



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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
Councilmember Kenzie DeLaine
Mayor-Elect Casey Hancock

Executive Staff:

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

Attorney - none

Press – Morning News

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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 Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:37pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Certified 2021 General Election Results – City Clerk Skipper read the certified results of the General Election of November 2, 2021 and the run-off election of November 16, 2021. Casey Hancock was elected Mayor, Kenzie DeLaine was elected to District #1, Teresa Mack was elected to District #3, and Bob Braddock was elected to District #5. The full Council confirmed the results.
- b. Council Comments to Mayor Pennington – Each member of council thanked him for his service and his family for their patience and support. He was described as a great ambassador and cheerleader for the citizens and city staff. He has been very passionate about moving the city forward. Several accomplishments were mentioned. It has been a “fun ride” was the sentiment of everyone.
- c. Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials – City Clerk Skipper conducted the swearing in of Kenzie DeLaine, Teresa Mack, Bob Braddock, and Casey Hancock. Casey then took his seat as Mayor and Chair of City Council and thanked Former Mayor Pennington for his leadership and guidance.
- d. Public Comments – None.

- e. SCDHEC Certification Presentation -Mr. Jim Bruckner, Pee Dee Region Public Health Director – He expressed SCDHEC’s appreciation to the city for “clean air” legislation in the city limits. This impacts everyone and smoking and vaping are not only dangerous for the individual, but the effects of second hand smoke are serious as well. He presented the City with a certification for their commitment to clean air protections.
- f. Year End 6-30-21 Audit Report - Shane Kirkley, CPA, Partner from Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin, LLP – The city received an unmodified opinion with no audit findings. The city has an increase in reserves and a healthy fund balance. The city is financially moving in the right direction and have a wonderful staff to work with in regard to finances.
- g. Proclamation – Was presented to Wesley Miles for Arbor Day.

MANAGER UPDATE

New hires/promotions – Fire Department had new hires and promotions, however, these employees had to leave to go on a fire call.

We will begin having worksessions once a month, with the first one on the first Tuesday in January at 10:00am at which time Council will discuss time, date, and location for these going forward.

Merry Christmas to all!

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 12-21-01: ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE – APPROVED.

Motion: Mack nominated Johnny Andrews; Second: McGee; Carried: All ayes.

Johnny thanked everyone for their confidence and Councilmember Mack for her nomination.

RESOLUTION 12-21-02: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) – APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION 12-21-03: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE BYERLY FOUNDATION GRANT – APPROVED.

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4426: APPROVING THE FINANCING OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, THROUGH THE BORROWING OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,477,300), PLUS CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF ANY, FROM THE STATE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND, BY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE AGREEMENT TO MAKE AND TO ACCEPT A LOAN, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – APPROVED.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: McGee; Second: Caldwell; Carried: with all ayes. Moore stated this funding will ensure clean drinking water for years to come.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a) (2) FOR DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POTENTIAL ATTORNEY ACTIONS – APPROVED.

Motion: Braddock; 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: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection at 7:43pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk