

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

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

Members Via Phone:

Members Absent: John Sutherland

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Anderson – Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk

Staff Via Phone: None

Staff Absent: Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

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 Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Edwards opened the Public Hearing which had been advertised regarding Resolution 2-2021.

A question was asked by a resident concerning the state law the resolution referenced. Counsel for the party in question noted there had been a simple clerical error and the resolution should cite Code 31-3-400 as opposed to 41-3-400.

PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Presentation: Jeff Shacker – Municipal Association of South Carolina

Introduction: Austin Walker – Community Development Director

LEGISLATIVE

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution NO. 2-2021

Approving the exercise of certain powers of the Housing Authority of the City of Abbeville, South Carolina by the Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina pursuant to Section 41-3-400 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

A motion was made by Mayor Edwards to clarify the clerical error noted during the Public Hearing. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Resolution No.2-2021. With no objections the Motion Passed Unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. Report No. 29-2021: Information Only

Capital Improvement Plan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Juneteenth Event, Councilman Jason Edwards

Councilman Edwards presented Council with information concerning the upcoming Juneteenth event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Betty Simpson on the Planning Commission which expired on February 14, 2021 (Ms. Simpson does not wish to serve again).

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford to untable nominations. Councilmember J. Edwards seconded the motion. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson to nominate Tyler Goss. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas to close nominations. Councilmember Crawford seconded the motion. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

With no objections the motion to approve Tyler Goss's nomination passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

Marty Thomas spoke regarding the Abbeville County Dive Team.

Mayor Edwards moved to approved Resolution 3-2021. Councilmember Gambrell seconded the motion. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

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 8:17PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk