



MINUTES
CITY OF HARTSVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 - 5:30PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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.

Members present: Chairman Casey Hancock, Vice Chairman Chris Shirley, Dan Askins, Mallory Hankins, Scottie Hill, and Curtis Lee. **Absent:** Trevor McDonald. **Staff:** Lauren Baker, Brenda Kelley, Ex-Officio Daniel Moore, and Shannon Munoz and Karine Thomas. **Press:** Absent. **Guest:** None.

Call to Order/Welcome

Chairman Casey Hancock called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Askins made a motion to approve the July 26, 2021 minutes as submitted; Second: Shirley. Carried: All in favor.

New Business

Discussion of Cigar Bars

A local business owner wants to open a cigar bar in downtown Hartsville. The Code of Ordinance Chapter 31 – Environment, Article I – Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment prohibits cigar bars.

The City of Hartsville Code Of Ordinance defines a cigar bar as an establishment that offers a meaningful selection of fine cigars and fine tobacco for pipes, including hookahs, for smoking on the premises as well as retail purposes and which is licensed for the on-premises sale of beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages, or some combination of those, as well as some food service. The term does not include any establishment which is primarily a bar or restaurant and which undertakes to make retail offerings of tobacco products as a means of circumventing the purposes of this article. No bar can be considered a cigar bar unless at least 30 percent of its gross revenue can be demonstrated to come from the sale of cigars, pipe tobacco, and related products.

The commissioners talked about the age limit, ventilation system, potential contradictions in the ordinance, other type business that may want to carve out a section or designate an area to accommodate the same type use, complaints from other businesses, other cities that allow cigar bars, and how long have cigar bars been around in South Carolina.

No action was taken. Staff will research ordinances of other cities to determine how they allow cigars bars and under what conditions.

Adjournment

Askins made a motion to adjourn at 6:03pm; Second: Lee. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:30p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Chairman Casey Hancock

Date