



MINUTES
SPECIAL FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, June 7, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knox H. White

2. ROLL CALL

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

3. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$55,683,640 for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to amend the Ordinance as follows:

Of a portion of the funding set aside in the proposed FY22 Capital Budget, up to \$250,000 shall be used to hire a consultant in order to work with City staff to evaluate and prioritize pedestrian safety projects in the City, with all remaining funding to be used for the design and construction of priority pedestrian safety projects identified by that process.

Councilmember Brasington expressed his support for the amendment and stated this issue is the most frequently voiced comment he receives from constituents. Councilmember Brasington referred to the recent hit and run tragedy in the Augusta Road Corridor.

Councilmember Dowe agreed and recommended the City work with the South Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the road issues. Councilmember Dowe recognized the first responders and individuals who responded to the tragedy.

Councilmember Flemming referred to similar incidents in her district and stated a deeper look into business placement along those roads should be reviewed as well.

After discussion, the motion to amend carried unanimously.

The motion to approve, as amended, carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to provide for the adoption of a City Operating Budget, its execution and effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, declaring certain tax increment financial revenues net of debt service payments surplus, authorizing the termination of tax increment financing districts, and other matters related thereto
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve second and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Dowe referred to prior discussions regarding a discretionary amount for each district to use towards neighborhood projects, as needed, and requested a report mid-year on the item from staff.

5. NEW BUSINESS -- (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$8,954,274 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund and the General Fund to recognize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading.

Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird explained the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, receipt of those funds in two payments, eligible and ineligible uses for the funds, and spending recommendations.

Councilmember Brasington verified half of the funding is awarded one year and half the next year.

Councilmember Dowe requested OMB staff provide information on funding made available in the general fund. Mr. Efird responded there will be a fund balance remaining once the fiscal year has concluded, and Council will be asked for direction regarding the expenditure of those funds.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK