

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, Louise Aikens, Mathew H. Gambrell, John Sutherland, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr

Members Absent:

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Absent: Laura Snelling – CFO

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** Robert Jordan- **Index Journal**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on Wednesday March 9, 2022 and the Special City Council Meeting held on March 18, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Proclamation – Donate Life Month

Given by Mayor Edwards

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C., AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2021, THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ORDINANCE, TO TRANSFER HOSPITALITY FUNDS FOR THE ADAMS DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ordinance 5 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2022 FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Ordinance 6 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2022 FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE II: SECTION 2-60. – DUTIES OF CLERK-TREASURER AND SECTION AND ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES SECTIONS 2-103. – BONDS, 2-106 . – CITY-CLERK TREASURER AND 2-182. – SIGNATURES ON CHECKS.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Ordinance 7 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE DECLARING APRIL OF 2022 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Resolution No. 4 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS**Report No. 8-2022 Approval Requested**

Lowndesville Tie In Point Financing

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No. 8 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 9-2022 Approval Requested

Adams Drive RFQ

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 9 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 10-2022 Approval Requested

Hydro Relicensing RFQ

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Report No. 10 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 11-2022 Information Only

CTC Funding Awarded

Report No. 12-2022 Information Only

McGowan Update

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Ken Reece on the Planning Commission which expired on January 9, 2022. (Mr. Reece does wish to serve again).

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to reappoint Ken Reece to the Planning Commission With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the four-year term of office of Theodosia Hoppers on the Historic Properties Protection Commission. (Ms. Hoppers resigned from the HPPC on October 28, 2021)

No action was taken on this appointment.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Mark Meyers on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on April 11, 2020. (Mr. Meyers does wish to serve again)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to reappoint Mark Meyers. A motion was then made Councilmember J. Edwards and Councilmember Crawford to table the appointment. Discussion occurred concerning the procedure of requiring appointees to attend Council meetings. Motion to table passed 7-2.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Robbie Weichmann on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on October 10, 2020. (Mr. Weichmann does not wish to serve again)

No action was taken on this appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were given.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to enter Executive Session. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:56PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk