

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Trey Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, H. Doyle Kidd, A. Faye Thomas and Augustus E. Wilson.

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Amber M. Price – Human Resources Director and City Clerk, Michael Clary – Grant Writer and Economic Developer, Ron Bosler – Police Chief, Brad Cuttill – Parks and Recreation 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 Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kidd and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – none

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. Plaque Presentation**

Mayor Santana Delano Freeman presented a plaque to Paige Bowser, owner of Breezy Quarters on Trinity Street. Breezy Quarters was selected as a finalist in a nationwide small business competition entitled, “What Makes Your Business Unique”.

**2. Presentation of Proclamation**

Mayor Santana Delano Freeman presented a proclamation to Brenda McCullough, Program Manager I, with the Department of Social Services proclaiming the Month of May 2018, as Foster Care Awareness Month in Abbeville.

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### 3. Rev. Samuel McPherson

Presentation on the Nehemiah Corporation.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 3-2018: A Resolution Approving And Ratifying A Mutual Aid Agreement Between The City Of Abbeville Police Department And The Abbeville County Sheriff's Department And Authorizing The City Manager And Police Chief Of The City Of Abbeville To Execute Said Agreement.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Resolution No. 3-2018 approving and ratifying a mutual aid agreement between the City of Abbeville Police Department and the Abbeville County Sherriff's Department and authorizing the City Manager and Police Chief of the City of Abbeville to execute said agreement. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

### FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**Report No. 22-2018: Information Only – Spring Festival Impact Study.**

### CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for May 2018.

### NEW BUSINESS –

#### 1. Councilman Chris Crawford

Discussion of a public event entitled, "Stop the Violence Extravaganza" to be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Street Park. This event will focus on gang and gun violence.

#### 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the three year term of office of Catherine Gray on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which will be expiring on July 15, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to reappoint Catherine Gray to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals to fill a three year term of office. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS –

#### 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the four year term of office of Bill Williams who resigned from the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission).

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A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas to appoint Susan Jordan to the Historic Properties Protection Commission for the remainder of the four year term of office of Bill Williams. With no objections the **motion** passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

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

1. **Contractual Matters** – Discussion of the Abbeville Opera House and the City of Abbeville Contract.
2. Discussion of proposed purchase of property and proposed location of Parks and Recreation Services.
3. **Discussion of Personnel** – City Manager annual evaluation form will be distributed to Council Members.
4. Soliciting legal advice from the City Attorney on voting on City projects by City Council.
5. **Discussion of Personnel** – Police Department

### **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 Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:00 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber M. Price  
City Clerk