



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 - 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Pennington - Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember Caldwell
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember McGee
Councilmember Kenzie DeLaine

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Finance Director Caulder
Tourism & Communications Director Baker
Economic Development Director Munoz
Parks & Recreation Director Bedard
Fire Chief Burr
Public Service Director Miles
Human Resource Director Wallace

Attorney – Lawrence Flynn
Press – Bobby Bryant – News & Press

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV. CITY HALL IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:31pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation was presented to the Hartsville Fire Department for National Fallen Firefighters Day and Fire Prevention Month. Chief Burr expressed gratitude for this recognition especially this year with the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001 still very much on our minds. He also reminded everyone to never forget.

Monthly Department Report: Jeff Burr, Fire Chief: He informed everyone that the Hartsville Fire Department was formed in 1903 and now today they service around 29,000 within the city and the five miles around the city with equipment and manpower. Through their mission and function they perform life safety, instant stabilization, and property conservation.

MANAGER UPDATE

The commercial sanitation truck issue has been resolved and will be in operation tomorrow.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4421: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF MARLBORO AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET TO THE HARTSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD - APPROVED.

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews asked Council if they had any objection to moving item 11 to first item under new business. Without objection item 11 was moved.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4423: APPROVAL OF BAILEY BILL DESIGNATION AND PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 559 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE, TAX MAP #056-09-03-004 - APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Braddock; Second: McGee; Carried: with all ayes.

RESOLUTION 09-21-01: APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HARTSVILLE BOARD – APPROVED.

Motion: Mack; Second: Braddock to appoint Crandell Lighty; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 09-21-02: TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF FEES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE – APPROVED.

Motion: McGee; Second: DeLaine; Discussion: City Manager Moore explained this was to update rental and operational fees; some fees will go down. Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 09-21-03: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS BY THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE – APPROVED.

Motion: Braddock; Second: Caldwell; Discussion: City Manager Moore explained that after a lengthy discussion with the Mayor he desires to increase from option 3 to 4. We never lost any service to anyone during COVID, this is in recognition of that. To invest in our staff is money well spent. The rate is derived from hours worked during COVID. Motion to amend to select option 4 changing the amount to up to \$410,000: Andrews; Second: Mack. Carried as amended with all ayes, with the exception of McGee voting nay.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4422: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 14 “BUSINESS LICENSE” ARTICLE II “BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE BILL (H4431) PASSED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE IN SEPTEMBER 2020 - APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: DeLaine; Second: Mack; Discussion: This will change the business licenses rates by .01% and smaller businesses are the winners. By state law this ordinance must be adopted by January 2022. Carried: with all ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a)(2) FOR DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY - CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION REGARDING NEGOTIATION OF A NEW ORDINANCE AND A NEW CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION – 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: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

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

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

RESOLUTION 09-21-04: TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, TO CAUSE THE CITY TO BE REIMBURSED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF A LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUISITION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL ITEMS LOCATED IN THE CITY, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED.

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4424: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE TO AUTHORIZE A LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000), AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 755pm.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk