



MINUTES

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 – 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Hancock
Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell
Councilmember Braddock
Councilmember DeLaine
Councilmember Hungerpillar
Councilmember Mack
Councilmember Meadows

Executive Staff:

City Manager Moore
City Clerk Crenshaw
Public Services Director Bethea
Business Services Director Brown
Fire Chief Burr
Planning & Zoning Manager Kelley
Parks and Recreation Director Robinson

Attorney – None

Press – None

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CODE SECTION 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024, 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 5:34pm and asked Councilmember Mack to lead in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Civility Pledge.

Mayor Pro Tempore Caldwell requested a moment of silence in honor of Councilmember Hungerpillar's grandfather, John Shoemake, and Ms. Mildred Burno.

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

- Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day - April 19, 2024 – Mayor Hancock proclaimed April 19th as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day at the request of Andy and Kristin Dampier.

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2024 – Mayor Hancock presented to Pam Johnson, Volunteer & Community Coordination Director of the Pee Dee Coalition a proclamation declaring April as Sexual Awareness Month. She reminded everyone that Denim Day is April 24, 2024 and encouraged everyone to wear jeans or denim that day. Denim Day began after a rape conviction was overturned in Italy because the justices felt the victim was wearing tight jeans.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2024– Mayor Hancock presented to Pam Johnson, Volunteer & Community Coordination Director of the Pee Dee Coalition a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and thanked her for the important work Pee Dee Coalitions does in the community. Ms. Johnson thanked the Mayor, Council and Fire Department for their help with donations at Easter and Christmas.

- Nurse's Week - May 6-12, 2024– Mayor Hancock proclaimed May 6-12th as Nurses Week.at the request of nurses from the Thad E. Saleeby Development Center.
- Hope in Hartsville Week - April 27, 2024– Mayor Hancock presented to Tracy Redfearn, found and CEO and board members Terri Reames, Brandi Wheeler, Kim Chafin and Benji Spivey of the Child and Family Resource Center a proclamation declaring Hope in Hartsville Week. Ms. Redfearn presented Mayor Hancock with a “Key of Hope” and thanked the City for bringing good news of hope and healing to the children and families of Hartsville. The 10th annual All Seasons Camp 2024 in the Land of Hope will be on Saturday, April 27th.
- Municipal Clerk’s Week - May 5-11, 2024– Mayor Hancock presented to City Clerk Crenshaw a proclamation declaring Municipal Clerk’s Week.
- Fair Housing Month - April 2024– Mayor Hancock proclaimed on behalf of the City of Hartsville April as Fair Housing Month and presented it to Councilmember Mack as the ex-officio of the Housing Authority of Hartsville Board.
- Fallen Firefighters Memorial Days & Firefighters' Day - May 4-5, 2024– Mayor Hancock presented to members of the Hartsville Fire Department a proclamation declaring Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial Days and Firefighters’ Day. Fire Department members present were Chief Jeff Burr, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Bell, Fire Marshall Byron Hayden, Captain Oliver Segars, Lieutenant Mike Burdick, Firefighter David Nolan and Firefighter Tradd O’Donald.

Public Comments

None.

MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Moore updated Council on several topics. The City received notification today of the Arbor Day Foundation recognition of the City of Hartsville as a 2023 Tree City USA. This makes the thirty-eighth consecutive year Hartsville has been recognized as a Tree City USA.

Each member of Council received a 2024 calendar of events. Please remember the Chats and Cheers on Tuesday, April 16th at 6pm at Coker University.

The Joint Dinner Meeting of Darlington County cities, school district and legislative delegation is Monday, April 29th at 6pm at the Grand Old Post Office in Darlington. Please let City Clerk Crenshaw know if you will be able to attend.

A Budget Worksession will be held during the week of April 29th.

The new open carry law includes requirements for appropriate signage. Staff are seeking clarification and working to get new signage in place.

CONSENT AGENDA - Received as Information Only

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4468: AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 149 WEST CAROLINA AVENUE TO DARLINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager Moore advised this is a renewal of the lease for the ReTail

Therapy building.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 04-24-01: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY (SCDAH) GRANT – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained the City is seeking reimbursement for a portion of the cost of repairs to the Lawton Park Pavilion.

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

RESOLUTION 04-24-02: APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR POTENTIAL WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT – DEFEATED.

City Manager Moore explained there is a potential project for eighty housing units for workforce housing behind Goodwill; this location is within the Hartsville Opportunity Zone. Support for the project requires tax credits from the state. The cost to the City for infrastructure improvements which will be required for the project earns the project one point toward those credits. The letter of support does not mean the project is moving forward but means if the project comes to fruition the City will make the required improvements. Discussion of housing needs within the City, rental rates and the tax credits funding the project followed.

Motion: Caldwell; Second: Mack; Defeated: Ayes – Hancock, Caldwell, Mack; Nays – Braddock, Hungerpillar, Meadows; with Councilmember DeLaine abstaining from vote.

RESOLUTION 04-24-03: APPROVAL OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000) FROM PREVIOUSLY OBLIGATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR A MASTER PLAN – APPROVED.

City Manager Moore explained this approve a post Covid update of the City's Master Plan. The update includes housing and retail market studies as well as a charette for the property at Fourth Street and Railroad Avenue and the Sixth Street corridor. The updated information will be used for the required comprehensive plan update. The Boudreaux Group is familiar with Hartsville from their work on previous projects.

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

INFORMATION ONLY

Calendars and Other Items

ADJOURNMENT without objection at 6:37pm.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk