



## MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 – 5:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

### Mayor/Council:

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

### Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore  
Assistant City Manager/CFO Caulder  
City Clerk Crenshaw  
Special Projects Director Skipper  
Fire Chief Burr  
Parks and Recreation Director Robinson  
Public Service Director Bethea  
Business Services Director Brown  
Tourism & Communications Dir Brown  
Human Resources Director Jones  
Police Chief Snellgrove

Attorney – None

Press – Stephan Drew, News & Press

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023, 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 Hancock called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation, moment of silence for student killed at Darlington County Adult Education campus today, Pledge of Allegiance and Civility Pledge.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hancock recognized the Hartsville Middle School Student Government students attending the meeting to learn about local government.

Mayor Hancock presented a proclamation declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Pam Johnson of Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

A proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month was presented to Sheriff James Hudson, Barbara Carraway and Joyce Everette. Sheriff Hudson thanked Mayor Hancock and invited all to the Women's Health Fair on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Jerusalem Baptist Church from 10am to 1pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Andrews presented a proclamation declaring International Baccalaureate Week as October 9-13, 2023 to Paula Alvarez, IB Programme Coordinator, Corey Lewis, Principal of Hartsville High School, and IB student Ambassadors. Ms. Alvarez thanked Mayor Pro Tem Andrews and former Principal Charlie Burry for starting the program fifteen years ago. Students in the IB Programme take courses in Literature, Language, History, Science, Math and Arts to earn an IB Diploma in addition to their high school diploma.

Councilmember Mack acknowledged the day as World Mental Health Day, a day to improve knowledge to recognize signs early and get help for people.

### Public Comments

Mayor Hancock thanked everyone for attending. The block in front of City Hall was closed today to allow the SC Department of Commerce shooting a national commercial. The road closure notice was sent out to businesses last Wednesday.

Mayor Hancock called upon Craig Weber who signed up for public comments and reminded him as a candidate any comments could not be campaign related.

Craig Weber, 205 Greenwood Avenue, requested better communication for future road closures to help the downtown businesses.

### MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Moore introduced a new Parks and Recreation Director, Kendrick Robinson. Mayor and Council welcomed him and are happy to have him onboard.

Law enforcement saw several issues over the weekend before the tragic event in the County today in which HPD is assisting Darlington County Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement is working tirelessly on many issues. Expressed appreciation for and commended law enforcement officers for their dedication and hard work.

Reminded everyone of the Taste of Hartsville tomorrow.

### CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4459: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 54 "NUISANCES", BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 54 "NUISANCES" ARTICLE VI "NUISANCES AFFECTING PUBLIC PEACE", BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 54 "NUISANCES" ARTICLE VII "NUISANCES AFFECTING PUBLIC ORDER", BY AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 58 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS" ARTICLE II "OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY" AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" ARTICLE II "TECHNICAL CODES" SECTION 10-38 "INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" AND BY AMENDING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE PROVISIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND THE ASSOCIATED MASTER FEE SCHEDULE SECTIONS – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this allows Fire, Police and Codes to coordinate to help mitigate nuisance properties and address issues with due process for violators. Also sets standards for pollinator gardens so they will not be classified as nuisance.

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – Mayor – None.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Andrews ; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4460: TO AMEND THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY REZONING TWO PROPERTIES ON SONOCO ROAD IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NUMBERS 055-11-01-087 AND 055-15-01-094, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO INDUSTRIAL (M-2) – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this ordinance approves rezoning two properties owned by Sonoco.

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – Mayor Pam Perkinson, 511 Kenwood Avenue – her property directly abuts the Sonoco property. Supports Sonoco, it is important and valuable to Hartsville. Water drainage is an issue in the area, her property has nowhere to put a French or trench drain. The water drains from the Sonoco lot to ditches and surrounds their property. In the past, dealt with paint spray from Sonoco at her property. Asked where will the water go and if what happened to Patrick Highway neighborhood happen to Kenwood Avenue neighborhood.

City Manager Moore explained Sonoco is expanding the machine shop and adding a truck lane on Sonoco Road. Sonoco plans to include a buffer of vegetation and tile over the ditch which will require them to ensure the water drains.

Councilmember Mack asked if the drainage ditches were there when they bought the home and if they anticipated any drainage issues.

Pam Perkinson confirmed the drainage ditches were there and they did not anticipate drainage issues when they purchased their home.

David Helen, 414 East Home Avenue – requested Council table the ordinance. Sonoco is doubling the size of the machine shop. Increasing impermeable surfaces causes drainage issues. Requested to know the expected increase in the number of trucks daily. Feels Sonoco does not manage truck traffic appropriately and past efforts by Sonoco to manage the truck traffic have stopped. The local drivers know the correct routes but non-local drivers put the address in GPS and follow those directions without regard to truck routes and get lost. There is no signage for directions or stating no truck traffic is allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Hancock explained the machine shop makes machines Sonoco uses in plants so he would not anticipate a large increase in the number of trucks there daily.

Margaret Godby, 414 East Home Avenue – reiterated David Helen's concerns about truck traffic. Working with Sonoco will be challenging. Urged Council not to approve with thoughts you think it will be okay, need to be sure before approving. Urged the City to please be diligent in communicating with Sonoco and enforcing truck routes.

Danny Yaken, Sonoco – responded to citizen's concerns and questions on behalf of Sonoco. Regarding stormwater, the impervious area is not increasing and DHEC approved the permit. Sonoco will improve the ditch, increase the size of the ditch and drains. The bottleneck for stormwater drainage will be at the large junction box leading to Prestwood Lake. He estimates the machine shop's current truck traffic to be five a day which may increase to eight each day.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Andrews; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes with the exception of Councilmember DeLaine who voted nay.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4461: AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020 – APPROVED.**

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this is a requirement of the new business license law which standardized the business license process statewide.

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – Mayor – None.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4462: TO APPROVE LEASING THE PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF MARLBORO AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET TO THE HARTSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD – APPROVED. Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this renews the annual lease of the building to the Hartsville Rescue Squad.

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – Mayor – None.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Mack; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4463: TO LEASE A PORTION OF TAX MAP NUMBER 056-06-02-087 LOCATED AT 114 SOUTH FOURTH STREET TO BRANDY STELLINGWORTH – DEFEATED FOR LACK OF A MOTION.

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this would renew the lease of the sliver of property to Brandy Stellingworth for ADA access. In new business, there is an ordinance to sell this sliver of property to her.

Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – Mayor – None.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: No Motion was made.

#### NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4464: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PORTION OF TAX MAP NUMBER 056-06-02-087 LOCATED AT 114 SOUTH FOURTH STREET TO RETROFIT SIP-N-SEAT CONSISTING OF 2,714 SQUARE FEET (+/-); AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this is a narrow strip of land with curb left off the prior sale of the property. The sliver of land gives the business access to ADA parking.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: McGee; Second: Andrews; Carried: All ayes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4465: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA ESTABLISHING AN EXPANDED COMMERCIAL SERVICE BOUNDARY FOR THE PROVISION OF THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation –City Manager Moore explained this expands the City's commercial sanitation service outside the City limits and establishes the service area. Last year's purchase of a new commercial sanitation truck allows us to expand the service area. Businesses within City limits and within the service area will not be required to use the service but we encourage them to use the service. This puts us in competition with others offering the same service.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Carried: All ayes.

RESOLUTION 10-23-01: APPROVAL FOR HARTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this approves renewing the HPD partnership with the ATF.

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

Mayor Hancock called for a brief five-minute recess.

RESOLUTION 10-23-02: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS BY THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE – DEFEATED FOR LACK OF A MOTION.

No Motion was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA SECTION 30-4- 70(a)(1)(2) FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO CITY JUDGE AND CITY MANAGER – APPROVED.

Motion: Caldwell; Second: Andrews; 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: DeLaine; Second: Caldwell; Carried: All ayes.

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

INFORMATION ONLY

Calendars and Other Items

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 7:55pm.

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Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC  
City Clerk