



LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

MINUTES

February 12th, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Rosewood Center - 419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

- **Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Erica Romo Woods-** Due to Mayor Erica Romo Woods's unable to attend, Mayor. Pro Tem Robbie Shoenleben conducted the meeting.

- **Invocation** *giving by Potter's Clay Fellowship Pastor Carlton Cleveland*

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Roll Call-**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) - Present

- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2) - Present

- Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3) - Present

- Jeff Massie (Ward 4) - Not Present

- Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large) - Present

- Zachary Arms (At- Large) - Present

- **Mayor Announcements:**

- No announcements were given due to Mayor Woods's absence.

- **Citizens wishing to address City Council:**

- Speakers must reside within city limits, are allowed 3 minutes in total, and must have signed up prior to 4:30 pm on 02/09/2024.

- No Speakers signed up for this meeting.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

- January 2nd- Special Called Session

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

- January 8th- Regular Session

Motion: Councilmember Arms. 2nd: Councilmember Padgett. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

- **Presentations:**

-Pickens Regional Joint Water System (PRJWS) Update- Troy Rosier

-Retail Strategies Overview

- **Unfinished/ Old Business: (2nd Readings)**

- None

- **New Business: (1st Readings & Resolutions):**

-Resolution 2024-02, Land and Water Conservation Fund- Update to deed to add Mills Ave gym.

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Arms. Councilmember Arms asked if this was Federal Funded. City Administrator Mr. Trotter stated this has already been funded with the 50,000 from the Land and Water Conservation grant because of this. One of their requirements is that it must be added to the deed in order for the grant to be closed out. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

- **Interim City Administrator Report**

-Administrator's Report/ City Activities Report

- **City Council Remarks:**

-Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) - No Remark

- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- No Remark

- Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)- Went with Council to Hometown Legislative Action Day; we missed Lavant. It was a great learning experience and was very valuable.

- Jeff Massie (Ward 4) - Not Present

- Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)- Went with Council to Hometown Legislative Action Day as well. It was very interesting, had great information, and very educational.

- Zachary Arms (At- Large)- Went to Hometown Legislative Action Day as well. Learned about Strategic Plans and Comprehensive Plans. Learned about focus groups and how they are used for Collective Visions.

● **Motion to Enter Executive Session:**

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

1. *S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(5). Discussion of matters and receipt of legal advice relating to the proposed location, expansion, and/or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the City - receive confidential economic development report from Retail Strategies.*

2. *S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(5). Discussion of matters and receipt of legal advice relating to the proposed location, expansion, and/or the provision of services encouraging the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in or adjacent to the City - discuss potential economic development project.*

3. *S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2). Discussion of negotiations and receipt of legal advice incident to proposed contractual arrangements:*

(a) Discuss potential/proposed participation in contracts related to regional utility services.

(b) Discuss proposals submitted for contract audit services; and,

(c) Discuss potential contract(s) related to the location of necessary City facilities.

4. *S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1). Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, and/or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to positions with or for the public body:*

(a) Discuss appointment(s) to City Planning Commission; and,

(b) Discuss job description, duties, and compensation aspects necessary for filling a position in City Administration.

● **Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

-City Council may or may not take action on any or all of the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

Mayor Pro Tem Robbie Shoenleben asked for a Motion: Instructing City Administrator to award contract for auditing services to the lowest qualified bidder that was submitted by Love, Bailey CPAs in Laurens, S.C.

Motion: Councilmember Arms. 2nd: Councilmember Padgett. No discussion. Vote: unanimous: 5-0


Mayor Pro Tem Robbie Shoenleben asked for a Motion: Approve employment of Philip Trotter as City Administrator and approve provisions of advised contract to be signed by Mayor on behalf of the Council.

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Padgett. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

● **Adjournment**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal. 2nd: Councilmember Arms. No Discussion. Vote: Unanimous 5-0

Approved: 3/11/24



Mayor, City of Liberty



To sign up to speak at the next council meeting, please email or call our Clerk of Council by 4:30 pm the Friday prior to the meeting.

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