



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 - 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

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

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Community & Economic Dev Dir. Munoz
Finance Director Caulder
Fire Chief Burr
Human Resources Director Wallace
Public Service Director Slatton
Tourism & Comm Director Baker

Attorney - None

Press - None

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4397, DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE OPEN AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 06-20-05 FACE COVERINGS ARE ENCOURAGED. THE YOUTUBE VIDEO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNHT8NtgJrqplYpde4w>

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY NOON ON 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 FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:41pm and asked Councilmember Caldwell To lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Refinancing Summary - Brian Nurick, Compass Municipal Financial Advisors: Brian reviewed the process in 6 steps via phone.

1. Goals – reviewed outstanding loans for cost savings then restructured certain loans with first two years flexible due to COVID-19.
2. Process – First Reading of Ordinance and review of preliminary official statement sent to rating agencies.

3. Rating Process – Two and one half hour session with Karen and Standard & Poors team to review city’s financial standing. City was assigned a rating of “A” (stable). Very pleased with rating outcome.
4. Bid Process – After bidding out loans to the market the rate came in at 1.03%, much lower than expected.
5. Cash Flow – the change in cash flow came in at 2.05% PV Factor (present value discount rate shown at the rate to achieve parity or breakeven).
6. Acknowledgments – Thanked Karen, she killed it on the rating call. The rating of “A” (stable) is fantastic for the city now and going forward.

McGee, who chaired the Council Finance Committee, thanked Brian for his role and Karen for the monumental task she performed.

City Manager Moore informed Council that this will be very beneficial to increase our fund balance. Finance Director Caulder explained that a 17 – 20% range will be needed to build up fund reserves. Mayor Pennington thanked Karen and everyone.

PRESENTATIONS

Hartsville Branch of NAACP - Census 2020 – Pete DeLaine informed Council of census events being planned; drive thru at Butler for census count, national night out at Burry Park, Gospel in the Park, and an event in Lamar. The collected census information is confidential and secure. We are here to encourage people to participate. Councilmember Mack offered her assistance to SC Counts.

Butler Heritage Foundation Fund Raising Event – Gerald Wilson, Board Member and native Hartsvillian Dr. Wilson has been on the Board of the Butler Heritage Foundation for two years and provided information on the Black Tie Fundraiser event for the Leadership Institute (goal \$43,000). The mission of the leadership institute is to improve community through an African American centered education system. This ten-month program for teenagers ages 12 – 15 runs from October through June for one Saturday a month.

Water Issues on Lanier/Kenwood/Downtown - Ricky Fink, 105 East Lanier Drive

The water problem has developed over the years. There was no flooding in the Lanier/Kenwood areas in the 1950’s. When 5th Street was widened there was no consideration for water run-off. The first water problem was with Hurricane Florence; the problem on Lanier is a man-made problem.

Pam Griggs, 311 Kenwood – The ditch on Kenwood overflows at 4” of water.

Director Slatton explained that the recent storm water study was for the Richardson Circle and Ninth Street ditch areas. The Kenwood Avenue system could be checked with a camera system to see if there is any blockage anywhere. SCDOT owns the Kenwood storm water system, but did not say they own the ditch.

Mayor Pennington stated that the flow from downtown to the lake is being reviewed by engineers. Sonoco is also looking at a remedy.

MANAGER UPDATE

None.

Mayor asked City Clerk to read aloud for the record a letter received from Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center and it will become part of the official record. The letter was from the senior

leadership and medical executive committee of the medical center highly encouraging City Council to adopt an ordinance making it a legal requirement that face masks be worn in public places due to the continuing rapid spread of COVID-19 in our community.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4398: TO LEASE A PORTION OF TAX MAP NUMBER 056-06-02-087 LOCATED AT 114 SOUTH FOURTH STREET TO BRANDY STELLINGWORTH D/B/A THE STATION - APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing: No public input.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4399: TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 231 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY – DEFEATED.

Open/Close Public Hearing: No public input.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Defeated by a vote of 1 - 6 as follows: Aye – Andrews; Nay – Braddock, Caldwell, Pennington, McGee, Gammage, and Mack.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 08-20-01: APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT REVENUE TO PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENT TRUST FUND - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Caldwell Carried: All ayes

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4400: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF MARLBORO AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET TO THE HARTSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD - APPROVED.

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

ORDINANCE 4401: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REAUTHORIZE AND AMEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: McGee; 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 FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HARTSVILLE AND THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPROVED.

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

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

RESOLUTION 08-20-02: APPOINTMENT TO THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPROVED.

Motion: Pennington to appoint Bobby McGee; Second: Andrews; Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:56pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk