



## REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNCIL FINANCE, AUDIT, BUDGET COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

### Council Committee Members:

Chairman Andrews – Present

Mayor Pennington – Present

Councilmember Wilson – Present

### Executive Staff:

City Manager Zeigler – Present

Finance Director Caulder – Present

Finance Manager Kanipe – Present

In attendance: Russell Slatton, Public Services Director, Vanessa Waller from Raftelis was conferenced in via telephone.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE.

Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

## DISCUSSIONS

### 1. WATER RATES DISCUSSION

An updated water rate presentation was distributed with a 1-year option shown. Per the study, 30% of the City's residential customers use less than the minimum. The general consensus of the Committee is that Option 1 is the best option for sewer rates due to the fact that currently there is no rate differentiation between the City's larger and smaller customers. In addition, the Committee asked Raftelis to provide the financial impact per year by meter size with a phase in approach for both water and sewer rate increases to better evaluate if a phase in approach is feasible for the City financially.

Next steps:

- a. Utility department to define larger customers to assess impact of rate increase
- b. Raftelis to provide financial impact over 2 and 3 year spans for phase in approach
- c. Raftelis to update presentation to reflect usage in gallons rather than cubic feet

### 2. BUDGET PRESENTATION REVIEW

Finance Director Caulder distributed the budget presentation for review by the Committee. The Committee recommended adding notes to any revenue/expense line items that incrementally increased/decreased compared to the previous fiscal year to present to City Council. The Budget Presentation will be updated again once a final decision is made on water/sewer rate increases.

Adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

  
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Johnny Andrews, Chairman