



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID 19

Mayor/Council:

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

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Finance Director Caulder
Tourism & Comm Director Baker

Attorney - None

Press - None

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4403 DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 5:30PM WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL BE LIVE STREAMED TO THE PUBLIC ON YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNT8NtgJrqplYpde4w> FOR ASSISTANCE, CALL 843-917-0602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY NOON THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov 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 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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 5:30pm and asked Councilmember McGee to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

MANAGER UPDATE

The second annual bonus and main street gift cards to staff were very much appreciated. He thanked Council on their behalf.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews stated that the staff makes the city look good and they are appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4406: TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE LINE TAP FEE AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE – APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing (state name and address for record) – No input.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 12-12-01: TO ADOPT AND APPROVE A GENERAL FUND RESERVE POLICY – APPROVED.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for an explanation before the vote. City Manager Moore explained that the policy is recommended by our auditors and it memorializes what we should have available at any given time. This is just sound financial planning and management to have a 15 – 17 % target for our fund balance.

Councilmember McGee thanked staff for their hard works putting this together and thanked Council for entertaining it.

Finance Director Caulder added that the public coffering statement for the bond rating wanted this put in place by the end of December for our “A” rating.

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

RESOLUTION 12-20-02: APPROVAL OF DESIGN BUILD CONTRACTOR FOR NEPTUNE ISLAND WATERPARK CONCESSION FACILITY – APPROVED.

Motion: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Discussion: City Manager Moore explained that this was done by RFQ so consideration was not just the bottom line. Comparing “apples to apples” Trident is better in tune to this type of contract. The difference will be \$50,000. The funds are already reserved for this project.

Waterpark Manager Braddock stated that Trident has provided excellent customer service and are very responsive to the needs of the park and have been involved with the park from the very beginning.

Finance Director Caulder stated that the other builder is not familiar with the park.

Councilmember McGee explained that he wanted to get the explanation on the record.

Carried: All ayes.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4407: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REAUTHORIZE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REAUTHORIZE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - APPROVED.

Motion: Caldwell; Second: McGee;

Discussion: City Manager explained that an Emergency Ordinance has a sunset clause of 60 days.

Initial guidance was 180 days total not thinking COVID would last this long. Feel good extending beyond the 180 days total. Another option would be to pass a regular Ordinance with two readings to extend the requirement for face coverings and electronic meetings until the state of emergency has ended.

Comments (attached) were read aloud by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews for the record from Missy Glancy and JackieLynn Jernigan. Both are in opposition to mask ordinance.

Councilmember Caldwell stated that he believes the city should follow information we have as we cannot please everyone and thanked the Council for passing the mask ordinance.

Emergency Ordinance 4407 Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 5:54pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk