DARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020 6:30 PM

1. Invocation Led By: Chief Kelvin Washington

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes City Council Meeting 4/7/20, Work Session 4/13/20

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

5. Report of Standing Committees
   a. Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association- Lisa Chalian-Rock
   b. Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce- Nancy Matthews

6. Citizens Wishing to Appear Before Council (5 Minutes Per Person)

7. Unfinished Business
   a. Public Hearing Ordinance 2020-03- Holt Brothers BBQ Economic Development Incentives
   b. Second Reading Ordinance 2020-03- Holt Brothers BBQ Economic Development Incentives
   c. Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce Funding Request
8. New Business
   a. Storm Water Fee Proposal
   b. East Broad Street Sewer Line Update
   c. SCDOT North Main Street Water/Sewer Line Agreement
   d. City Swimming Pool Summer Schedule\
   e. Discussion Fines for Bulky Refuse Removal ($100) After 5 Days
   f. Ballfield Drawings/Design
   g. First Reading Ordinance 2020-04- 106 Blue Street Zoning Change GC to R-10
   h. Boards/Commission Appointments

9. Receive as Information
   a. Department Head Reports

10. Council Comments

11. Adjourn

(Reminder)

Tuesday June 2, 2020- 6:30PM- Monthly Meeting City Council

CITY OF DARLINGTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2020 AT 6:30 PM (DIGITAL MEETING – ZOOM)

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager, and Councilpersons: Elaine Reed, John Segars, Howard Nettles, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus and John Milling. Also, present: City Manager, Mr. Howard Garland, Mrs. Lisa Rock, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Mr. Alex Gainey, Chief Kelvin Washington,

Councilman Milling suggested that a roll call be done, and Mayor Boyd did roll call of all the council members.

CONDITIONS OF MEETING – MAYOR CURTIS BOYD

Mayor Boyd read the conditions for the Zoom digital meeting. He provided a phone number and meeting ID# for citizens wanting to listen in. All comments were to be communicated via Facebook messenger or chat to be read by City staff during the meeting. Votes of council members will be done in a roll call fashion. Mrs. Lisa Rock will read out any comments or questions that have been mailed or emailed prior to the meeting. The recording of this meeting will be posted on the City's website

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kevin Cauley did the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes for council meeting held on March 2, 2020 and March 3, 2020. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons: Segars, Baccus, Milling, Nettles, Reed, Gardner and Mayor Boyd approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, seconded by Councilman Howard Nettles, to approve the meeting agenda for the April 7, 2020

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meeting which unanimously carried. Councilpersons Segars, Baccus, Milling, Nettles, Reed, Gardner and Mayor Boyd approved the motion.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A) DARLINGTON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION – MRS. LISA ROCK

Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association

Joey Saleeby took home the Championship Belt as the People's Choice Award winner at the first **Joe's Grill and DDRA Chili Championship in March,** which will become an annual event to raise funds for the fire department. Chris Gainey from Bill's Grill in Patrick took home the Owner's Choice Award from the 10 participating cook teams. We hope to get more local businesses involved next year. Car show winners were Reese Tadlock in 1st, Calvin Kelly in 2nd, and Eddie McCoy in 3rd.

Our monthly **Member Breakfasts** have been suspended until further notice based on the social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor McMaster's executive orders.

We plan to reschedule the DDRA's annual **Taste of Darlington –** originally set for Thursday, April 23, at Darlington Raceway. Show off your cooking skills and show off your business at Darlington's top social event of the spring. We will be looking for cook teams and sponsors once we can get a new date set.

Our **Annual DDRA Golf Tournament** has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 20,** at Darlington Country Club. Four-person Captain's Choice teams play 18 on the beautifully remodeled course after a delicious buffet lunch. Teams and hole sponsorships are still available. The winning team will take home tickets to the Southern 500! Thanks to Carolina Bank, Darlington Raceway, Fitness World Gyms, and Nationwide Insurance for helping us present this event again this year!

The DDRA plans to continue Bringing Downtown Alive! with its first event of the spring, a **Community Karaoke Party,** from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Liberty Lane & Pearl Street. Should the COVID-19 outbreak continue to limit gatherings, we will reschedule this event for two weeks out from the previous date as needed.

Other events to look forward to:

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- **Race Week Party** – 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Liberty Lane & Pearl Street
- **Bringing Downtown Alive! Free Concert** – 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at Liberty Lane & Pearl Street

B) GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –CITY MANAGER MR. HOWARD GARLAND

Mr. Garland read the report for the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce. He said they are in the planning stages of Freedom Fest which will be held July 11, 2020 at Darlington Raceway. The stage is ordered, the bank is booked, the rides are being reserved and vendors are reserving spots. The new fireworks company has the date on their calendar. The Chamber of Commerce has two backup contingency plans for Freedom Fest in case we're continuing to practice social distancing. He said the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce would like to request sponsorship from the City of Darlington for Freedom Fest, 2020 in the amount of $15,000. This historically has been the amount the City of Darlington has done. In years past the City has been one their best sponsors for this event. Freedom Fest is the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce Annual Independence Day Celebration family event at Darlington Raceway. This is a large-scale event that brings thousands of people to our community each year with many coming from outside of our County and outside our State. This event places Darlington in the spotlight and contributes highly to the local economy but also to the growth of tourism. Through the support of the City this event has continued to grow exponentially in size so much that they are bringing in a marketing company (I- Heart Media) to assist in marketing the event throughout South Carolina. The Chamber is also doing a recovery plan for the City of Darlington and our businesses as part of a grand Reopening" of Darlington. The Chamber, and hopefully in partnership with the City of Darlington plans to do a "Giant Ribbon Cutting" for Darlington once the crises has passed. They hope we can all come together around the Public Square. The Chamber is planning to invite all the citizens, and businesses to the Square to cut the ribbon to reopen our city for future business. They will invite restaurants to participate and offer food and beverages for people in attendance. Prior to the "Ribbon Cutting" they will have a parade with a lineup of cars, golf carts and bands that will come through town.

CITIZENS WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS

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Mrs. Lisa Rock said she did not receive comments by email, mail or on Facebook that were not general questions that could be answered. Councilman Bryant Gardner said, "let's just make sure next time seven days before we have the meeting if we could just daily put out how the people can put in questions that way, we could have a clear line of communication". Mrs. Rock said, "I don't think we knew at the time seven days ago how we were going to do this". Mayor Boyd said, "We apologize if somebody didn't get anything in. This was all thrown together quickly so we could go ahead and continue this, and we'll do that for sure next time if we have to continue this way".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2020-01 PROPERTY PURCHASE 1755 HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY OLIN KIRVEN (126-00-02-063) 116 ACRES $600,000 FOR BALLFIELDS

Mrs. Rock said she hasn't received any comments about it, written or otherwise. Councilwoman Reed asked if they were at a point where they could set the public hearing especially with the Coronavirus"? Mrs. Rock said the meeting has been posted in the newspaper of record for the County prior to the meeting, roughly 31 days before so people did have the opportunity to write in their comments. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to have a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-01 Property Purchase 1755 Harry Byrd Highway Olin Kirven (126-00-02-063) 116 acres at $600,000 for ballfields. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Baccus, Gardner, Nettles, Milling, Reed and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.**

B) SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2020-01 – PROPERTY PURCHASE 1755 HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY, OLIN KIRVEN (126-00-02-063) 116 ACRES $600,000 FOR BALLFIELDS

Councilman John Milling asked, "On part A for number 7 it appears that Ms. Reed was making a motion that we have a public hearing. I'm trying to understand whether we just had a public hearing since notice has been given or was she making a motion to have a public hearing at some point in the future"? Mayor Boyd said, "The public hearing is already been had, but Elaine what was your motion"? Councilman Milling said, "What we had in 7A was a public hearing at which there was no input so what we're really having now is motion to pass the ordinance following a public hearing". Councilwoman Reed said, "I clarified it once she made me understand that the notice, it had been 31 days". Councilman Milling said, "I just wanted

everyone to understand you made a motion to have a public hearing but in reality, we were having a public hearing at that time and Lisa Rock was indicating that no one had provided any comment in connection with that public hearing. And so now we are moving to the question of whether or not we are going to approve the second reading of the ordinance". Councilwoman Reed said, "Well John that's what I was saying, I corrected myself and said we are approving the public hearing ordinance". Councilwoman Reed said, "So I'm taking it as it's a done deal". Councilwoman Baccus said, "So on this property, if we purchase this property and it remains in the county, how are we going to police this property"? Chief Kelvin Washington said, "I don't believe that we will have jurisdiction out there unless that property is within the City Limits of Darlington, the city police will not have any jurisdiction which also raises an issue about the fire response as well". He said maybe Chief Cavanaugh to chime in as it relates to the fire response. Councilman Bryant Gardner said, "When it comes to the police response, we have the mutual aid agreement with the sheriff's department, could we assume that they would help"? "Then it come to if we have police presence at our ball games would our city officers still be allowed to be out there for the police presence and if something were to come up, could they call the sheriff's office to have some official"…. Chief Washington said, "The mutual aid agreement is such that because it's the sheriff's office responsibility, then we would have to assist them because that is in their jurisdiction, not ours". Chief Washington said he could not call them to assist him in their jurisdiction. Mrs. Rock said, "This is like any other piece of city property that we own that is not in the corporate limits such as the sewer treatment plant but I'm sure our officers have gone out there and checked it and fire as well, so I don't actually understand what the question is Ms. Baccus". Chief Washington said, "If I may Mayor Boyd, I'd like to respond to Ms. Rock's response. Chief Washington said there is a difference between going and checking on a property and having arrest powers within that jurisdiction. Those are two totally different things. If we just ride by a piece of property is one thing, but to be able to police a piece of property and have arrest powers for the people that are in that particular jurisdiction, those are two totally separate things and so I don't want to mix apples and oranges here" Mrs. Rock said, I'm not sure what Ms. Baccus' question was then". Councilwoman Baccus said, "If there is an event at the baseball field, (at the complex) and there are some games going on there should always be police at the games. The question is who has the authority to police the property during event"? Chief Washington said, "At this present point, as the Police Chief, I would

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say that the Sherriff's Office would have that authority". Councilwoman Reed said, "So a lot of this is contingent on the fact that we can annex the property. Is that still on the table? Does that seem like viable options for us in purchasing this"? Mayor Boyd said, "We were told by Charles Stewart that if the Race Track was not able to be annexed in, we would still get the hospitality funds if we put a property out there". The question was if we were to put a restaurant out there would we be able to retain hospitality funds from the restaurant and Charles Stewart confirmed that to us. Councilwoman Baccus said, "So this is on the council that they have at the county now, but in the event the council may change at the next election….Mayor Boyd said, "It would be in writing". Councilwoman Baccus said, "I don't think it bounds the next Council, does it Mr. Garland"? Mrs. Lisa Rock said, "If County Council were going to change that agreement they would have to pass a similar ordinance or resolution whatever way they passed it to enter into an agreement to reverse such an agreement". Councilwoman Baccus said, "The point I'm making is the next Council that comes up is not bound by that agreement". Mrs. Rock said, "They would have to take affirmative action to undo it". Councilwoman Baccus said, "Like I just said, I'm just making a point, but the next Council does have an option of not sticking to the agreement". Mr. Garland said, "If you get an agreement signed by the County, I feel like they would honor it if it's something that they signed where they said they would pay the hospitality tax back for a certain number of years. We have standing agreements with the school district for Blue Street and we had a standing agreement with the school district for Virgil Wells Stadium before we bought that, and we have a standing agreement with the school district for the tennis courts where we share the cost with them (half & half). Mr. Garland said this is slightly different, but we've had a good reception from the county administrator. He's talked individually with the county council members and those that are currently on board have no objection to that. We don't have anything right now in writing, but we do feel good about them giving us the hospitality funds that we would collect inside the concessions. Mr. Garland said the accommodations tax is a little different because that goes to the State of South Carolina through the tax commission and would have to come back to the county and they would in turn give the City their share of the funds if we were able to build a hotel/motel on that site. Mayor Boyd said, "I'm assuming that you got the letter from Pee Dee Electric saying they will give us a loan (we aren't looking to try and get a loan right now) but they are willing to give a $325,000 grant. They told me and Howard Nettles both that they had additional money that they were prepared

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to give us the following year, but they would be willing to start out with a $325,000 grant. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2020-01 property purchase at 1755 Harry Byrd Highway, Olin Kirven (126-00-02-063) 116 acres at a cost of $600,000 for ballfields. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons: Reed, Baccus, Gardner, Milling, Nettles, Segars and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Garland said there was supposed to be a motion to come out of that to sponsor the $15,000 for Freedom Fest. Mr. Garland said the note said the Chamber board wanted it to be brought up tonight. Councilman Nettles said he's on the Chamber Board and Anna Dewitt sent him an email and they were supposed to discuss this, but they skipped past it. Councilman Gardner said it's not an item on the list and they can't vote on that without giving the public prior notice. They will just receive this as information tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

A) USDA GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE – POLICE CARS

Police Chief Kelvin Washington said we have already applied for the grant and we have been approved for the grant. Tonight, we need to vote to accept the grant. The total amount of the project is $115,000, the federal government is going to give us $50,000 towards the project. It is through the USDA Community Facilities Grant and they will be purchasing 3 patrol cars for the City of Darlington. **Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve the USDA Grant Award Acceptance for the police cars. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons: Segars, Milling, Baccus, Nettles, Gardner, Reed, and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.** Mr. Garland said Mr. Stewart Hucks with USDA is online and he needs to explain some of the requirements of the grant. It's something that's required at every public meeting before we accept the USDA grant. Mr. Hucks said Chief Washington did a good job explaining where we are. Mr. Hucks said we have made application and is at the point now in the process where we are ready to fund the request in the amount of $50,000 grant. Mr. Hucks asked if everyone received a copy of the forms that he sent. Mr. Hucks said there are 10 forms that goes along with the Letter of Conditions that will need to be signed and attested and retuned to him so that they can commit the funds for that project. Mr. Garland said he just got those today, so he has not sent those to council yet. Mr. Hucks said one of those is the grant resolution which they need to record tonight's vote on it and once signed and attested they can be scanned and

emailed back to him. Mr. Hucks said there are some additional things that he will send out tomorrow such as an update list of council members names, they need to understand they will have 6 months to complete the project; he will need copies of the bids for the vehicles (he's assuming they are going through state purchasing for these vehicles). Chief Washington said, "Yes Sir, that's correct". Mr. Hucks said, "So the procurement procedures have been met because the State takes care of all the bidding requirements for us. Mr. Hucks said he will need a copy of the invoice or quote based on whatever type vehicle they are getting. He told them to send it to him so he can approve those upfront prior to them disbursing the money. He said he will send them a form that they need to record the race & gender of council members and employees so that he can do their compliance review. Mr. Hucks said there will be some forms that they will need to complete once they close the grant and disburse the money, but that will be closer to the time that they take delivery of the vehicles. Mr. Garland said this is the seventh grant that the City of Darlington has received since 2008. We have used it to refurbish the courtroom, purchase new police cars several times and for numerous pieces of equipment for the Street & Sanitation Department. Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Hucks and his staff in Florence for all of the work they have done for City of Darlington over the years.

B) RESOLUTION ADOPTION 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE – MR. ALEX GAINEY

Mr. Alex Gainey said a few months ago the State adopted the new 2018 Codes. He said they came to them a couple years ago about adopting the 2015 Codes which they now need to adopt the 2018 Codes. He said they are also looking to adopt Chapter 1 – the Administrative portion.

Councilwoman Sheila Baccus made a motion to adopt the Resolution Adoption of the 2018 International Building Code. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons: Segars, Gardner, Nettles, Reed, and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

C) HOLT BROTHERS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES – MRS. LISA ROCK

Mrs. Lisa Rock said the old Huddle House is being transformed into Holt Brothers Bar-B-Que Express. She said in 2017 Council approved Economic Development Incentive packages which would have require each person to individually come before you to be approved and this is one of those packages. She told Council the incentive agreement is included in their packets. Mrs. Rock read the following highlights of the ordinance: The

development will locate at 1503 S. Main Street, Darlington; the development began construction in February 2020 and plans to be fully operational by summer, 2020. Mrs. Rock said this application was made prior to COVID-19 and she's not certain that this will affect it. The developments plan to exist at this location through January 2030; the development intends to invest $150,000 in capital expenses; they intend to hire as many as 25 full-time employees; the development intends to hire with a preference for those living in Darlington County; and the combined investment of the development, including a credit of $50,000 per job created, exceeds $1 million. Mrs. Rock said in return of this investment, The development is requesting the City of Darlington provide the following: Reimbursement of 100% of building permit fees during the initial construction phase; reimbursement of business license taxes in the following manner: 100% for the first taxable year of operation or any portion thereof; 66% for the second taxable year of operation; and 33% for the third taxable year of operation; Reimbursement of local hospitality taxes at a rate of 50% for a period of 12 months. Mrs. Rock said based upon any acquisition costs for the subject property along with good-faith estimates for the costs of physical improvements and the number of jobs created, the development will meet or exceed the minimum investment requirements of subsection 22-105(a) (4); Anticipated business license fees of $629.80; Additional property tax revenue of $1,120.90 annually; Utilities revenue of $701.65 annually and Job investment credit of $1,250,000 based on 25 employees. The development will improve the entrance to the City by rehabilitating a derelict building. Mrs. Rock said the developer will have to submit a request for incentive repayment. She said they will pay their hospitality tax each month and on July 31st of each year they will submit the form to request those funds back based on the incentives. Mayor Boyd asked, "If we approve this would we automatically write them back, for example, a check for the business license"? Mrs. Rock said, "They will pay upfront for every one of the fees". She said on July 31st of next year they can apply to get their building permits fees back, their business license tax back and their hospitality tax back at a rate of 50%. She said they have to show that they have those employees and that investment was made before we write them a check. Mrs. Rock said if they don't happen to open or something happens, they aren't going to get any money. Mrs. Rock said this comes to about $7,000 of incentive money. Mrs. Rock said they won't get any of their property tax money back. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve Holt Brother Economic Development Incentives Ordinance Number 2020-03. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion.**

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Councilpersons: Segars, Baccus, Gardner, Milling, and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

D) RESOLUTION: PROJECT PEACH – GRANTING CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK OF DARLINGTON AND LEE COUNTIES

Mr. Garland said this is the thing they have all been waiting for. He said there is $142 million expansion by Georgia Pacific. Mr. Garland said the County had their Third Reading on the Industrial Park last night which mostly includes the GA Pacific property at the corner of Avenue D & Old Florence Highway in the inclusion of the joint county industrial park of Darlington and Lee Counties. Mr. Garland said all we're doing is adopting what the County passed last night. He said once we get past this and we get away from the nondisclosure agreement which we signed with GA Pacific, we can talk about it in executive session what it means financially for the City of Darlington. Mr. Garland said staff recommendation is to pass this resolution**. Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion that they approve Resolution: Project Peach granting consent to the inclusion of certain property within the joint county industrial park of Darlington and Lee Counties. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons: Segars, Gardner, Milling, Nettles, Reed, and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.**

RECEIVE AS INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Boyd asked Chief Washington is it possible to enlighten everybody with the "Stay at Home Order". Chief Washington said, "The Governor's order lacks some clarity as it relates to the "Stay at Home Order". He said he's saying stay home, but he's offering a couple of different instances where it would be ok for people to be out. Chief Washington said his folk have been told to encourage people to go home. He said if they are out doing something legitimate as it relates to the Governor's order, then obviously they don't have any jurisdiction as it relates there. Chief Washington said they are encouraging people to stay home as much as possible. He said they have been discouraging police and fire employees from having too much personal contact with the public. He said they have been encouraging them to practice social distancing as much as possible. He said if a call can be handled over the phone, then they do that. He said N95 masks have been disbursed to all full-time personnel. In instances where

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they are transporting people, they are required to wear those N95 masks because of the close confined space of the vehicle. Councilman Gardner told Chief Washington he appreciates seeing the officers in the neighborhood. Councilwoman Baccus asked, "So Chief we're not having any major problems, and everybody is kind of cooperating with the parks, right"? Chief Washington said, "Yes ma'am, so far". He said Mr. Garland and I spoke last week about some other concerns that I have with what's going on with people and not working. Chief Washington said they will discuss that, hopefully in executive session at our next meeting or maybe he will try to make the rounds over the next week or so and talk with each one individually and express some concerns that he has.

Mayor Boyd said, "Just to reiterate, please do what the Governor has asked". He said we all have to work together and hopefully this will all end soon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Bryant Gardner thanked City Administration for all they are doing. Mayor Boyd thanked everybody on council for working together on all the projects that they are doing.
City Attorney Kevin Etheridge asked, "The 1755 Harry Byrd Highway Ordinance still has the annexation language in it, correct"? Mayor Boyd asked, "Do we have to take that out or do we leave it in"? Mr. Etheridge said, "I guess that was my question". Mayor Boyd said, "My understanding is we passed it with the understanding that the County has agreed to it. We are still going to pursue that strongly. The only thing holding us back from the annexation is the race track". Mayor Boyd said, "They already expressed interest that they would be more than willing to talk with us and work with us, but with the virus going on they have other issues going on".

REMINDERS

Monday April 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM City Council Work Session
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM - Regular Monthly City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Councilman John Segars, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, the Zoom meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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ATTEST:

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CITY OF DARLINGTON
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM (ZOOM MEETING)

The City of Darlington held a Budget Work Session online (Zoom Meeting) On Monday April 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Present at the meeting: Mayor Curtis Boyd. City Manager Howard Garland; Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem John Segars, Elaine Reed, John Milling, Sheila Baccus, Howard Nettles and Bryant Gardner. Others in attendance included: City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Police Chief Kelvin Washington.

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER
Prayer was led by Mayor Curtis Boyd.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES – MR. KINSAUL
Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Kinsaul when the last time we had a rate increase. Mr. Kinsaul said, "We did a 3% increase in July of last year". Mayor Boyd asked, "Do we know where we're at in accordance with other areas and towns"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If I do a 40% increase on water and a 60% increase on sewer, we will still be a little below a lot of them". Councilwoman Reed asked, "If it's imperative that we have another increase to actually function and to really do what we need to do as far as water & sewer"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "In my opinion Mrs. Reed, if we don't do what I'm suggesting, we're making a vote to sell the system". Mayor Boyd said, "If we sell the system to whomever, you know they are going to raise the rates and then you have no control over it". Mayor Boyd said, "I'm not in favor of selling the system, I'm in favor of fixing the system". Mayor Boyd said his suggestion is to raise the rate. He said we don't need to shock the citizens, but we need to have a steady incline of where we constantly get it back to where it needs to be so that we can fix the system. Mayor Boyd said, "I don't think there's anybody in town that's against us fixing the sewer and water and issues that we have". He said, "I think the problem that most people would have is problems with us raising the rates if the money is not appropriated correctly". Mr. Kinsaul said the last estimate for the Broad Street issue (to repair four blocks) will cost between $1 – $1.2 million dollars. He said, hopefully we will get a grant for $500,000 but then we're looking at $500,000 - $700,000 that we've got to come up with from

somewhere. Mr. Garland said we only have $533,000 in our W&S reserve account. Mayor Boyd asked, "Where are we right now if we didn't have to fix anything, but we know we do"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If we spent the budget, which we don't do because we know the funds will not be there, we will be a little short on funds for the budget". He said we have done no proactive work of fixing anything other than what broke. Mr. Garland said we are $20,000 short right now for calculations in the water & sewer department. Mayor Boyd said, "We can't continue to function that way. For the City to do what the residents want and for us to function correctly and improve and actually survive, it's got to make money". Councilwoman Baccus said, "So if we raise the rates, the answer that you gave originally, I'm not sure who it's going to put us in line with because the answer didn't specifically say if we raise the rates who are we comparing this to". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Darlington County Water & Sewer, City of Hartsville, Florence, Lamar and Timmonsville; that's pretty well our surrounding. Councilwoman Baccus said, "So you're saying we're 60% below all of these people". Mr. Kinsaul said, "That's correct. water & sewer we will be slightly over, but they are talking at least a 5% increase; everybody is going to increase in July or more than likely". Councilwoman Reed said, "We're lower than Lamar"? Councilwoman Baccus said, "So Darlington is running 60% in rate lower than those four cities you just named"? Mr. Kinsaul said, all the sewer we'll still be lower than several of them with a 60% rate increase". Councilman Gardner asked, "What does it translate to in dollar amounts, this 40% and 60%"? Mr. Kinsaul said the minimum bill would increase $9.55 if we did the 40% -60% on water and sewer. Mr. Kinsaul said that's with a 40% water increase and 60% sewer. Mayor Boyd said, "Here is his other issue, the City of Darlington has approximately 2,900 customers and that customer has water and sanitation, they should not be allowed to walk up and say they don't want sanitation. He said he's understanding that they have been able to do that. Mayor Boyd said, "If I walk in and take the sanitation off because I don't want it right now and then I put debris out there and the guys drive by with the truck they don't know if I'm paying for sanitation or not , then the City is picking it up and it's costing the City". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Our policy and the water is we do what we're told from sanitation, but we tell them "No" just for that reason because you don't know what they put out there". Mayor Boyd said he's been told some were able to take it off and that was his question. He said there should be a policy that they aren't allowed to take it off, correct"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "That's the water department policy if they ask us, but we get our instructions from sanitation". Councilwoman Reed asked, "So Freddie

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how long we've been doing that? What made us decide to do that"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "I never have given it. I don't have control of sanitation. All we do is bill for sanitation". Mayor Boyd said, "Here's my other question- the large containers, there are three different sizes in trash containers from sanitation; if I choose to get a green can, what does it cost me to have a green can"? Mr. Garland said, "why don't we let Alex answer that. That wouldn't be Freddie, that would be Alex. Mr. Alex Gainey said, "Right now at this point and time a commercial roll cart costs $22.50 which is the same amount it cost for a residential roll cart. Mayor Boyd asked, "Is the sanitation department allowing me to forfeit that if I don't want a can"? Mr. Alex Gainey said, " I don't know of any commercials that don't either have a roll cart or a dumpster that's active". Mayor Boyd said, "If I don't want sanitation, am I allowed to forfeit"? Mr. Gainey said, "I don't know of any. That has not been brought to my attention. That's the first time I heard it when you said something about it". Mayor Boyd said, "So, if I have a green can it's $22.50; and my business, if I choose to remove the green can and I put a blue can there, what's the smallest blue can cost"? Mr. Gainey said, "Right now a 2-yard dumpster, we're charging $37.50 for one dump a week". Mayor Boyd asked, "What the medium size". Mr. Gainey said, "you've got a 2-yard, a 4-yard, a 6-yard and an 8-yard. The 4-yard right now is $50; the 6-yard is $75, and the 8-yard is $100 based on one dump per week. Mayor Boyd wanted to know how much the $37.50 dumpster is costing the City. Mr. Gainey said the $37.50 dumpster costs the City $41.48, so we're going in the hole on 2-yard dumpsters. Mr. Garland said Alex has a presentation tonight that he was going to make so you may want to just let him go over what he was proposing". Mayor Boyd said, "Well that's fine Howard, but what I want the people to see is that the reason that we don't have the money to fix the $1.2 million hole over there and all of the other pipes is because we have holes everywhere". Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Gainey to give him the next can". Mr. Gainey said we charge $50 to the customer and it's costing us $50.59 so we're making .59 cents a month on that customer. Mr. Gainey said on the 6-yard can we charge the customer $75 and it's costing the city $80.20. On the 8-yard can we charge $100 to the customer and it's costing us $68.93 so we're making money on this one. Councilman Segars said, "I have the big dumpster and I get it dumped twice a week; I'm paying $200 a month on mine". Mayor Boyd said, "So therefore on these three smaller dumpsters you're losing on all three and if it's being dumped twice, you're losing twice on all three of them. Like yours Mr. Segars we're making money on that one". Mayor Boyd said, " I know Alex has got a proposal for this so there's a major hole in that. If

people can see that if we go up on these prices on the sanitation it's not because we're behind, we're way behind". Alex asked if they were finished talking with Mr. Kinsaul about the water & sewer because they were talking to him and then started asking about street and sanitation rates. Mayor Boyd said, "I'm finished with him and I think we need to go up and we need to decide on to go up on it somehow and gradually go up on it and make sure we're going up to where we can get ourselves up to par". Mayor Boyd said, "I personally would say we need to go up that $9 and then after that go up each year a small percentage so that we don't shock the customers, but we've got to get ourselves back in line". Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Kinsaul and Alex to email the figures to them and their proposed rate increase.

MR ALEX GAINEY

Mr. Gainey said his proposal for one dump on the 2-yard dumpster is $55 a month and then go up in $45 increments per dump. Mayor Boyd asked, Mr. Gainey approximately how much out of $22.50 is the City clearing off of that? Mr. Gainey said, "Right now we're spending about $1,295 a month tipping fees and that's for 321 cans. (that's paying the landfill roughly $1,295 for commercial roll carts). Mr. Gainey said right now we're charging $50 a month for a 4-yard dumpster. His proposal is $75, going up $50 increments per dump; We're charging $75 for a 6-yard dumpster. His proposal is $125 with $50 increments; and we're charging $100 for an 8-yard dumpster. His proposal is $150. Mr. Gainey said we haven't done bids in about eight years on commercial pickup. Mr. Gainey said he is getting ready to put commercial and residential out for bids. He said he's going to put the residential out for bids just to see where we come in at. He said we're going to put commercial out for bids and everything we've got right now is based on the current rates, but we don't know that the rates want go up so we've got to make sure that if we do a rate increase that we're still leaving some cushion so that we still can make a little money. Mr. Gainey said his plans are, as long as Howard is fine with it, is whenever we put it out for bids, whoever gets the contract will have to lock in for five years at whatever their bid price is. Mr. Garland said, "I think they would do that, but they would want to do some type of increase for fuel every year". Mayor Boyd said, "I feel like with the water & sewer or sanitation, what we need to do is get to a point that we need to be at and then make sure that each year we are going to agree that it's either a 1%, 2%, 4% whatever it is increase each year so that way the citizens know it's going to go up a little bit each year". Mr. Gainey said, "On the commercial dumpsters with my

proposals, right now our monthly income on the dumpster is $24,155.10 and it's costing us $16,289.62. His proposal is to take it up to $31,740.00 which would be a $15,450.38 a month profit. Mr. Gainey said right now we are clearing right at $8,000 a month. Mr. Gainey said this is on the commercial dumpster side. Mr. Gainey said we have 2,530 residential customers and we're charging $22.50 and that's not just for your roll cart, this is for yard debris as well. Mr. Gainey said everybody is complaining about yard debris pickup. They put furniture and other items beside the road. Mr. Gainey said his proposal is to go up to $28.50 and pick up anything they put out beside the road. Mayor Boyd said, "I agree with you, but I wouldn't agree to go up $6.00 to pick up all of that, you ain't done nothing then". Mr. Gainey said You're increasing your revenue roughly $15,000-$16,000 a year. Mayor Boyd said, "Yeah, but you just opened up a can of worms. Everybody will put whatever they want on the side of the road". Councilwoman Reed said, "But they are doing that now". Mayor Boyd said, "I know, and I agree with you a 100% they are doing that now, but if you open up the door, they will all do it and put whatever they want to out there, then we'll have *more than Mr. Kinsaul can pick up on the back of his pickup truck*. Mr. Alex said at some point and time they've got to run out of stuff to put beside the road. Mr. Gainey said, "Right now the whole thing is we wind up having to pick this stuff up and it's costing us money, so if we go up on the sanitation fee and start picking it up, at least it's not costing the city that much money". Mr. Gainey said he thinks we can make it work. Mayor Boyd said we need to go up more than $6.00 if we're going to do all of that. Mr. Gainey said that would be up to Council. Mayor Boyd said if they go up 60% like Mr. Kinsaul used would take it up to $36.00. He said his proposal on that was to fine the people. If they put debris beside the road, give them 7 days to move it and then if they don't move it in 7 days, put a $100 fine on their water bills. Mr. Gainey said, "then the problem you going to run into then is then you're going to start finding more and more stuff that's going to show up on vacant lots". Mr. Gainey said if a person owns five lots (because they don't have a water bill) in the city and he's getting furniture and stuff put on his lot every month, it's not fair to him to have to pay a $100 fine (times five) because somebody else is putting stuff on his lot whereas if we put it in there and we pick it up, you'll fine a lot less stuff going on these vacant lots in the City. Councilwoman Baccus told Mr. Gainey she agrees with him. Mayor Boyd said, " I agree with that and I'm fine either way, but something needs to be done. Mayor Boyd said, " I think $4.00 is enough to go up". Mr. Garland said, "there's a $1.50 that's not being accounted for (capital fee) for the sanitation department that brings in about $45,000 a year".

Councilwoman Baccus said, “So, I think $6.00 is a good start. I’m not saying that’s a final start, but I think it’s a good opening start and then if it gets to the point where they are abusing it then I think we need to go up higher”. Mr. Gainey said, “If we write the ordinance in such a way that they start abusing it and then at that point…..I don’t know how we would write it. We would have to put our brains together and figure it out”. Councilwoman Baccus said, I think it needs to specify we’re only going to pick up furniture once a month when they can do that”. Councilwoman Baccus asked, “How is this going to affect rental property”? Mr. Gainey said, “When they do a “set out”, it’s the property owners’ responsibility to haul it off. He said what we can do with them is we can give them 48 hours and if it’s out there we go pick it up and put it on the water bill and make sure when the next tenant comes in to have the water turned on, if that outstanding balance is still there, they can’t get the water turned on until the property owner pays the outstanding balance. Councilman John Milling said, “when you’re thinking about increasing your pickup fees another $6.00 or so try to think in there how you are treating other people….like I’ve lived in this neighborhood for 40 years and I’ve never seen a couch or refrigerator on the side of the road. So, you’ve got 40 or 50 homeowners in here who are not abusing the system and yet they are being required to pay an increase because someone else in a different neighborhood is creating a problem. Councilman Milling said, “So give some consideration to that as we’re thinking about it as to how we can work it so that it treats everybody fairly including those who are abusing the system by putting couches, and refrigerators and such things as that and just put out yard debris”. Mayor Boyd said, “I agree with you Mr. Milling and the other issue with that Mr. Milling is that as you just said, “in your neighborhood for forty years”; let’s just say Bryant has lived beside you for 40 years and he’s never put a couch or refrigerator out there and Bryant decides to go ahead and get rid of all this stuff and fifteen more people in the neighborhood decide they are going to get rid of it. All of a sudden, you’ve got extra trash laying out there and it will become more of an eyesore. Mayor Boyd said, “I see Alex’s side and I agree with Alex’s side, but when I see your side, I think it kind of opens more of a can of worms compared to just fining the people”. Councilman Milling said Lisa Rock just sent out a text that talks about where she says there are some municipalities that if you’re putting things out, you go and buy stickers for what you’re putting out. It’s so much per sticker and what you have paid for gets picked up based on how many stickers you buy”. Councilman Gardner asked, “Alex, what’s the price and isn’t it by weight when we go out to the dump”? Mr. Gainey said, “yes, we have to pay tipping fees, but I don’t know exactly

what it is". Mr. Garland said we pay approximately $18,000 a year in tipping fees right now and it's based on the weight. Mayor Boyd said, I propose that we go ahead and move on, but everybody need to think on that between now and the next time we discuss this either at the next council meeting or workshop. Mr. Gainey said, "One thing you need to take into consideration when we're talking about our rate increases, it's not just yard debris and couches, we also have to pull money out of there to do asphalt paving on roadways". He said, "Street and sanitation has a lot of stuff they are responsible for and we've got to have the funds to do it". Mayor Boyd asked Alex, "Do you do just patch or do you actually….there's supposed to be money available to pave roads". Mr. Gainey said, "We did the millage increase to generate funds to be able to do asphalt paving, but that's not going to put a dent in the bucket. We need to generate more funds to be able to do it". Mr. Gainey said, "One of the things he was looking at is whenever we increase the fees then that's another means of generating funds to be able to pave the roads because about every city street needs to be resurfaced". Mayor Boyd said, I don't think anybody…Mr. Milling I think you would agree with me. I don't think you would have a problem with us going up a random rate if the roads are paved". Mayor Boyd said if the citizens see they are taking the money and using it for the purpose it was set aside for, I don't think they will have a problem. Councilman Milling said, "It may be if we're trying to sort of be open about and clear about what we're doing if we go up $6.00 a month on the $22.50 that we're charging for the roll carts which also includes the yard debris". If we go up some dollar amount, maybe we ought to identify a portion of that as being dedicated to building a fund for street paving and street repairs so that the public sees that we're doing that and also earmark that money, so it doesn't end up getting spent on something else." Mayor Boyd said he agrees one hundred percent with what Councilman Milling said. Mayor Boyd said, I want those that are listening and those that will tune in later, please know that I'm sorry, I'm sure the rest of City Council is sorry; we don't want to go up on anything. Now is not the time to want to go up on anything". Mayor Boyd said, "I'm the last person that wants to go up on anything because with this virus at this moment, I have zero percent of my money coming through the door, I have been cut to nothing. The only money I'm making is the little bit that I'm donating back to the City. My gyms are zero dollars at this moment". Mayor Boyd went on to say we need funds to fix things and we've got all of our city employees that we need to take care of. Councilman Milling said, "When we get into the budget side of it, we've got to take some of this

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projected revenue and decide what's going to be allocated to salaries and what's going to be allocated to benefits".

MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we need to have an executive session at some time to talk about the fee-in-lieu of tax agreement with Project Peach. He said we have a number of folks that haven't had a chance to chime in on that. Mr. Garland said the business license person has been out because she had a surgical procedure done and won't be back until May, so he will feel better talking about business licenses when she gets back.

RESIDENTIAL LOT CLEANING

Mr. Alex Gainey said in the past, what they've done was put it out for bids. Right now, they have a contract with Steger Lawn Care out of Florence. Mr. Gainey said since he has taken over street and sanitation, we have 95 – 99% of the equipment we need to have to do that kind of stuff. He said, "Once we get everything squared away and get all of our personnel back, my plans are to start doing 95 – 100% of it in-house, so I don't think the lot cleaning is going to be a problem moving forward". Mayor Boyd asked, "How may lots do you think that we have"? Mr. Gainey said, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to say that we don't have 75 or 100 lots around the city. Mr. Gainey said they currently have five openings in his department. He would like to put a crew together that can help him do some asphalt repair and sidewalks. That same crew would be the crew that would take the tractor and bush hog the lots. Mayor Boyd said let's use my and the other guy's lot where they tore the warehouse down on Russell Street. If I decided not to cut that grass and I let it grow and looks awful and Sheila calls me and tells me it looks bad and I don't cut it, and you come cut it, who pays for that? Mr. Gainey said what we're going to do is come up with a fee and send you a bill for it. Mr. Gainey said we're not in the lot cleaning so we're not going to be the cheapest people in town. Mr. Gainey said this is not a service we want to offer, but it's a service that sometimes we have to offer. Mayor Boyd wanted to know what happens when he is sent a bill and he doesn't pay it? Mr. Gainey said, "If you don't pay it, in the past what we've done is try to assess it on taxes". Mr. Gainey said he want to do something different so that we can try to take it a different avenue. He said we've got people in the city that own a bunch of lots that are abusing the city because we will send them a bill and they are never paying it and then half of them don't pay their taxes and it goes to the tax office and somebody buys the lot for a little or nothing. Mayor Boyd said we've got to make sure there's a secure way

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that we're going to collect that money back. Sheila Jones said, "We do have the "Habitual Offender" citation that we have used in the past the problem is getting the City Judge to back us up on it". Mayor Boyd said, "My question is, after the first time of not paying the bill and you go back out two months later and cut it again and send me another $200 bill, at what point can we either take the land or whatever"? Mr. Gainey said, "My thing is, I want to put an ordinance in place and if the city has a vested interest in it and if people don't pay it, then we take the legal steps to take that property from them". Mr. Gainey said, "If we send you a bill for $200 and you don't pay it in 30 days, then we can resend that bill a second time and put a $500 citation on it and give them a court date. If we can get the Judge to back us up, they either pay $500 or they pay the $200 bill". Mayor Boyd said, "It's not if we can get the Judge to back us up, the Judge needs to back us up, period". Councilman Milling said, "Remember that the Judge exercises his own judicial discretion separate from the legislative body so you can't tell the Judge you've got to do thus and such". Mayor Boyd said, I understand I can't tell him, but I'm saying it. Somebody needs to back it up. I told the people when I became Mayor, I was going to speak what needs to be spoken". Councilman Gardner said in the coming work session he would love for council to talk about downtown and the zoning ordinance to make sure all those buildings are up to par.

SCDOT – MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we have multiple issues with them (SCDOT), but he's going to try one more time for a back channel to see if we can get something done and then we will come back on that.

DRAWINGS FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS

Mayor Boyd said one thing they would like for the citizens to understand is that we purchased that property (1755 Harry Byrd Highway) with money allocated just for purchasing the ballfields. He said now that we're at that point, we would like to see if we can go ahead to where we could start selling it to the public and industries. Mayor Boyd said if we could go ahead and propose on having a drawing that's done to make a master plan of what needs to be out there and what you would want to be seen out there. Mr. Lee Andrews asked, "Do you have in mind what you want on the property already"? Mayor Boyd told everybody to throw in the hat what they would like to see out there. Mayor Boyd said, "We know we need how many ballfields"? Mr. Andrews said, "Eight". Mayor Boyd asked how many softball fields? Mr. Andrews said the fields will be multipurpose use.

Mayor Boyd told Council to get their ideas to Lee and then he will get them to the designer. Councilman Nettles asked, "Mayor Boyd, can you give us a date that you'd like our ideas submitted by so we can have those to Lee, and we can move forward with it"? Councilmembers agrees to have the ideas submitted to Lee by Friday April 22nd.

TENNIS COURTS – MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we resurfaced part of the tennis courts three years ago at a cost of approximately $19,000, but the surface below the tennis courts is shifting and it's due to all the rain infiltration which has caused multiple cracks along all six courts. He said the cracks now are to the point where some places its five or six inches deep. He said we're not looking at something where we put pavement over it and seal it, cut it's going to have to be redone completely. Mr. Garland said he asked Lee to talk to folk and see if we could get some bids on it. He said Lee was able to get just one company to come in and make a bid on it. Mr. Garland said it seems like COVID-19 has closed down a lot of the folks that do that kind of work. The bid that came in from that one company was $191,258. Mr. Garland said we have a previous existing relationship with the school district because they use those courts for girls and boy's tennis. He said in the past, the school district has paid half of those costs. Mr. Garland said now is a good time to get this done since we may not have any high school athletic activity possibly until the fall. He said we need to do something, and we need to affirm that the school district will pay for half of this. Mayor Boyd asked when was the last time something was done there? Mr. Garland said we had some minor cracks in 2017 and we had a local company come in and fill the cracks and seal them but with the movement of the earth below there the cracks are much more serious now. Councilman Nettles asked if it was a safety risk. Mr. Garland said not yet, but with the water intrusion we're getting it will cause the cracks to go deeper and be much more pronounce in the next few months. Mr. Andrews said in repairing these tennis courts it's just a process where they come and fill the cracks and with the weather the way it is around here; when it's cold they contract and when it heats up it expands. Mr. Andrews said that is what is causing the cracks too. They have a problem with it being on a hill but it's at the point now where it needs to be replaced. Councilman Milling asked, "If it's time to talk with school district about building six new courts somewhere on the Kirven property we just brought"? It would be across from the existing middle school. Mayor Boyd said, "What Mr. Milling is saying and what I'm thinking, I'm agreeing with Mr. Milling and Howard is saying is that you can spend $191,000 to

replace it and it all looks pretty, it's still sitting on top of the hill. Mayor Boyd said if you talk to the county and they put it out then on the Kirven property, then its on a solid flat ground compared to being on a hill. Councilman Nettles said, "I wouldn't support it right now to spend that kind of money, even if the school divides it in half , but I think we owe it to ourselves to look at can the school agree to build them on the other property or something at this time." Councilman Segars said, "Or what about the Brunson-Dargan property"? Councilman Gardner said, "I would be more in agreeance with Brunson-Dargan property. I don't want to move everything out to the County and right now that's what we're doing". Mr. Andrews said, "I would see the high school wanting to do it closer to campus if not on campus. He said I don't see them moving their varsity tennis courts out to the middle school. Mr. Andrews said he hasn't talked with them about anything yet, so they don't even know about this quote yet. Councilman Nettles said, "I would support that. I just don't think doing it where they are now is just going to put a band aid on the problem at $190,000". Councilman Gardner said, "Once a crack is formed in concrete, you can patch as much as you want, but it's going to come back as soon you go from hot to cold". He said he's not sure the hill is such an issue because construction companies build on hills all the time. Councilmembers continued to discuss possible options of where the courts should be. Mayor Boyd said his proposal is to talk to the school district and see what they are willing to do and see if they would like to keep it there, move it somewhere and are they willing to pay half on it for sure. Mayor Boyd asked Lee to talk with the school district and see what they say and give them everybody's thoughts about where they think the courts should go.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION – MAYOR BOYD

Mayor Boyd said he spoke with Audrey with the school district and she was fine with what he proposed. She said the children will have a graduation. He said Audrey told him if they don't have it in June, then they will move it to July. Mayor Boyd said Audrey can get him a picture of all the 2020 seniors that stay in Darlington and he plans to put their pictures on a banner (approximately 10' tall x 200 ' long) and display them on the metal wall at the cotton gin building. Mayor Boyd said there wouldn't be any cost to the City, but I would like to be able to put the City's name on it saying it's coming from the City. He said he'd like for the council to be a part of that and we can show recognition to the students with all they have had to go through this year and not actually be in school. He said the seniors can actually have their picture taken in front of the banner.

Upon motion of Councilman Nettles, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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ATTEST:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY OF DARLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH HOLT BROS BBQ EXPRESS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, assembled _____ day of _____, 20___:

SECTION 1. The City of Darlington, hereafter referred to as THE CITY, will enter into an Economic Development Agreement with Holt Bros BBQ Express, hereafter referred to as THE DEVELOPMENT,

Whereas

I. The Development will locate at 1503 S. Main St., Darlington, SC;
II. The Development began construction in February 2020, including a renovation of the exterior and interior, and plans to be fully operational by summer 2020;
III. The Development plans to exist at this location through January 2030;
IV. The Development intends to invest $150,000 in capital expenses;
V. The Development intends to hire as many as 25 full-time employees;
VI. The Development intends to hire with a preference for those living in Darlington County; and
VII. The combined investment of the Development, including a credit of $50,000 per job created, exceeds $1 million.

In return for this investment, the development is requesting the City provide the following:

I. Reimbursement of 100 percent of building permit fees during the initial construction phase;
II. Reimbursement of business license taxes in the following manner:
    a. One hundred percent for the first taxable year of operation or any portion thereof;
    b. Sixty-six percent for the second taxable year of operation; and
    c. Thirty-three percent for the third taxable year of operation.
III. Reimbursement of local hospitality taxes, at a rate of 50 percent for a period of 12 months. Such funds received through this incentive are to be spent only for purposes that are related to tourism, pursuant to S.C. Code 6-1-730.

SECTION 2. The City of Darlington affirms that, based upon any acquisition costs for the subject property, along with good-faith estimates for the costs of physical improvements and the number of jobs created, the Development will meet or exceed the minimum investment requirements of subsection 22-105(a)(4); specifically, through

I. Anticipated business license fees of $629.80;
II. Additional property tax revenue of $1,120.90 annually;
III. Utilities revenue of $701.76 annually; and
IV. Job investment credit of $1,250,000 based on 25 employees

Additionally, the Development will improve the entrance to the City by rehabilitating a derelict building.

The amount of incentives granted to the Development shall not exceed the value of the direct and indirect benefits of the Development to the City.

SECTION 3. Certification, commencement and continuation of incentives.

No incentive shall commence or be given until such time as the Development has been issued a certificate of occupancy and/or a business license as well as a certificate that all terms and benchmarks included within the applicable incentive agreement, including without limitation benchmarks for capital investment, property valuation, and job creation (the "benchmarks"), have been fully achieved or otherwise completed.

Where benchmarks, such as the number of jobs created, are to be met continuously over a period of time, the incentive recipient shall provide to the city, on an annual basis, sufficient proof that the Development has continuously achieved or otherwise complied with such benchmarks. A **Request for Incentive Repayment** must be submitted by July 31 of each year to the City Manager's Office. Failure to do so may result in reduction or forfeiture of incentives.

If, at any time after completion of a Development or at any time within the period of time during which a Development is granted incentives, a Development fails to achieve or otherwise comply with a benchmark, the council may, at its discretion and on a case-by-case basis:

(1) declare the incentive agreement null and void and refuse to grant any future incentives; or
(2) decrease the amount of the incentives based upon the actual direct and indirect benefits of the Development to the City and its citizens.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its final adoption.

DONE AND RATIFIED in City Council assembled this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Tuesday, April 7, 2019 First Reading	_____ Mayor
Tuesday, May 5, 2019 Public Hearing	
Tuesday, May 5, 2019 Second Reading	
ATTEST:	
_____ Clerk/Treasurer	
AS TO FORM:	_____ City Attorney

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South Carolina

City Attorney KEVIN ETHERIDGE
Municipal Judge ROBERT L. STUCKS IV
City Manager HOWARD GARLAND
Clerk & Treasurer GLORIA B. PRIDGEN

PO BOX 57
Darlington, SC 29532
843.398.4000

To: The Honorable Curtis Boyd, Mayor
City of Darlington Council Members
400 Pearl Street
P.O. Box 57
Darlington, SC 29532

I/We hereby request that the Zoning Designation for the property located at

106 BLUE ST, DARLINGTON, SC 29532,

Tax Map No. 164-06-01-088, be changed.

The current designation is GC, and we request that it be changed to R-10.

Reason for the requested change: SURROUNDING PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED R-10 AND MORE CONDUSIVE FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

I/We are the sole owners of this property, as shown by deed.

Attached is a Play Sketch of this area, with said property highlighted.

SOLE OWNER(S): SAMUEL E EVANS JR

ET AL (if applicable): _____

Number of People in the Business: 1

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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Overview

Legend

Parcels

Roads

Parcel ID	164-06-01-088	**Alternate ID**	164-06-01-088	**Owner Address**	SME PROPERTIES OF SC LLC
Sec/Twp/Rng	n/a	**Class**	Other non OO property		PO BOX 3990
Property Address	106 BLUE ST	**Acreage**	0.61		FLORENCE SC 29502
District	2-1				
Brief Tax Description	106 BLUE ST (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)				

Date created: 4/7/2020
Last Data Uploaded: 4/7/2020 8:07:40 AM

Developed by Schneider GEOSPATIAL

Prepared by KUCERA & ASSOCIATES, INC. Engineering Consultants

REVISION TABLE			REVISION TABLE		
DATE	MADE BY	CHANGES OR ADDITIONS	DATE	MADE BY	CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

PROPERTY TAX MAP
DARLINGTON COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

LEGEND

DISTRICTS

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE REPRODUCED OR USED FOR SURVEYING OR CONVEYANCE

SCALE 1" = 100'
PHOTO DATE FEB. 1977
MAP DATE FEB. 1978
PRIOR MAP NO.
MAP NO. 154-6

CITY MANAGER REPORT
APRIL 2020

1. The City of Darlington has requested Georgia Pacific help in funding the costs associated with the Bowen Manor playground. As you are aware Pee Dee electric Cooperative gave the City of Darlington a low-interest loan of more than $41,000 for the playground. Attached is a copy of a letter to G-P asking for financial assistance.
2. The Covid-19 corona virus has caused some disruption in work schedules with various departments. We had an employee from the water department with Covid-19 like symptoms and sent the employee home for two weeks. We had Serv-Pro do an emergency deep clean of City Hall (from old Council Chambers to front entrance0. This was at a cost of more than $8,500 of which we will seek reimbursement from the federal government as a Covid-19 related expense. We also sent employees home for two days that worked in the affected area. Thankfully the employees Covid-19 test came back positive.

   Three other departments have had a scare with relatives being tested for Covid-19. Thankfully all tests have come back negative. Two employees were sent home and had Covid-19 tests administered while away from work. Both tests also returned a negative result. We plan to keep City offices closed to the public until Governor McMaster lifts his stay at home directive.

3. Work continues the City of Darlington EDA/SCRIA sewer lift stations grant bid package as engineers from Davis and Brown are working on the bid package. The EDA/SCRIA sewer lift stations grant will upgrade/replace sewer lift stations at Verizon, Joe Louis Boulevard, old City of Darlington WWTP, and Hampton Street lift station. Total project cost is $1,500,000 with EDA funding $1,200,000, SCRIA funding $294,000, and the City of Darlington $35,000.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

MONTHLY UPDATE

as of April 27, 2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

THE FOLLOWING IS THE MONTHLY UPDATE FOR THE BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT:

INCOME COLLECTED:

APRIL 2020 - $4,204.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - $60,179.75

PERMITS ISSUED		
PERMIT TYPE	**APRIL 2020**	**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**
BUILDING	12	123
ELECTRICAL	4	40
MECHANICAL	4	35
PLUMBING	1	9
SIGNAGE	1	9
FIRE PROTECTION	0	2
DEMOLITION	2	14
MOBILE HOME	0	0

Issued 0 CO'S (Certificates of Occupancy):

Demolition Project – 0 properties were removed

CITY OF DARLINGTON

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
DARLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN/VALOR	311 PEARL ST	$3,300.00	$96.00
B-2020-001273	REPAIR DRYWALL AND PRIME/PAINT 2 CLASSROOMS AND FOYER		
MANHEIM REMARKETING INC/GUY	1111 HARRY BYRD HWY	$209,970.00	$1,125.00
B-2020-001280	REPLACE ROOF PER CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE W. CURRENT CODE		
2	**Commercial Totals:**	**$213,270.00**	**$1,221.00**
MARTIN ROY/GIBSON BUILDERS &	403 N MAIN ST	$4,000.00	$96.00
B-2020-001272	INSTAL METAL ROOF		
CHARLIE WEATHERFORD/VALOR	258 W BROAD ST	$5,000.00	$103.00
B-2020-001274	REPAIR/REPLACE FENCE/SOFFIT/FASCIA/SIDING PER CONTRACT		
JAN SERRANO/METAL ROOFING	404 N MAIN ST	$3,450.00	$96.00
B-2020-001275	INSTALL ROOF ON BARN		
KENDALL & BLAZ PASALIC/WELCH'S	610 CASHUA ST	$7,000.00	$117.00
B-2020-001276	REPLACE ROOF		
INZ WALKER/CARPENTER BUILDERS	245 W BROAD ST	$15,000.00	$173.00
B-2020-001277	ROOF REPAIRS		
INZ WALKER/ORLANDO GARCIA/JONES	245 W BROAD ST	$13,250.00	$166.00
B-2020-001278	REPLACE THE ROOF		
ROBERT STUCKS/OWNER PULLED PERMIT	211 D AVE	$1,000.00	$75.00
B-2020-001279	MINOR SHINGLE REPAIR & FLOOR		
MARY BUTLER/JERRY H PATTERSON	412 EDWARDS AVE	$4,000.00	$96.00
B-2020-001281	REPLACE THE ROOF		
COLON ABRHAM/PEARTREE	202 C AVE	$8,826.00	$131.00
B-2020-001282	REPLACE VINYL SIDING		
MILDRED DAVIS/WOODLAND BUILDING INC	596 W BROAD ST	$1,922.00	$122.80
B-2020-001283	8X16 WOODEN BUILDING		
10	**Residental Totals:**	**$63,448.00**	**$1,175.80**
12	**Grand Total:**	**$276,718.00**	**$2,396.80**

