

CITY OF LIBERTY

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MINUTES LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

September 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM
Rosewood Center, 419 East Main Street

Present: Mayor Brian Petersen
Council Member Josh Harrison
Council Member Chuck Powell
Council Member Chris Carroll
Council Member Archie Newberry
Council Member Erica Woods
Administrative Assistant Krista Harding

Not Present: Council Member Brad Dover
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor

Welcome and Call to Order (Mayor Petersen)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 6:00 pm.

Invocation

Council Member Chuck Powell provided the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Petersen mentioned the activity on Hwy 93 DOT is upgrading and should be completed this fall weather permitting. The process of replacing the connections on the water line, taps and sewer lines before the road is to be paved by DOT is still on schedule. More information to come regarding the Trick or Treat event along with the Holiday's.

Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)

Three speakers

1. Nancy Miller – local business owner (Guardian Home Care) regarding her water and solid waste bill
2. Stan Smith – speaking on behalf of his mother Sippie Johnson – local business owner (property and a mobile home park) regarding the purpose of the rezoning

3. Frank Cantrell - American Legion regarding them regaining the ownership of the hut and their plans for it.

Approval of Regular Session Minutes - August 10, 2020

Motion: Council Member Erica Woods moved to approve minutes; Council Member Josh Harrison seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-06, Rezoning of 119 Circle A Street, Parcel 4098-18-31-0762 and Amending the Zoning Map (rezone from 505, Mobile Home Park District (MH) to 500, Low Density Residential District (LR))

Motion: Council Member Erica Woods moved to open discussion and amend motion; Council Member Josh Harrison seconded the motion. Some Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Motion: Council Member Erica Woods moved to amend this motion and send back to the Planning Commission for further discussion; Council Member Josh Harrison seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 (Council did not approve the rezoning).

First Reading of Ordinance 2020-07, Rezoning of Park Plaza Parcels 4097-05-18-6235 & 4097-05-18-7348 and Amending the Zoning Map (rezone from 501 Medium Density Residential to 501(a) Medium Density Duplex Residential)

Motion: Council Member Josh Harrison moved to approve the first reading; Council Member Chris Carroll seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

First Reading of Ordinance 2020-08, Rezoning of Fourteen (14) Parcels on Circle A Street & Sitton Street and Amending the Zoning Map (rezone from 505 Mobile Home Park District to 500 Low Density Residential District)

Motion: Council Member Erica Woods moved to open discussion and amend motion; Council Member Archie Newberry seconded the motion. Some Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Motion: Council Member Chris Carroll moved to amend this motion and send back to the Planning Commission for further discussion; Council Member Erica Woods seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 (Council did not approve the first reading).

Approve Resolution 2020-03, Support of Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) Economic Development Grant Application

Motion: Council Member Josh Harrison moved to approve minutes; Council Member Chuck Powell seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Consideration of American Legion's Request for Property at 219 North Palmetto Street

Mayor Petersen gave brief overview to council and public. Motion needed to draft resolution.

Motion: Council Member Chuck Powell moved to approve motion to draft a resolution to transfer the property back to the American Legion. Council Member Archie Newberry seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Discussion on Proposed No Smoking Regulation at City Parks

Council Member Chris Carroll brought before council the proposed need for no smoking ordinance to be made and signs to be placed in all public parks and at city held events with a designated smoking areas. Will be placed on next month's agenda for second discussion.

Discussion on Board & Commission Membership

Mayor Petersen leads discussion regarding the need for membership and the possibility of allowing City of Liberty business owners who don't live in the City becoming members through a vetting process approved by a panel.

Motion: Council Member Chuck Powell moved to approve to have discussion at next council meeting; Council Member Josh Harrison seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Department Head Reports/Discussion

Police Department – Chief Adam Gilstrap presented the monthly Police report

Fire Department – Mayor Petersen provided monthly Fire report

Public Works/Utility Department – Tim Moore presented the monthly Public Works and Utility report

Recreation Department – Mayor Petersen provided the monthly Recreation report

Building Official – Mayor Petersen provided the monthly Building Official's report

City Administrator Report (Bruce Evilsizor)

Monthly Budget & Expense Report

Administrator's Report

Mayor Petersen provided the monthly budget report and the administrative report. No Discussion.

City Council Reports/Discussion

Chris Carroll – Inquired when railroad underpass on Southern Street would be painted (graffiti). Mayor Petersen said he would check with City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor regarding an update.

Brad Dover – Absent

Josh Harrison – No Report

Archie Newberry – Thanked the public for coming. Would like to look at the impact the stormwater project (downstream culverts) will have on residents especially on Odell.

Odell culvert is in bad shape.

Chuck Powell – No Report

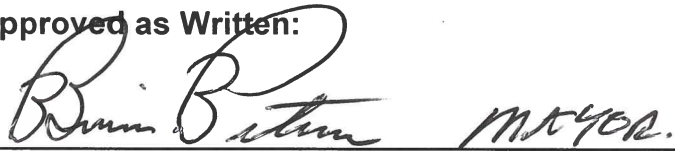
Erica Woods – Action needs to be taken regarding the water situation at Sarlin Park. The City needs to act on items they say they are going to take action on and not table them. Discussed the Luther and Lewis property proposal. Expressed her safety concerns regarding the A/C unit on S. Commerce St. with cones and being held up via two by four.

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: Council Member Chris Carroll moved to adjourn; Council Member Chuck Powell seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 8:44 pm

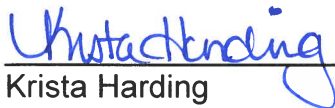
Notes: (1) Agenda was posted at City Hall, website, Facebook and emailed to media on September 11, 2020; and (2) a quorum was present.

Approved as Written:

Handwritten signature of Brian Petersen in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Brian Petersen
Mayor, City of Liberty

Attested:

Handwritten signature of Krista Harding in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Krista Harding
Administrative Assistant, City of Liberty