



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 – 10:00 AM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

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

Attorney – None

Press – Stephan Drew, News & Press

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Skipper
Deputy City Clerk Crenshaw
Parks & Recreation Asst Dir Bedard
Public Services Director Bethea
Chief Byron Snellgrove
Business Services Director Brown
Tourism & Communications Dir Brown
Fire Chief Burr
Human Resources Dir Jones
Planning & Zoning Manager Kelley

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023, AND DULY POSTED AT THE EDITION LOCATED AT 221 NORTH FIFTH STREET AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV. THE EDITION IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Councilmember Braddock called the meeting to order at 10:05am and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Civility Pledge.

PRESENTATIONS

Pickleball Presentation – Patty Sponseller and Carol Blotner, Hartsville Pickleball Club, presented a proposal for twelve outdoor pickleball courts at Byerly Park. Currently pickleball is played on four courts inside the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center with players sometimes waiting through multiple sets to play. The anticipated cost to build twelve outdoor courts with lighting is \$1.5 Million dollars. The group applied for a Byerly Foundation grant for the majority of this funding with grant awards to be announced in August. The group also anticipates raising additional funds through fundraising and tournaments. The group requests Council grant approval for building the courts at Byerly Park and support the construction through permitting, excavation, landscaping, installation of benches, lighting and general maintenance. The City Manager will meet with the group to get more details and specifics on the proposed project.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 06-23-01: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FROM THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE UTILITY FUND BALANCE TO REPAIR A SECTION OF THE CITY MAINTAINED SEWER SYSTEM UNDER NORTH EIGHTH STREET AND WEST COLLEGE AVENUE – APPROVED.

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

City Manager Moore informed Council a sinkhole is forming due to a break in the lines sixteen feet below ground. This is a very difficult repair requiring appropriate equipment and expertise. The recommended local contractor will repair the two-hundred fifteen-foot section of eight-inch pipe from manhole to manhole for eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. Staff received three quotes for a burst pipe repair at a cost of three-hundred thousand dollars, which is not similar to the recommended repair process and bid.

DISCUSSION

Community Petition to Name the Airport Terminal Building – City Manager Moore received a petition to name the new airport terminal building as “Senator Gerald Malloy Terminal Building” in gratitude for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Hartsville Airport.

Ten Acre Downtown Development Next Steps – City Manager Moore asked for Council’s thoughts and vision for the property. Councilmember McGee proposed a charrette, similar to the one held in Charleston for the Sumar Street redevelopment. The charrette brings more people into the process for input and holds public meetings to plan for the design approach to the area. This is a more collaborative approach to create and support a master plan. Councilmember Mack requested a charrette for the downtown development project and the Butler Historic District areas, both areas should receive the same efforts.

Development/Construction Update – City Manager Moore updated Council on several development projects.

- SCIP grant funding for infrastructure. Hartsville is using our current engineers and ARPA funds for engineering costs, which puts us ahead of the other municipalities in the process. The engineering design is due in March 2024. Senator Malloy helped to get this funding for the City.
- Bay Road Subdivision is building four more houses and ready to plan for phase two. Council’s decision to approve extending the water service to the area was essential for the success of this development. The roads in the development are privately owned.
- The County Economic Development Team will meet with City Manager Moore to discuss the Hartsville Industrial Park in the coming weeks. Staff hopes to see more development in the area soon.
- City Manager Moore and Assistant City Manager/CFO Caulder recently attended the International Shopping Center Conference. Several companies expressed interest in Hartsville.
- The Planning Commission is reviewing the definition, permit requirements and zoning requirements for short term rentals.
- The Planning Commission is also looking at higher density allowances for multi-family housing in areas within the city limits. Currently multi-family housing is allowed in all zoning areas except R1 within the city limits.

Homeless Shelter – FEMA Trailer Available for Purchase – Mayor Hancock spoke with House of Hope regarding a FEMA hospital trailer available for purchase for a potential homeless shelter. Council requested discussion of this topic when Mayor Hancock is present.

Bee City Application – City Manager Moore met with a group and feels the Bee City program is in line with many of our current programs. The program would foster locations for bees across the city. Staff could look at areas where we are currently cutting grass to post as a beehive location with flowers, fencing and signage.

MASC Annual Meeting Agenda & Registration Information – City Manager Moore reminded Council of the annual meeting July 27-30 in Greenville, SC. Council received registration information to be completed and returned to the City Clerk’s Office by Tuesday, June 13. The City Clerk’s Office will make reservations on 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4-70(a)(2) FOR DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – APPROVED.

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 11:30am.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk