



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024 – 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Hancock
Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember DeLaine
Councilmember Hungerpillar – 5:45pm
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember Meadows

Attorney – None

Press – Stephan Drew, News & Press
Bob Sloan, Messenger

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
Assistant City Manager/CFO Caulder
City Clerk Crenshaw
Public Services Director Bethea
Dir of Tourism & Communications Brown
Business Services Director Brown
HR Director Jones
Planning & Zoning Manager Kelley
Parks & Recreation Director Robinson
Police Chief Snellgrove

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024, 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 Hancock called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Civility Pledge.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hancock expressed appreciation for the gift of the framings displayed at the rear of Council Chambers. The framings are a gift from Dr. Susan Reynolds who took the photos of locations in Hartsville.

Police Chief Byron Snellgrove recognized Corporal Jessica Dellinger, HPD, for recently being awarded the Officer of the Year by the SC Department of Public Safety (SCDPS). Corporal Dillinger was previously recognized by SCDPS in 2020 as Rookie of the Year and in 2021 as Officer of the Year. Mayor Hancock and Councilmembers congratulated her and thanked her for her diligent work.

Proclamations

Mayor Hancock and Councilmember Braddock presented a proclamation declaring July as Parks & Recreation Month to City of Hartsville Parks & Recreation Department staff Kendrick Robinson, Director, and Tammy Hall, Receptionist at Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center.

Mayor Hancock presented a proclamation declaring Gospel in the Park 18th Anniversary Day on July 14, 2024 to Barbara Carraway, co-founder of Gospel in the Park, Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell, Councilmember Mack, Reverend Ed Carraway, Bishop J.D. Blue and Marie Conrad. Gospel in the Park,

held at Pride Park, is a six-month series that begins in May and ends in October of each year. Everyone is invited to this unifying community event.

Center Theater Update – Ben Gore, Chair, Center Theater Building Commission

Significant renovation work on the Center Theater building continues with a team of volunteers working on the project. The building required extensive renovation as leaking walls and roof caused damage to the interior of the building. Fortunately the project received financial support from multiples organizations. Fundraising efforts are underway for the remaining funds needed to complete the project, estimated at \$1.8 million dollars. All donations are tax deductible. Once re-opened the fee structure for rental of the building has been restructured to ensure ongoing maintenance of the building. This is a significant project that will serve the City of Hartsville, surrounding communities and local businesses for years to come both in entertainment and financial rewards.

Public Comments

Councilmember DeLaine, board member of the Butler Heritage Foundation, expressed on behalf of the Butler Heritage Foundation their heartfelt thanks to Mayor Hancock, City Manager Moore, Lieutenant Richardson and his team from the HPD for their help to make Butler Heritage Week a success.

MANAGER UPDATE

The MASC Annual Meeting is July 17-21 in Greenville, SC. Council will attend with Councils from across the state for networking, education and updates on legislation.

Senator Malloy will hold a Legislative After Hours in recognition of CareSouth Carolina during Community Health Center Week. The event is on Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30pm at the Malloy Law Firm.

Expressed thanks to Senator Malloy for securing funding for Marion Avenue and Greenlawn Cemeteries. Council will hold a Special Meeting later this month to award bids to start work on the cemeteries.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4475: TO AMEND AND RESTATE CHAPTER 58 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", ARTICLE VI "MINORS", DIVISION 2 "CURFEW" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained the HPD recommends moving curfew for minors from midnight to 11pm. Chief Snellgrove explained there is an influx of arrests of juveniles during the night hours with many juveniles not from Hartsville. HPD hopes this will help address the issues. Once enacted it will go out on social media to get the word out. The ordinance also changes the first warning to a written warning sent to the parents.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Caldwell recommended sending out the information to schools in Darlington County.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4476: TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY WITHIN TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 035-12-01-053; LOCATED AT 715 LYNWOOD PLACE, HARTSVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA 29550, CONSISTING OF 0.036 (+/-) ACRES – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this purchase is part of the SCIIIP grant upgrades. The property will house a lift station.

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4477: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE VII - SIGNS AND ADVERTISING DEVICES, SECTION 5 - RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PERMITTED SIGNS – APPROVED. City Manager Moore explained this is a recommendation from the Planning Commission for signs in the residential district. The Planning Commission recommends to not allow internally lighted signs but recommends clarifying an omission to make City code clear as the current ordinance did not make provisions for signage for all the permitted non-residential uses in the residential zoning district.

Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell feels the business that applied for the change should allow the neighbors to make the recommendation for what is allowed.

Councilmember Mack is concerned that the business should have the same sign as allowed at the school in the same neighborhood.

Motion: Braddock; Second: Hungerpillar; Carried: All ayes except for Mayor Pro Tem Caldwell and Councilmember Mack who voted nay.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4478: APPROVAL TO LEASE A PORTION OF ALLEYWAY AT 120 SOUTH FIFTH STREET FROM TRUST COMPANY – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this is an annual renewal of the lease for access to the HPD using the alleyway at the Trust Company.

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4479: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HARTSVILLE CITY ZONING CODE, APPENDIX A-ZONING, ARTICLE III- DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE BY ADDING THE TERM SHORT-TERM RENTAL – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this recommendation from the Planning Commission defines a Short-Term Rental in the City code.

Councilmember Mack asked if we are looking at a rental registry with inspections and business license requirements.

City Manager Moore explained this ordinance does not put a registry in place but defines Short Term Rental in case there is a need to move forward in the future.

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

RESOLUTION 07-24-01: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE'S DETENTION CENTER (SCDJJ) AND THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING YOUTH AT THE STATE'S DETENTION CENTER IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this is an annual renewal of the agreement with SCDJJ for housing of juveniles.

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

RESOLUTION 07-24-02: TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, TO CAUSE THE CITY TO BE REIMBURSED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF A LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUISITION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL ITEMS LOCATED IN THE CITY, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this is the annual resolution for reimbursement from lease purchase financing of the purchase of capital items. This allows the City to move forward with the purchases which will be reimbursed from lease purchase financing. This year's capital items include a new vac truck, street sweeper, two vehicles for the HPD, mower for recreation department, sewer relining in the downtown area and SCBA for the HFD.

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

RESOLUTION07-24-03: APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME MUNICIPAL JUDGE – APPROVED.
City Manager Moore explained this re-appoints the current part-time municipal judge.
Motion: Caldwell; Second: Hungerpillar; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION07-24-03: 07-24-04: APPROVAL OF BID AWARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EIGHT PICKLEBALL COURTS AT LAWTON PARK – APPROVED.
City Manager Moore explained this replaced the tennis courts at Lawton Park with eight pickleball courts. Staff recommends the bid award to Talbot Tennis with the lowest bid of \$144,900. Councilmember Mack expressed her opinion that the Pickleball Association brought their request to Council about a year ago and already have \$144,000 committed to that project. South Hartsville should not continue to wait on requests submitted yet others get what they want while South Hartsville ends up not getting what is needed. She would like due diligence in South Hartsville.
Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a)(1) FOR DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES – APPROVED.
Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

MOTION: TO EXIT AND VERIFY THAT ONLY THE ITEMS STATED IN THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROVED.
Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

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

RESOLUTION 07-24-05: APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – APPROVED.
Motion to appoint Rick Atkinson to the Airport Advisory Board: Caldwell; Second: Hungerpillar; Carried: All ayes.

INFORMATION ONLY

Calendars and Other Items

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 6:36pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk