



## REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNCIL FINANCE, AUDIT, BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, April 30<sup>ND</sup> 2019 – 8:30 AM

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

### Council Committee Members:

Chair Andrews  
Mayor Pennington  
Councilmember Wilson - Absent

### Executive Staff:

City Manager Zeigler - Absent  
Finance Director Caulder  
Finance Accountant Laughter

### Others Present:

Councilmember Gammage  
Councilmember McGee  
Russell Slatton, Public Services Director

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV.

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

### **1. Budget 2019-2020 Revenues**

Finance Director Caulder presented, sanitation, storm water, water/sewer utility including waterpark, budgets. She also reported that the general fund budget gap of \$400K has been reduced to \$15K. Water/Sewer Utility fund revenues are based on the Raftelis rate study water rents increased by \$235K or 11.6% and sewer rents increased by \$131K or 5.7%. Discussion of current commercial rates for sanitation and way to increase revenues to offset the rising expenditures and a loss of \$15K. Waterpark budget is expected to break even. Further discussion about strategies to increase traffic to waterpark with promotions, improvements in food service and new retail items.

### **2. Budget 2019-2020 Expenditures**

Finance Director Caulder reported on the increases in payroll related benefits Workers Compensation, Health Insurance, Pension Funding an increase of \$200K or 12% for storm water, sanitation, and water/sewer utility including waterpark budgets. Utility fund capital will be funded by accumulated surplus and grant match of \$354 for projects totaling \$1.7M. Sanitation fund capital expenditures for refurbishment of a garbage truck will be offset by a capital lease. Director Caulder reported that Waterpark temporary personnel will be handled in house and will result in cost savings.

### **3. Adjourned at 11:40 p.m.**

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

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Johnny Andrews, Chair

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Date