

CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2006
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Rodney Cannon, Mayor Pro Tem Brooks Willis, Council Members Earl Cooler, Bea Jones, and Bill Horton. City Manager Shane Haynes, Asst City Manager Kevin Griffin, City Attorney David Tedder, City Clerk Cindy Thompson, Police Chief Jimmy Hubbard, Fire Chief John Ekaitis, Recreation Director Joe Gailey, Planning Director Brana Snowden, Design Review Planner Nolon Edge, Judge John Carroll, Building Official Jim Hatter, IT Director Jeff Broxton, and Media Director Paul Floeckher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Willis gave the invocation.

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

Ms. Linda Nease spoke in reference to the police department; she is concerned with the loss of police officers and is disappointed about the FOIA request being invoked and that legal action may be beginning to block this information. She is asking that council be as straightforward as possible. Mayor Cannon stated that there is an ongoing investigation on what the citizens are asking for; but it will come out when it is finished.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROCLAMATION

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GIFT OF PROPERTY FROM SCE&G KNOWN AS A PORTION OF TMP 027-00-02-040, 027-00-02-038, AND 027-00-02-039 (PURRYSBURG FIRE TRAINING SITE)

Manager Haynes introduced Steve Palmer from SCE&G who is the plant manager for the new plant on Purrysburg Road. Fire Chief Ekaitis stated that he and staff met with SCE&G and talked about a training center. This property is 4.56 acres that has a pond to test their pumpers. They already have a classroom trailer out there that was donated to them by Palm Beach Grading. They will also have a pre burn building. They will have their own training on site without having to go to Columbia. The police department will be partnering with them and putting a fence up around the property and will also be able to use the facility. Manager Haynes stated he will be forwarding the deed documents out soon.

Council Member Horton made a motion to accept this resolution; his motion received a proper second from Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE TRADITION MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MAY OBJECT TO OR REQUEST A HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED TO BE IMPOSED WITHIN THE TRADITION MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; POSTPONING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON SUCH OBJECTIONS AND HEARINGS AND CONFIRM SUCH ASSESSMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO
- Manager Haynes stated the Assessment Roll was originally planned to be approved tonight. The bond council recommended leaving the period open until September to approve the Assessment Roll. Attorney Tedder stated that Assessment Roll B which is a contingent assessment on the property at Tradition that may or may not be implemented down the line. By delaying this, we delay the implementation of the statutory time periods and we are in a holding pattern without having to move further until we have all documents and understandings correct. There will be another public hearing in September. Council Member Horton inquired about the legal fees concerning these documents with the repeated filings, etc being included in the cost of the bond and are eventually being paid by the home owners. Attorney Tedder stated that if the bonds are not issued according to the letter of intent that was signed as part of the resolution, that would be the responsibility of Core of South Carolina.
- Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the resolution; her motion received a proper second from Council Member Cooler and passed unanimously.

D. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS FOR THE REFINANCING OF CITY FLEET VEHICLES

Manager Haynes stated this in reference to the fleet police vehicles that are financed with Ford Motor Credit. The Finance Committee asked that staff look into refinancing to lower the interest rate. The lowest bidder was BB&T in the amount not to exceed \$265,000 with 4.5 %. There will be no payments due this fiscal year. This will lower a half percent and lower the payments over \$10,000 a year overall.

Council Member Jones made a motion to accept this resolution; her motion received a proper second from Council Member Cooler and passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING REQUEST CHANGE FOR TMP 079-00-00-006 (+/- .88) AC FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-3) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) LOCATED ON HWY 170 BETWEEN RILEY FARM ROAD AND OKATIE CENTER BLVD LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY (2006-6-15A)

Manager Haynes stated there have been no changes. These two items received approval recommendation from the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

Mayor Pro Tem Willis made a motion to accept the second reading of the ordinance; his motion received a proper second from Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

- B. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING REQUEST CHANGE FOR TMP 079-00-00-008 (+/- 2.70 AC) FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-3) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) LOCATED ON HWY 170 BETWEEN RILEY FARM ROAD AND OKATIE CENTER BLVD LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY (2006-6-15B)

Manager Haynes stated this is the second part that goes along with Item A. There have been no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Mr. Eugene Lebby inquired what zoning means. Mayor Cannon stated there is different zoning area in the city on what is allowed in those areas and this was a residential area and they are changing it to general commercial.

Council Member Horton made a motion to accept the second reading of the ordinance; his motion received a proper second from Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 6, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as written; her motion received a proper second from Council Member Cooler and passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF THE HARDEEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING IN IT'S ENTIRELY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE ATTACHED PROPOSED MODEL ORDINANCE (2006-8-3C)

Attorney Tedder stated this is an update of our flood zone regulations that are required to be implemented to keep in compliance with FEMA regulations so flood insurance can be issued. All municipalities are using this model ordinance as their template and he will be making a couple of minor changes dealing with the identifiers and personalize it. Council Member Horton inquired if it would be properly formatted. Attorney Tedder stated yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

Council Member Horton made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance; his motion received a proper second from Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety-Council Member Jones stated that they have revised the disaster preparedness plan and it has been sent to all department heads to go over. This one is more comprehensive due to the information from the hurricane conference. There is a businesses preparedness plan which is a check sheet to let them know how they need to prepare.

Public Works-Mayor Pro Tem Willis stated that their meeting will be at 2:30 tomorrow.

Planning & Zoning-Council Member Cooler stated that the committee has reviewed the draft of the MZDO and would like to get council together next week for a workshop.

Recreation-Council Member Jones stated they have had some very good meetings.

Special Events-Mayor Cannon stated that the festival is well on its way.

Planning & Zoning-Council Member Horton stated that they have three openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member Horton made a motion to add Mary Charles Moyd to the Zoning Board of Appeals; his motion received a proper second from Council Member Jones and passed unanimously.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Haynes stated that if council will indulge him, he'd like to play the MASC and Jasper County videos to show the community. He also stated this is the time for the Department Head's reports.

Building-Official Hatter stated he met with ATM and DOT in reference to Martin, Boyd, Bush and Columbia Street. The state has agreed to come and adjust the culverts. The state has agreed to come and adjust all the culverts. The new boom mower should be here by the end of this month. He is still sending out door hangers for trash and it's going well. ATM is helping design a plan to control the pump station. With all the flooding we've had and deterioration of the walls, can't reach across the pond to keep the trash out. They are working on a grate to put in there. Mayor Pro Tem Willis inquired if the boom mower would help clear the bank at I95 and 17. Official Hatter stated they would be able to cut the whole bank.

Planning-Director Snowden stated that the Planning Commission approved the concept PDD for the Anderson tract. The Planning Commission also got approval for Tradition Master Plan Phase II. They have also been working with Jasper County with the moratorium and what that means for the people in our area. They have had 35 pre application meetings this month. A portion of zoning ordinance is being handled by B.P. Barber.

Recreation-Director Gailey stated that National Night Out was great. The football and cheerleading registrations are continuing. The season begins August 19 in Ridgeland and goes through the end of October with playoffs being in November. Wilson & Associates will be aerating and fertilizing around city hall and all of the ball fields. They will also be working on a proposal for the Butch Williams Field getting it to playing condition. He has received 30 applications for the Special Events Coordinator. Recreation Committee meets in the morning and Special Events met this afternoon.

Fire-Chief Ekaitis stated that they answered 91 calls for service with 2 fatalities; total for the year is 588. They had a total combined 104 hours of training. Fire Marshall Heather Hiott received her certification for a resident Fire Marshall. He would like to invite the Public Safety Committee and any other council members out to the new facility

Judge-Carroll stated their new computer court system is up and operating now. They are able to track warrants from the time they're initiated through their court through general sessions, and clerk of court. Bond hearings are now being covered with the system. They are averaging bond hearings about five days a week. Once information goes through the system, you can track it. The total tickets/warrants for the month of July was 438.

Police-Chief Hubbard stated they answered 666 calls for service; 32 were alarm, 28 escorts, 21 medical calls, assisted 28 motorists, 23 investigated accidents, and 18 welfare checks. There were also 516 others calls for service. Chief Hubbard appreciates everyone's help for National Night Out. Council Member Jones inquired about the ids and where the kids can pick them up. Chief Hubbard stated they can be picked up here at city hall.

IT-Director Broxton stated that the total hits for the website were 66,634. The top pages for the month were the Job Section and the Police Department, and then the News section. He has added a weather section. He also added a link for National Night Out. He will also be adding some maps to the site.

Media-Director Floeckher stated this year's budget included funds for new equipment. They will be phasing in the new equipment. ETV is cutting their satellite time and may scale back the schedule and may not be able to show any TCL classes. There will be a lot of coverage from National Night Out and the Municipal Association's Annual meeting coming up soon. The youth football games will be aired in their entirety. August 26th is the first home game. A week from tonight Senator Clementa Pinckney will be holding a meeting here on the new laws with the state legislature. August 10, 6:00 pm. Council Member Horton stated everyone represented us well at the MASC conference. Mayor Cannon read the plaque and showed the award that the city received at the conference. Manager Haynes stated the he received a call from Howard Duvall, the Executive Director for the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Mr. Duvall informed him that their board that reviewed our submittal said it was the finest submittal they had ever received in any category and had scored higher than any other previous submittal they had received to date including all jurisdictions.

ACM-Griffin stated that the joint planning initiative presentation along with Jason Taylor and Andy Fulghum at the MASC conference. They had a 3:45 time slot which is normally lightly attended, the session was standing room only. The presentation was received very well. He has gotten many phone calls about the presentation. There have been a number of pre-apps this month. He has been working on the commercial industrial and has two new private industrial parks in the works. They have also secured the services to move forward with the classification and compensation study that council requested.

Attorney-Tedder stated they continue to do move forward with the planning department and have implemented the actions that council authorized them to do regarding protection of personnel's privacy rights.

Manager-Haynes requested for two videos from the MASC to be shown in reference to the award the city received and also Jasper County, Town of Ridgeland, and the City of Hardeeville. Jasper County applied for the J Mitchell Graham Memorial Award and they presented today on a joint planning effort. They will find out Saturday night if they won.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn; motion received a proper second from Council Member Horton and passed unanimously.