

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Trey Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas.

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Media Present:** Henry Green – **Press and Banner**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Freeman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Mayor Santana Delano Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem Faye Thomas –**  
Presentation of 2019 SCRPA 7-8 Division II Football State Championship Team Plaque

2. **Mayor Santana Delano Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem Faye Thomas-**  
Presentation of 2019 SCRPA 9-10 Division II Football State Championship Team Plaque
3. **Mary-Chase Ford, – Executive Director, Of The Abbeville Housing Authority –**  
Annual Housing Authority Executive Director Report to City Council.

## ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2020: First Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C., APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, THROUGH THE BORROWING OF NOT EXCEEDING NINE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$948,620)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve ordinance No. 1-2020. An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C., Approving The Financing Of The Construction And Equipping Of Certain Improvements To Sewer Facilities Of The City Of Abbeville, Through The Borrowing Of Not Exceeding Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$948,620). With no objections the **motion passed unanimously**.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution No. 1-2020**

A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Approving The Signing Of The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Abbeville And The U. S. Marine Corps Forces For Training Exercises.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Resolution No. 1-2020 Approving the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Abbeville and The U.S. Marine Corps Forces for training exercises. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously**.

## FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**Report No. 1-2020: Information Only – WWTP.**

**Report No. 2-2020: Information Only – Summer Concert Series.**

**Report No. 3-2020: Approval Requested – Incubator Agreement.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No. 3-2020 approving the incubator agreement. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously.**

**Report No. 4-2020: Approval Requested – City Event Road Closure.**

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 4-2020 approving the City event road closure. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. **Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the five-year term of office of Caroline Cobb on the Housing Authority Commissioners Board. Cobb recently resigned from the board.**

With no nominations, will remain on next month's agenda.

2. **Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Horace Brownlee on the Board of Zoning Appeals which will be expiring on January 10, 2020.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to re-appoint Horace Brownlee to a three-year term of office on the Board of Zoning Appeals. With no Objections **motion passed unanimously**

3. **Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of John Robert Alexander on the Board of Zoning Appeals which will be expiring on January 10, 2020.**

With no nominations, will remain on next month's agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

1. **Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the four-year term of office of Judy Hall on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). Hall recently resigned from the board.**

With no nominations will remain on next month's agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember T. Edwards to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

**No actions were taken following the Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley K. Suttles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley K. Suttles  
City Clerk