



## MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 - 5:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

### Mayor/Council:

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

### Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore  
City Clerk Skipper  
Finance Director Caulder  
Tourism & Communications Director Baker  
Economic Development Director Munoz  
Parks & Recreation Interim Director Bedard  
Fire Chief Burr  
Police Chief Thompson

Attorney - None

Press - None

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4408, DURING THE COVID- 19 PANDEMIC, THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 WILL BE HELD IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS; MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY. THE MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY TO THE PUBLIC ON YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZJVNHT8NtgJrqplYpde4w>.

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](mailto:city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov). WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 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 5:44pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED.

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

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Proclamations:

Mindy Taylor with Duke Energy/HB Robinson Nuclear Plant accepted a framed proclamation for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She thanked Council and stated that they plan to be here for many more years. She also thanked the community.

City Clerk's Week proclamation for May 2 – 8, 2021 was presented to City Clerk Skipper. Mayor Pennington stated that City Council is so proud of their City Clerk for receiving the Professional

Achievement Award from the SC Municipal Finance Officers Clerks and Treasurers Association.

Fair Housing Month proclamation was presented to Director Munoz by the Mayor. This proclamation meets requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. We currently have an active CDBG grant in South Hartsville

The proclamation for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day on April 19, 2021 was read and will be mailed to the family.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation was accepted by Pamela Prince and she thanked the Mayor and Council for their promotion of the program, which helps to bring down the numbers and hopefully someday to eliminate this assault.

Monthly Departmental Update: Police Chief Thompson: Chief stated he is passionate about his department, which has been in existence since 1891. The City has 40 officers. The SRO's protect our children in the schools, the vice unit is combined with the investigators, the community relations unit does a great job with community events. We have a victims advocate, special response team, court officer, one on the US Marshal's Task Force, 4 canine officers, once class 3 officer in the office, 2 reservists and clerical/civilian office staff. The entire department does a great job for the citizens.

Public Comments: Matthew Lightsey spoke about the city's prohibition of skateboards. He asked that it be re-visited and hopes that the city will do the right thing for skateboards, scooters, golf carts, etc. Andrews stated that a check with other progressive cities may be needed and he thanked him for coming. Pennington thanked him for coming and for his patience.

#### MANAGER UPDATE

1. May 15, 2021 is season passholder day at Neptune Island; May 16<sup>th</sup> is opening day for the 2021 season; splash and grades program will be starting as well.
2. Our budget workshop is next week and a draft budget narrative for your review is ready. The budget will be laid bare. A polished proposed budget document will be produced after the budget work session.
3. The Special Election for District #1 seat is May 18, 2021.
4. The Census delay has caused a delay in re-districting as well. Our elections will be moving forward.
5. Canal: About \$11,000 is left in Byerly funds and \$30,000 has been allocated from City Council. The HPDC will meet for discussion of zoning, advertisement, engineering (CADD); possible dedicated page on website for conceptuials, an appraisal has been ordered. A lot of things are in motion now.

#### CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4409: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 149 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO DARLINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – APPROVED.

Open/Close Public Hearing (state name and address for record) – No input.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4410: 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 – APPROVED

Motion: Andrews; Second: McGee; Carried: All ayes with exception of Pennington voting nay.

RESOLUTION 04-21-01: APPROVAL TO FUND MIGRATION FROM VIRTUAL OFFICE ADVANTAGE TO MODERN OFFICE ADVANTAGE START-UP COST - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Discussion: McGee made motion to amend to read to authorize City Manager to negotiate a new sixty-month contract with VC3; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.  
Motion to approve as amended: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Carried as amended: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 04-21-02: APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE LAWTON PARK PIER - APPROVED.

Motion: Caldwell; Second: Andrews; Discussion: City Manager recommends going with higher bidder for marine construction to replace and not just repair. Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 04-21-03: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY - APPROVED.

Motion: Andrews; Second: McGee; Discussion: Andrews stated that the Personnel Committee's recommendation is to appoint Martin Driggers; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 04-21-04: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY JUDGE - APPROVED.

Motion: Braddock; Second: McGee; Discussion: Andrews stated that the Personnel Committee's recommendation is to appoint Bryan Braddock; 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 ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AND THE CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS - APPROVED.

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

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

RESOLUTION 04-21-05: APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPROVED.

Motion: McGee; Second: Andrews to appoint Karla Green; Carried: All ayes. Motion: Braddock; Second: Andrews to appoint Rebecca Scott; Carried: All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:26pm.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk