

CITY OF LIBERTY

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MINUTES LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

February 11, 2019 – 6:00 PM
Rosewood Center, 419 East Main Street

The Liberty City Council meeting was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Rosewood Center @ 419 E. Main St. The agenda was emailed to Mayor & Council and the Media on Friday, February 8, 2019 and was posted in the window at City Hall and on the City's website.

Present: Mayor Brian Petersen presiding, Council members; Archie Newberry, Chris Carroll, Josh Harrison, and Lavant Padgett. Council members Chuck Powell and Brad Dover were absent. A quorum was represented.

Mayor Petersen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Councilmember Chris Carroll delivered the invocation.

Mayor's Announcements – Reviewed the Façade Grant.

Public Session – No Sign Ups

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Session on January 14, 2019. Councilmember Chris Carroll made a motion. Councilmember Josh Harrison second. Vote was 5-0 in favor of approving the minutes.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-03, Rezoning of Parcels 4097-06-38-3039 & 4097-06-28-9191 and Amending the Zoning Map (from 511 Basic Industrial to 508 General Commercial) – Councilmember Lavant Padgett made a motion. Councilmember Josh Harrison second. Vote was 5-0 in favor of approving the ordinance.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-04, Rezoning of Parcel 4097-05-29-3179 and Amending the Zoning Map (from 501 Medium Density Residential to 508 General Commercial) – Councilmember Josh Harrison made a motion. Councilmember Lavant Padgett second. Vote was 5-0 in favor of approving the ordinance.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-05, rezoning of Parcel 4097-05-17-2617 and Amending the Zoning Map (from 507 Neighborhood commercial to 508 General Commercial) –

Due to a conflict of interest on this agenda item and the absence of Mayor Pro Tempore Chuck Powell, Mayor Petersen stated a Mayor Pro Tempore would need to be voted upon by Council and Mayor Petersen suggested Councilmember Josh Harrison. Councilmember Chris Carroll made a motion to appoint Councilmember Josh Harrison as Mayor Pro Tempore for this agenda item. Councilmember Archie Newberry second. Vote was 4-0 in favor of Councilmember Josh Harrison acting as Mayor Pro Tempore for the second reading of Ordinance 2019-05.

Councilmember Lavant Padgett made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-05. Councilmember Chris Carroll second. Vote was 4-0 in favor of passing Ordinance 2019-05.

Councilmember Lavant Pagett made a motion to turn the meeting back over to Mayor Petersen. Councilmember Archie Newberry second. Vote was 4-0 in favor of turning the meeting back over to Mayor Petersen.

Mayor Petersen recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest with the property. A signed recusal form is on file.

Discussion of Proposed Inter-Governmental Agreement with Pickens County Reference Road Maintenance

City Administrator, Bruce Evilsizor, reviewed the proposed agreement with Council.

Discussion of Sale of Surplus City Real Estate Properties

Mayor Petersen reviewed the proposed properties with Council. Properties may be sold by either sealed bid or auction. The administrator will seek a public auction proposal to review at a future meeting.

Discussion of Draft Utility Office Policy

Administrator Bruce Evilsizor reviewed the Policy with Council.

Discussion of Community Gardens

Hold for future discussion.

Discussion of Proposed Improvements to Sarlin park and Downtown Holiday Decorations

Mayor Petersen reviewed the proposed improvements with Council.

Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. Police Department – Chief Adam Gilstrap presented Mayor & Council with the January 2019 Police Report.
2. Fire Department –On behalf of Chief Chris Rowland, Mayor Petersen presented Council with the January 2019 Fire Report.
3. Public Works/Utility Department - Public Works Director, Tim Moore, presented Mayor & Council with the January 2019 Public Works Report.
4. Recreation Department – On behalf of Recreation Director Tony Boiter, Mayor Petersen presented Council with the January 2019 Recreation Report.

5. Building Official – On behalf of Building Inspector, Scott McDaniel, Mayor Petersen presented Council with the January 2019 Building Official's Report.

City Administrator Report (Bruce Evilsizor)

City Administrator, Bruce Evilsizor, presented Mayor and Council with the January 2019 Administration Report.

City Council Reports/Discussion

1. Councilmember Chris Carroll – Noted the railroad waved the fee for City to paint the RR underpass on Southern Street. Residents concerned with lights out at track at football field.
2. Councilmember Josh Harrison – No Report
3. Councilmember Archie Newberry – Commented on the valuable training received in Columbia by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC)
4. Councilmember Lavant Padgett – No Report

Motion to Enter Executive Session pertaining to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of Project Recharge which is in an area served by the City of Liberty (no action will be taken following the Executive Session)

Councilmember Chris Carroll made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Josh Harrison second. Vote was 5-0 in favor of entering Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

Note: Before the Executive Session started, Mayor and Council answered questions from local Boy Scouts who attended the meeting (approximately 5 minutes).

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Councilmember Lavant Padgett made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Councilmember Josh Harrison second. The vote was 5-0 in favor of adjourning Executive Session at 7:49 PM.

Adjourn – Councilmember Josh Harrison made a motion to Adjourn. Councilmember Chris Carroll second. Vote was 5-0 in favor of adjourning the meeting. Adjournment at 7:50 PM

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Approved by City Council:



Brian Petersen
Mayor, City of Liberty

Attested:



Bruce Evilsizor
Administrator, City of Liberty



Date