Tourism & Comm Director Baker
Public Service Director Slatton

Attorney - None

Press - None

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4401, DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE OPEN AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING; FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY. A YOUTUBE VIDEO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNHT8NtgJrqpIYpde4w> THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov BY NOON ON DAY OF THE MEETING WILL BE READ ALOUD FOR THE RECORD.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLES.COV. CITY HALL IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:34pm and asked Councilmember Caldwell to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews welcomed Dr. Natalie Harder, Coker University President. She wanted to say hello and thank the city for enacting a mask ordinance; it has helped Coker students. She also stated that she wants to strengthen ties with the community and the University and is open to ideas to build relationships. She thanked everyone who had given her a warm welcome.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

- a. South Carolina Native Plant Week – Jennifer Tyrrell with the Audubon Society accepted the proclamation and reminded everyone that native plants enhance green spaces and provides habitats for birds.
- b. National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day and National Fire Prevention Week – Fire Chief Jeff Burr along with Captain David Morgan and Firefighters Russ Grabowskie and Holden Moore accepted the proclamation. Chief Burr explained that three hundred fifty three firefighters lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and asked everyone to “Never Forget”. He also asked everyone to thank firefighters when you see them for their dedication and passion.

MANAGER UPDATE

- a. The 2020 Neptune Island Waterpark season is complete. We had 42,308 in attendance and revenue of \$776,000. These numbers are unprecedented in this covid-19 environment. Water rates should not need to be raised.
- b. The city is working beside Hartsville Public Development Corporation for asbestos abatement in the canal district so demolition can be done by end of the year.
- c. A meeting with V3C and an IT consultant went very well and we will be moving to provide a better environment that we can control. It will be faster and more reliable network. Cudos to finance for assistance with this. The VC3 contract will be month-to-month until we finalize our IT needs. A cost savings is expected when we leave the VOA environment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4400: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF MARLBORO AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET TO THE HARTSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD - APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing: No public input.

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

Carried: with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4402: TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 231 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO DIVINE DESTINY MINISTRIES - APPROVED.

Motion: Mack; Second: Gammage; Discussion: McGee stated that he doesn't like downtown storefront churches; Carried: By a vote of 7 - 1 with McGee voting nay.

RESOLUTION 09-20-01: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE USER AGREEMENTS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 09-20-02: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY (RIA) GRANT -APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 09-20-03: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) PROJECT - APPROVED.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a)(1) FOR DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HARTSVILLE BOARD - APPROVED.

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

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

RESOLUTION 09-20-04: APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HARTSVILLE BOARD - APPROVED.

Motion: Mack to appoint Charles Douglas; Second: Andrews; Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mack; Second: Gammage; Carried with all ayes to adjourn at 6:06pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk