

**CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 9, 2010**

**Present:** Mayor Pennington IV  
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews  
Councilmember Braddock  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Wilson  
City Attorney Driggers

**Staff:** City Manager (Interim) Myers  
City Clerk/Admin Services Director Skipper  
Deputy Clerk DuBose  
DEEPS Director Clemons  
Finance Director Douglas  
Fire Chief Heathman  
Parks & Leisure Services Director Gardner  
Police Chief Kemp

**Press**

**Absent:** Councilmember Shirley

**PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON MARCH 8, 2010 AND DULY POSTED IN CITY HALL. PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-36 AND 2-47 UPON MOTION(S) MADE TO WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY; THEY ARE READ BY TITLE ONLY. APPROVED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ARE FILED WITH ORIGINAL MINUTES AND NOT REPRINTED HEREIN.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews called the meeting to order and asked Councilmember Wilson lead in the invocation and pledge to our flag.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010; SECOND: GRAHAM; CARRIED: ALL AYES.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Lenora Lefew, Executive Director, Hartsville Downtown Development Association, Renofest, held the fourth weekend of March, is in its thirteenth year. Ticket sales are going well but are a little sluggish; organizers are hoping for a good turn out the week of the festival. On Friday, March 26, the Downtown Hoe-Doe and Barbeque at Burry Park will begin at 6pm. Bizzell's is cooking the Barbeque, tickets are \$7 each. The Center Theater will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Don Reno Blue Grass Band Classic Championship on Friday and the 10<sup>th</sup> Don Reno Guitar and Banjo Classic Championship on Saturday. Bluegrass concerts will be held at the Center Theatre on Saturday afternoon and evening and a Bluegrass Gospel Sing will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Tickets for festival concerts are available online or by contacting HDDA.**

**Carol Ann Godwin, Parking Beautification and Downtown Improvement Commission, gave the Commission's annual update to Council. In an education effort, a letter was sent to all business and property owners in the downtown telling about the Commission. In 2009, the Commission replaced 12 benches and made repairs to the arbor and brick pavers in Centennial Park, made repairs to the fencing around dumpsters, and cleaned the downtown parking lots. In 2010, the Commission plans to work on parking lot improvements.**

**The City of Hartsville won MASC's Division II (cities with populations of five to ten thousand) Safety Award. Mayor Pennington received the plaque in February at the MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day. The City saved \$60,000 in worker's compensation and insurance pool premiums due to the safety efforts of employees. If this trend continues, we will save another \$14,000 next year. An employee appreciation luncheon for the employees will be prepared by the department heads in appreciation of their efforts.**

The introduction of new employees was delayed on the agenda until the Mayor's arrival.

#### **MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

The 2010 Census is very important to federal and state funding and it could give SC another representative in Washington. It is estimated the undercount in the 2000 Census cost the area \$10 million over the past ten years. In order to raise awareness and the response rate several upcoming events will feature Census information. A March to the Mailbox event will be held on April 10, the Earth Day celebration at Piggly Wiggly on March 20 will include Census information, the Census bus will be in town on April 6, and a "Census is Coming" flier is in the mail. Please remember those with post office boxes will not receive a questionnaire in the mail, their questionnaires will be hand delivered by Census workers. The questionnaire is ten questions and the information is not shared with any other agency or used for any other purpose than a Census count.

A draft agenda for the City/County/School Board Dinner Meeting was presented to Council. Please contact the Clerk's Office with any additional items by noon on Wednesday. The meeting will be held at *The Pavilion* at Lawton Park and feature a Showcase of the downtown restaurants.

The PDRTA has requested a meeting to discuss a potential route in Hartsville.

A letter with the broadband survey was sent out last Thursday.

Renofest was submitted for consideration for a MASC Achievement Award.

Staff has identified all landowners from the bypass to Lowe's on Fourth Street. A letter will go out inviting them to a meeting at City Hall with Progress Energy. Progress Energy assures us no work will be done until after this meeting. Coker Farms has expressed their hope for a solution.

Work continues on the hotel site. A construction permit application should be on file by March 15.

There will be a Council retreat on March 19. The first hour will focus on priorities and then move into budget discussions. Please make sure any projects Council would like to see funded are brought to staff's attention.

The HFD ladder truck failed inspection; the ladder cannot be used so the truck has been taken off-line. Chief Heathman is working on a solution.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA – Received as Information Only**

Monthly Financial Statements  
Committee Minutes/Reports  
Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Reports  
Development Report  
Monthly Airport Report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion to amend the agenda to move Ordinance 4009 to be heard after Executive Session: Wilson;  
Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 4010: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 057-06-02-028 CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5/5(+/-) ACRES OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DEBBIE MYERS AND LOCATED ON THE UNIMPROVED PORTION OF HEATLEY DRIVE FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-2) – APPROVED.

Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager this is a request from a property owner to rezone property from R-1 to R-2 to allow for future development.

Councilmember Braddock asked for an explanation of the difference between R-1 and R-2.

Planning Commissioner Boiteau the R-1 zoning will not allow for multi-family units but R-2 does allow this use. The owner wants to put apartments on the acreage. The adjoining property is also an apartment complex.

Approval of First Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion: Braddock; Second: James; Carried: All ayes.

**RES 12-10: APPROVAL FOR USE OF THE PROPERTY AT 638 SOUTH FIFTH STREET AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND TO WAIVE ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH USE – APPROVED.**

City Manager Myers: this is in regards to the request heard at the March worksession.

Nancy Myers the soil test is pending but we anticipate no problems. We have had ten contacts already requesting information on the garden. We will contact daycares, schools, and after school programs to invite participation by the children.

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

The HFD has two new full-time employees, James Veney and Jeremy Dukes, as well as a new volunteer firefighter, Stephanie Catoe. The new employees were welcomed to City staff.

Mayor Pennington we are excited to have you with us.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Graham applauds the citizens for coming out. Council is working to do all we can to make Hartsville a better place.

Councilmember James applauds the employees for their safety record. She encouraged everyone to respond to the Census. We need to get a HFD ladder truck back online; citizen and employee safety comes first. She is looking forward to Renofest. During a recent trip to Washington, she met with Congressman Spratt's office; they urge everyone to be counted in the Census, money comes into SC towns based on the count. She commended Teresa Mack for her efforts in South Hartsville. Please remember Head Start in plans for the garden.

Councilmember Braddock thanked the Parking Beautification and Downtown Improvement Commission for their report and for their efforts.

Councilmember Wilson thanked the citizens for attending, we can't get Hartsville moving without you. We need to get the ladder truck fixed or replaced. He is glad to know City employees are safety conscious.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews please return broadband study surveys. The City is looking for new revenue streams and we have to get a response from you in order to try to get federal funding. This will be a severe year for all agencies when it comes to budget. Council is holding a budget retreat next week; they will do the best they can while making tough decisions.

Mayor Pennington urged everyone to return the Census forms; we have to turn out the count.

**MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) FOR RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE, TO DISCUSS LEGAL UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES AND PENDING LAWSUITS, PERSONNEL MATTERS, AND TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS - APPROVED.**

Motion: Andrews; Second: Braddock; 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: James; Carried: All ayes.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4009: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 0.308 ACRES (+/-) OF THE CARGILL SITE – TABLED UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010.**

**Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager**

**Open/Close Public Hearing (State name and address for record) – No public input.**

**Motion to table until a Special Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 2pm: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.**

**Motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 13-10: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.**

**RES 13-10: APPROVAL OF BID AWARD FOR PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MUSEUM EXPANSION PROJECT – APPROVED.**

**Motion: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.**

**Adjournment at 8:40pm.**

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**Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sherron L. Skipper, CMC**  
**City Clerk**