

CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2007
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Rodney Cannon, Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Willis, Council Members Earl Cooler, Bill Horton, and Bea Jones, City Manager Shane Haynes, Assistant City Manager Kevin Griffin, City Attorney David Tedder, City Clerk Virginia Haas, Media Director Paul Floeckher, Fire Chief John Ekaitis, Police Chief Richard Nagy, City Engineer Karen Jarrett, Planning Director Brana Snowden, Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum, Recreation Director Joe Gailey, Economic Development Director Ted Felder, Municipal Judge John Carroll, City Planner Chris Damgen.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Willis gave the invocation.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS (2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None Requested.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUES AND ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008: TO SET REVENUE REQUIREMENTS: TO PROVIDE FOR EXPENDITURES (2007-5-17A)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Horton stated that he fought to maintain a tight budget and upon further review the City must make a final decision to cut the level of service provided to the citizens or make a minor tax increase. He expressed that he is aware of the level of service citizens expect however currently there is not enough money available to provide that level of service. Council Member Horton proposed that the millage rate be increased by 6 mils to make up the deficit and provide the customary level expected by the citizens. Council Member Jones stated that she was torn between raising or not raising taxes as well as the State saying the city will not be able to raise next year's taxes and that concerns her. Council Member Jones inuputed her second to the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Cannon explained his feeling in knowing how difficult this decision had been however this

increase will raise \$60,000 which for a \$100,000 house taxes may increase anywhere from \$28 to \$30 dollars per year. Mayor Cannon responded to Mayor Pro Tem Willis that the last tax increase was in 2001. Council Member Horton explained that the overall budget is approximately \$6 million and the small increase amounts to only \$60,000. He continued that the city sincerely desires to provide the same level of service and stretch the dollars giving the citizens the most services for the least amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Cannon opened the hearing up for public comment. There was no public comment regarding this ordinance.

Manager Haynes asked for clarification of the motion to include other expenditures which required approval. There was short discussion regarding voting procedures.

A motion was made by Council Member Horton to adopt Ordinance **2007-5-17A as amended reflecting a total of 153 mills in property tax for 2007/2008 and including all approved expenditures** at second reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

**B. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE MUNICIPAL ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ARTICLE 3.6 AMENDMENTS (2007-5-17B)
PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Willis to adopt Ordinance **2007-5-17B** at second reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Cooler and passed unanimously.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, DESCRIBING THE ANDERSON TRACT MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE ANDERSON TRACT MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO BE EFFECTED THEREBY, THE PROJECTED TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE AMOUNT OF SUCH COSTS TO BE DERIVED FROM ASSESSMENTS, BONDS, OR OTHER FUNDS; SETTING FORTH THE PROPOSED BASIS AND RATES OF ASSESSMENTS TO BE IMPOSED WITHIN THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Manager Haynes introduced bond council Margaret Pope from Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd and Sarah Robertson of McNair Law Firm. Ms. Pope explained that City Council has the Anderson Tract improvement plan and this hearing is another opportunity for public input. The plan to included requesting City Council to

approve the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$35.8 million adjusted into three series phases. The first series paid by lot owners and one series when the lot is sold. The proceeds of the bonds may only be used for public infrastructure like roads, water, sewer, and curbing. The bonds do not pay for private infrastructure owned by the developer or association. The plan includes some specifics on how the project will be developed. She continued that the meeting on June 21st she and Sarah Robertson would be available along with engineers and planners to answer any questions. She noted this hearing would be the 2nd reading of the ordinance to address procurement, review of the agreement and where the city takes ownership of the project. Today the City Council has no motion or action to take and all advertising notices were completed. Ms. Pope called for any questions. Ms. Pope stated that Fire and Police would be the first items forward in 2010 and the roads would be installed in phases by 2012 completing all improvement phases by 2014. The developer is requested an 8-year build out completed in bond phases, issuing of bonds following phased completions. Ms. Pope responded to Council Member Horton that the city would not be held liable that these bonds are revenue bonds and the only assessments levied would fall upon the property owners. All other fees are to be paid from developers or through bond proceeds.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Ms. Pope stated that the June 21st Council Meeting would include several consideration items. She requested that Council begin reviewing the agreement which were developed and reviewed by City Attorney for the protection of the city. Council Member Horton reminded that Friday afternoon was the deadline for submission of documents. Mayor Cannon requested a public hearing for 2nd reading of the Anderson Tract MID Ordinance.

V. A. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2007
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A motion was made by Council Member Horton to approve the May 17, 2007 regular meeting minutes. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works: Mayor Pro Tem Willis reported on Boyd Street, McTeer St. and Industrial Park drainage projects. He reported that some complaints were received regarding highway 17 about grass rowing over culverts. He reported that Public Works Department was donated \$201 from the owner of the Sleep and Days Inn. He thanked Director Gailey and the Public Works staff for great work completed on Exit 5.

Mr. Cooler reported on the new road leading into industrial park and the two additional positions in the Public Works budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis reported on a meeting held in Washington Assistant Manager Griffin, Council Member Cooler and the TV crew went to NLC which was very successful. he asked Griffin to comment:

Kevin met with Kthy Spain, Bonnie, and Amy Eldridge to continue conversations had had with Cristy Lumioa. They were impressed with American downtown. An article was published in NY Times and they felt their programs could apply to city and planning downtown sure as startup to downtown redevelopment program to get jumpstarted and deal with growth issues. Mr. Brooks said this ties into what citizens asking about downtown Hardeeville. NLC will be involved and they will help in this area. Mr. Cooler P&Z will meet on the 11th to study sign code.

Ms. Bea just had closing day for baseball and banquet. Registration will be earlier next year and pushing for older children. We are planning June 30 celebration behind community center. Working on sponsors. Mr. Horton explained this will be a family oriented special event to honor us and from dusk to dark. Fireworks show and DJ with variety of music. He reported on the 1st annual fishing rodeo was great turnout, 200 fish caught, biggest 1.5 lbs. there were about 50 kids. He thinks all caught one. We do it more often than annually. We gave out awards, for biggest fish and most fish caught. Mayor said it's great time to take young people back to teach them how to fish. Bea said that people came from Bluffton and Savannah and loved the recreations. Mr. Horton said Celebrate Hardeeville is coming up next. We won't have many events. There will be advance notice for football signups. We will have a high school football team this year.

Public Safety- Bea said police dept., Judge Carroll showed all the security changes that are safer and protected. Mr. Horton said about 3 weeks ago, SCDT workshop the shop was clean and open to public and Mr. Russell who is in charge for this area. He told us how roads are chosen to be paved. A crew comes from State and drives area. Sunset circle, Paynesville, Hummingbird and Mockingbird. Will be paved. Money is coming from other budget to pave Industrial park. We emphasized heavily for highway funds in DC. Mayor said keep in mind that it may seem we are working for businesses, we will have money that will be freed up for downtown area. Bear with us we have not forgotten. Ms. Bea, LCOG meeting and they were highly complimentary towards Karen Jarrett. Lots of help from City, we always have data and don't know how to interpret.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Haynes introduced Chief Nagy to City Council, Chief Nagy announced his 4th day, he received very warm welcome and people care and want to be involved. We already began looking at policy and procedures and looking at org structure and descriptions and service levels. He will keep council brief. Thank you for your vote of confidence. Mayor said normally we have people of your caliber people but we have right person for job. Mayor welcomed him.

Fire Department: 19 fire, 3 hazard cond, 3 service, 3 false alarms. 4 min Code, 8 planning, 14 citation. 130 training hours. Thank you to Heather Hiott. Mayor thanked FD for all staff. Chief Morgan had baby girl yesterday. Brooks asked about dept by Fire dept. Town of Hilton Head wants to partner to complete for joint training facility.

Recreation: fishing rodeo, 50 participates, sponsors Wal-Mart, fish and tackle., he named announced winners. End of year baseball party and trophies were handed out. Rotary club gave out goodies. He announced the June 30th party. National night out Aug 2nd. Last year it went from 6 to 8. July 19th high school 7 on 7 passing tournament.

Public works working on 46 tomorrow and spraying mosquitos. And spreading pellets in ditches. Next Friday at 2 pm in comm. Room, call library for summer program.

Griffin added Shakespear fishing at company cost, got nice equipment. Mayor asked that certificates out to sponsors.

Brooks asked about library youth ages 6 and up , magic shoe, ventriloquist, singer. 40 kids already signed up.

Growth management: big event she thanked manager and council and staff issued stop work order and issued violations on one of developments. Planning very busy, additional staff on board. No cases, but lots of plans reviewed. She sat on panel of sustainable living in beaufort county. Attended urban land inst. Workforce planning. She introduced Chris Damgden from Clemson university. He has masters in planning and lots of urban design skills. He thanked staff for welcoming him and he looks forward to citizens.

Mr. Horton stop work order: surrounded by county residents and we take citizens rights very seriously.

Karen Jarrett: Lots of plans coming in. went to water quality class and asked to open long range transportation plan. Working on stormwater regulation. Come up with manal that will work with everyone. Mast arm is making progress Dot slowed us down. RFP has been sent Bid out July. Brooks thanked Karen with help on project for PW. Mayor has contact to give her with envirometal group in DC.

Economic Development. Ted Felder

We look at this as a regional approach and their list of priorities was I 95 widening, exit 5 & exit 8 their priorities are ours.

We appreciate council participation in all events like DC flyin and fishing rodeo.

Judge Carroll: 448 tickets from last month , 10 arrest warrants, not busy, bond hearings busy. We are working with chief and zoning enforcement enforcing violations. Shane said he appreciates tour this morning and a great transformation of court facilities.

Sane noted invitation Jasper county delegation: commuity room next thru june 14 at 6 pm to brief comm. On legislative sessions.

Shane reminded of Jasper county Joint planning agreement. June 26th at :30 at blue heron nature center. Please RSVP serving diner.

Meeting adjourned 7:e0 BE and Horton

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____ to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Virginia S. Haas, City Clerk

Date

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