LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

March 11th, 2024, at 6:30 PM

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

- **Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Erica Romo Woods**
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call:**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) - Lavant Padgett (Ward 2) - Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)

-Jeff Massie (Ward 4) - Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large) - Zachary Arms (At- Large)

- **Proclamations:**

-Proclamation - "Welcome Grand Kyiv Ballet"

-Proclamation- "Congratulations to the Liberty High School Wrestling team on the State Championship."

- **Mayor Announcements:**

- Mayor Woods will address various topics.

- **Citizens wishing to address the 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 03/08/2024.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

-February 12th, 2024- Regular Session

- ***Presentations:***

-Habitat for Humanity

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

- None

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

-Resolution 2024-03 - Resolution to establish an events committee.

- **Interim City Administrator Report:**

-Administrator's Report/ City Activities Report

- **City Council Remarks:**

-Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)

- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)

- *Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)*

- *Jeff Massie (Ward 4)*

- *Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large)*

- *Zachary Arms (At- Large)*

- ***Motion to Enter Executive Session:***

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

S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2). Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims or discussions of the public agency's position in adversary situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices;

(b) Discuss Municipal Judges

- ***Motion to Exit Executive Session:***

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

- **Adjournment**

CITY OF LIBERTY

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MINUTES

February 12th, 2024, at 6:30 PM

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- **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: _____

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Mayor, City of Liberty

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City of Liberty

Proclamation

"Welcome Grand Kyiv Ballet"

Whereas: the arts enrich our community, elevate our spirits, and inspire us with their beauty and grace; and

Whereas: the Grand Kyiv Ballet, a renowned company of Ukrainian ballet dancers founded by the esteemed Oleksandr Stoianov, has graced stages around the world with their exceptional talent and artistry since 2014; and

Whereas: the Grand Kyiv Ballet's dedication to excellence and their commitment to sharing the cultural heritage of Ukraine through the medium of ballet have garnered international acclaim and admiration; and

Whereas: the citizens of the City of Liberty, eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Grand Kyiv Ballet to our city as they prepare to enchant us with their performance of the beloved classic, Giselle, a timeless tale of love and redemption set to the enchanting music of Adolphe Adan; and

Whereas: Giselle, with its poignant story and soul-stirring choreography, has captivated audiences for centuries, transcending cultural boundaries and leaving an indelible mark on the world of ballet and

Whereas: the Grand Kyiv Ballet's presentation of Giselle promises to be a cultural highlight of our community, offering an unforgettable evening of artistic excellence and emotional resonance.

Now, therefore, I, Erica Romo Woods, Mayor of Liberty SC, do hereby proclaim:

1. Our warmest welcome to the Grand Kyiv Ballet as they grace our city with their presence and talent.

2. Our profound appreciation for their dedication to the arts and their mission to share the beauty of Ukrainian culture with audiences around the globe.

3. Our anticipation and excitement for their performance of Giselle, which promises to be a captivating and unforgettable experience for all who attend.

4. Our sincere gratitude to the members of the Grand Kyiv Ballet for enriching our community with their artistry and for their contribution to the cultural tapestry of the City of Liberty.

Now, Therefore, I, Erica Romo Woods,

by virtue of the authority vested in me

as Mayor of the City of Liberty, do hereby

proclaim today, March 11th, 2024, a day of

Welcoming Grand Kyiv Ballet to the City of Liberty.

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City of Liberty Mayor, Erica Romo Woods

City of Liberty

Proclamation

"Congratulations Liberty High School Wrestling"

Whereas, Liberty High School's wrestling team has once again demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the arena of athletic competition; and

Whereas, the team's remarkable performance in the State Tournament for the second consecutive year has brought great pride and honor to the school and the community; and

Whereas, the wrestlers of Liberty High School have displayed extraordinary skills and determination, earning a total of nine medals in the State Tournament; including four gold medals secured by Alex Allison, Jonah Pierce, Bray Cain, and JT Spence; and

Whereas, the team has further distinguished itself with four silver medals earned by Grady McManis, Brian Reed, Dalton Shelton, and Ian Vallecillo, as well as one bronze medal achieved by Isaac Reece; and

Whereas, the accomplishments of these talented athletes have not only elevated the status of Liberty High School in the realm of wrestling but have also set new standards of excellence within the school's athletic program:

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that on this day, we commend and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Liberty High School wrestling team for their exceptional performance in the State Tournament, and for their record-breaking accomplishments of eight State Finalists and four State Champions in a single season.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each member of the team, their coaches, families, and supporters for their dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship, which have contributed to this remarkable success.

May their achievements serve as an inspiration to all members of the Liberty High School community and stand as a testament to the power of teamwork, perseverance, and excellence.

Now, Therefore, I, Erica Romo Woods,

by virtue of the authority vested in me

as Mayor of the City of Liberty, do hereby

proclaim today, March 11th, 2024, a day of

Celebrating our Liberty High School Wrestlers.

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City of Liberty Mayor Erica Romo Woods

CITY OF LIBERTY

COUNTY OF PICKENS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING AN EVENT COMMITTEE

Whereas, the City of Liberty recognizes the importance of organizing and executing successful events to foster community engagement, collaboration and achieve organizational goals.

Whereas, an events committee would streamline the planning, coordination, and execution of various events hosted or sponsored by the organization.

Whereas, there is a need for a dedicated group of individuals to oversee the logistics, marketing, budgeting, and overall management of events to ensure their success and alignment with organizational objectives;

Whereas, the establishment of an events committee will enhance communication, creativity, and efficiency in event planning processes;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. An Events Committee shall be established within the organization to oversee the planning, coordination, and execution of events.

2. The Events Committee shall consist of five members, including representatives from different departments or areas of expertise within the organization.

3. The responsibilities of the Events Committee shall include but not be limited to:

- Identifying event objectives and target audiences.
- Developing event concepts, themes, and agendas.
- Securing venues, vendors, and necessary resources.
- Creating and managing event budgets.
- Coordinating marketing and promotional efforts.
- Ensuring compliance with relevant policies, regulations, and guidelines.
- Evaluating event success and gathering feedback for continuous improvement.

4. The Events Committee shall operate under the guidance of a designated chairperson or co-chairs, responsible for facilitating meetings, delegating tasks, and ensuring the committee's effectiveness.

5. The Events Committee shall meet regularly to plan upcoming events, assess progress, address challenges, and report to the organization's leadership as needed.

6. The Events Committee shall collaborate closely with other relevant committees, departments, or stakeholders to ensure seamless integration of events into the organization's overall strategy and operations.

7. The establishment of the Events Committee shall be effective immediately upon approval of this resolution.

Resolved further, that the organization shall provide necessary resources, support, and authority to the Events Committee to fulfill its mandate effectively.

Resolved further, that the organization's leadership shall appoint initial members of the Events Committee and designate a chairperson or co-chairs to lead its activities.

Resolved further, that this resolution shall be communicated to all relevant stakeholders and incorporated into the organization's policies and procedures.

ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____2024.

CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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ERICA ROMO WOODS, MAYOR

Attest:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL, BAILEE LOCKE

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Liberty Parks & Recreation

City Council Report

1) Continuing to work on lighting at Mills Ave., the company has installed new wire for the lights.
2) New Sponsorship banner (1) Palmetto Pools
3) Completion of county recreation grant
4) Obtain a New/used score board from Clemson-central rec. department.
5) Maintain all Parks and Recreation grounds and facilities.
6) Spring volleyball had begun.
7) Rental of city stadium for this month (0)
8) Little League Park (Iselin and Morris field) new dirt installed, and water tower drainage issues were fixed.
9) Replaced old light switches at city gym and mills ave.
10) Fixed water fountain at city gym.

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Total for Offense : 37

01 SEATBELT VIOLATION

Total for Offense 01: 19

17 OPERATING UNINSURED VEHICLE

Total for Offense 17: 1

20 TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS

Total for Offense 20: 1

26 LIGHTS IMPROPER

Total for Offense 26: 2

44 NO RIGHT OF WAY

Total for Offense 44: 1

4B FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

Total for Offense 4B: 1

4X SPEEDING MORE THAN 10--

Total for Offense 4X: 1

4Y SPEEDING MORE THAN 15--

Total for Offense 4Y: 41

61 RECKLESS DRIVING

Total for Offense 61: 1

82 OTHER MOVING VIOLATION

Total for Offense 82: 1

86 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Total for Offense 86: 1

87 DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 87: 6

89 VEHICLE LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 89: 4

94 OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 2

96 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

Total for Offense 96: 3

Total for Report: 122

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Monthly Totals
February 2024

Warnings Issued- 224
Citations Issued- 122

Total Arrested- 10

One for Disorderly Conduct and Open Container of Beer

One for Public Disorderly Conduct, Improper Lane Use and Transport Liquor with Broken Seal

One for Operating Uninsured, DUS 1st and Transporting Liquor with Broken Seal

One for Trafficking Meth 2nd

One for Habitual Offender and DUS 3rd

One for Simple Possession Marijuana 2nd and DUS

One for Disorderly Conduct and Drinking in Public

One for Unlawful Carry of Pistol and Defective Headlight

One for Felony Possession of Firearm and Unlawful Carry of Pistol

One for No SCDL, Disorderly Conduct, Minor in Possession of Beer and Open Container

Citations
See attached.