



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 - 5:30 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID -19

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
Finance Director Caulder
Tourism & Communications Director Baker
Public Service Director Slatton
Economic Development Director Munoz
Human Resources Director Wallace

Attorney - None

Press - None

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4407 DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AT 5:30PM WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL BE LIVE STREAMED TO THE PUBLIC ON YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNHT8NtgJrqplYpde4w>. FOR ASSISTANCE, CALL 843-917-0602.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE WILL BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING UNTIL NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov. WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR THEM TO 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, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 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 5:37pm and asked Councilmember Gammage to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Councilmember Bernice Wilson and former Mayor Flossie Hopkins who both passed away since our last meeting.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation for the Honorable Councilmember Bernice Wilson was presented to the family at his service and will now be entered into the minutes of this meeting for the permanent records.

Year End 6-30-20 Audit Report - Sheheen Hancock & Godwin presented the audit and Council had no questions. The Mayor thanked them for their services.

MANAGER UPDATE

1. We will have new energy in 2021 with Departments presenting a report at each meeting beginning in March with Lauren Baker.
2. The airport terminal is nearing completion. Russ has done a great job with this project.
3. We will have a worksession on February 16th at 10:00am to finalize our strategic plan.
4. Your statement of economic interest is due by March 30, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

NEW BUSINESS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4408: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REAUTHORIZE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REAUTHORIZE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION 02-21-01: APPROVING THE ADDITION OF NEW DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARTSVILLE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 02-21-02: APPROVAL FOR HARTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE DARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 02-21-03: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 02-21-04: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CANAL DISTRICT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Gammage; 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 OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND A CITY JUDGE AND ALSO THE CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.

Mayor Pennington wanted to thank everyone for their support over his last three terms as he is not seeking a fourth term of office. He thanked the people of Hartsville for allowing him to serve. He stated that he had the Canal and other projects to finish before his term ends. He explained that he would be transitioning from one role to one of assisting the city to grow in a smart way. There is ten months to work hard to finish this term. Thanked his family for their support. He said it has been a great honor.

MOTION: TO VERIFY THAT ONLY THE ITEMS STATED IN THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION - APPROVED.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 6:16pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk