

### **MINUTES**

# CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 - 5:30 PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

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

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Finance Director Caulder

Tourism & Communications Director Baker

Economic Development Director Munoz Parks & Recreation Interim Director Bedard

Fire Chief Burr

Police Chief Thompson

Attorney - None
Press – Matthew Christian, Morning News

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 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 Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:38pm and asked Councilmember McGee to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE APRIL 20, 2021 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED. Motion: Mack; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Coker University Student Government Association (SGA): Seraphin Kibonge, President, would like to get the Hartsville community on Coker's campus for tail gating and other events. Also, would like businesses to possibly offer discounts and be more involved with the university community. Mayor Pennington thanked the SGA for their investment in our community.

# **Proclamations:**

- 1. Police Officer Memorial Day was presented to Lt. Brian Rudick of the Hartsville Police Department.
- Building Safety Month was presented to Director Munoz. She stated that the cities are to be involved in keeping their citizens safe. The City of Hartsville currently has an ISO of 3 for commercial and residential structures.
- 3. Water Safety Month was presented to Jordan Braddock and the Neptune Island team. Neptune Island Water Park opens May 15<sup>th</sup> for weekend only until June 11<sup>th</sup>. The park has the new Kracken's Kitchen this year. Be safe in the water this summer.

# **Public Comments:**

Hannah McCain of 415 Shamrock Lane expressed her concern over Council requiring citizens to wear masks. She doesn't believe that it is government's responsibility to tell people how to love our

neighbor. She asked Council not to renew the mask requirements in June. It should be an individual choice on how to protect their own health. Mayor Pennington thanked her for her comments.

<u>Monthly Departmental Update</u>: Shannon Munoz, Director of Economic Development, Navigator & Hartsville Regional Airport.

Director Munoz stated that she works with an awesome team at the Business Navigator. They handle planning, zoning, architectural review, building codes, business licenses, permitting, etc. She also spoke about the new airport terminal building which was constructed with \$500,000 from SC Aeronautics and \$666,666 from FAA. She thanked Senator Malloy and House Speaker Lucas for their help in acquiring these funds. A ribbon cutting will be planned for possibly June 7<sup>th</sup>. Council will be invited when the date is confirmed.

## MANAGER UPDATE

- 1. City will hold a Special Election on May 18<sup>th</sup> to fill the District #1 seat vacated by former Councilmember Tre Gammage.
- 2. Our new Public Service Director is Wesley Miles and he comes to us from Pageland and will start on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

# **CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4411: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 – APPROVED.

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4412: TO ANNEX AN APPROXIMATELY 3.95 (+/-) ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, TAX MAP NUMBER 036-00-01-066 – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Andrews; Second: Mack; Carried: with all ayes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4413: TO ANNEX AN APPROXIMATELY 1.05 (+/-) ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, TAX MAP NUMBER 036-00-01-089 – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Mack; Second: Caldwell; Carried: with all ayes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4414: APPROVAL TO LEASE A PORTION OF ALLEYWAY AT 120 SOUTH FIFTH STREET FROM TRUST COMPANY – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Carried: with all ayes.

RESOLUTION 03-21-01: APPOINTING A NEW DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews to appoint Bryson Caldwell; Second: McGee; Carried: All ayes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4-70(a)(1)(5) FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF SERVICES; APPOINTMENTS ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AND THE CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW - APPROVED.

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

Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk

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

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:52pm.	
	Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor
ATTEST:	