CITY OF DARLINGTON

ELECTRICAL PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
GREGORY MICHAEL/BRYAN GRIGGS	300 GIBSON ST	$650.00	$75.00
E-2020-000423	REBUILDING SERVICE		
BROCKINGTON HEIGHTS APTS/WALKUP	201 SALEEBY LOOP	$184,855.00	$1,000.00
E-2020-000424	INSTALL NEW ELECTRICAL WIRING & FIXTURES FOR 46 UNITS		
TED HUNEYCUTT/SURGE ELECTRICAL	222 S MAIN ST	$400.00	$40.00
E-2020-000425	TEMP POWER		
PAULA THMOAS/CAN DO OR MANS	112 D AVE	$300.00	$35.00
E-2020-000426	TEMP POLE		
4	**Residental Totals:**	**$186,205.00**	**$1,150.00**
4	**Grand Total:**	**$186,205.00**	**$1,150.00**

CITY OF DARLINGTON

MECHANICAL PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
MERRYLAND DAY CARE/AFTER HOURS	206 S DARGAN ST	$6,400.00	$117.00
M-2020-000263	INSTALL HVAC SYSTEM		
DARLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN/KENTCO	311 PEARL ST	$3,750.00	$96.00
M-2020-000264	REPLACE DUCTWORK		
2	**Commercial Totals:**	**$10,150.00**	**$213.00**
TAYLOR & CAROLYN BARNARD/FLOYD	120 WOODCREEK RD	$4,700.00	$103.00
M-2020-000262	REPLACE UNIT		
RICK YOUNG/KENTCO HEATING &	411 EASTBURN CT	$5,350.00	$110.00
M-2020-000265	REPLACE HVAC		
2	**Residental Totals:**	**$10,050.00**	**$213.00**
4	**Grand Total:**	**$20,200.00**	**$426.00**

CITY OF DARLINGTON

PLUMBING PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
CHRIS & NATALIE PRINCE/BONNOITT'S	146 SPRING ST	$2,000.00	$82.00
P-2020-000208	REPAIR SEWER LINE		
1	**Residental Totals:**	**$2,000.00**	**$82.00**
1	**Grand Total:**	**$2,000.00**	**$82.00**

CITY OF DARLINGTON

SIGNAGE PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
CITY OF DARLINGTON/OUT OF THIS	S MAIN ST & CHESTNUT ST	$2,000.00	$0.00
S-2019-000044	INSTALL CITY DIRECTIONAL SIGN		
1	**Commercial Totals:**	**$2,000.00**	**$0.00**
1	**Grand Total:**	**$2,000.00**	**$0.00**

CITY OF DARLINGTON

DEMOLITION PERMIT REPORT

03/26/2020 thru 04/27/2020

City of Darlington
South Carolina

Owner / Contractor	Location	Est. Cost	Revenue
CAROLINA BANK/WOFFORD DEMOLITION	104 ORANGE ST	$10,000.00	$75.00
D-2048-000098	DEMO OLD BANK		
BROCKINGTON HEIGHTS LLC/AMERICAN	201 SALEEBY LOOP BLDG C	$50,000.00	$75.00
D-2048-000099	DEMO FIRE DAMAGED INTERIOR		
2	**Commercial Totals:**	**$60,000.00**	**$150.00**
2	**Grand Total:**	**$60,000.00**	**$150.00**

City of Darlington Fire Dept.

Monthly Activity Report
March 25, 2020 through April 26, 2020

Incidents Responded to: 30 Total

Motor Vehicle Collisions: **2**

Vehicle Fire: **3**

Structural: **0**

Service/Good Intent: **12**

Grass/Brush/Trash: **1**

Assist EMS/First Responder: **5**

False Calls: **5**

Hazmat**: 0**

Rescue: **0**

Mutual aid: **1** to HFD (Cover Station), **1** to DCFD (Structure)

Marshall Inspections: **1**

Training Held for Firefighters:
Isolation - Entire Department.

Prepared by: *Ruthy Amerson April 27, 2020*

City of Darlington

Planning Report

April 2020

Planning Report April 2020

Planning & Economic Development

- Attended meeting of the DDRA Board of Directors and City Council
- Coordinated with Asset Technology Group to develop the remote meeting set-up and associated items to comply with FOIA
- The April 7 City Council meeting broadcast live on Facebook reached 2,963 people, had 1,400 views and 12 shares, and received approximately 20 comments as of Wednesday, April 8, at 9 a.m.
- Began working on application for USDA Housing Preservation Grant due in May
- Began working on RFP for billboard on Kirven property to bring in revenue for the City
- Continue to work on various tree and beautification issues
- Continued working on the City Annexation Strategic Plan
- Continued to distribute and promote Economic Development Incentives Program
- Worked with several potential and current business owners
- Palmetto Pride awarded the City five trash cans for our participation in the Grab A Bag SC Campaign in November 2019. During that event, while the turnout was minimal due to the weather, volunteers collected more than 300 pounds of trash from the roadsides. These will be installed at the Bill Cain Tennis Complex, so it matches the two new parks with the decorative trash receptacles.

Promotions

- Generated a listing and Web page, www.buildupdarlington.org/covid19, to indicate continuing business operations, to include closures and modifications to delivery of services
- Submitted press releases to area TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers regarding city events and responded to FOIA requests.
- Continued work on the DDRA-sponsored tourism and economic development website, including adding a Weekly Update for the week's events. You can sign up for this alert at www.buildupDarlington.org.
- Rescheduled the DDRA Golf Tournament for May 20
- Postponed Taste of Darlington until further notice
- Cancelled DDRA Member Meetings until Executive Order is lifted
- Continued plans for events: Darlington Family Fest (June 6), DDRA Member Meetings, Bringing Downtown Alive! Events (May 7, Sept. 4, and Oct. 22), and Board Meetings
- Continued to update the City of Darlington and the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association's Facebook and Twitter presences. Worked on logging calendars and schedules of meetings of all City, County, and School District for the entirety of 2020
- Began work on the redesign of the City website with Asset Technology Group and change over to www.cityofdarlington.com**. Soft launch planned for May.**
- Continued to stock flyers for upcoming events in the kiosk in the Public Walkway
- Updated several areas of the City of Darlington website and continued to keep Facebook up-to-date. Facebook "likes" have **increased 0.89 percent** since last month, up to **3,186 likes from 3,158 likes**. Average total reach (The number of people who were served any activity from your Page including posts, posts by other people, Page like ads, mentions and checkins) is **839**.

Boards & Commissions

Boards and Commissions 2020

We have several open seats on various city boards and commissions. It is necessary that all these seats are occupied to ensure city business continues uninterrupted. Please direct interested individuals to the Planning Department or online to www.DarlingtonSConline.com for an application to serve.

You can find more information online at http://www.darlingtonsconline.com/city_government/boards_and_commissions.php.

Historical Landmarks Commission – Two Seats Available

The Historical Landmarks Commission meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the second month of the quarter (February, May, August, and November). Called meetings are held as needed. This board makes determinations on the appropriateness of requested changes and repairs done in any of the city's three residential historic districts.

Beautification Board – One Seat Available

The Beautification Board meets monthly at 5:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, except July and December. This member board makes decisions regarding beautification efforts, such as the Gateway project and Clean Up Darlington Day, and landscaping plans.

Planning Commission – One Seat Available

The Planning Commission meets on at 9 a.m. on the third Tuesday every other month. This board makes critical determinations on ordinance drafts, zoning, and the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Page, whose term expires June 30 would like to serve another term. She has been engaged and involved, and staff would appreciate her continuation on the Commission.

Board of Zoning Appeals – One Seat Available

The Tree Board meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. on a Monday evening; at 10 a.m. Friday, December 6; and on an as-needed basis. This member board makes decisions regarding Arbor Day and other tree planting projects as well as determinations about removals.

Design Review Board – Two Seats Available

The Tree Board meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. on a Monday evening; at 10 a.m. Friday, December 6; and on an as-needed basis. This member board makes decisions regarding Arbor Day and other tree planting projects as well as determinations about removals.

Boards & Commissions Members

As of April 7, 2020

Historic Landmarks Commission

Keith Taylor - Term Expires June 30, 2020
Kay Pierson - Term Expires June 30, 2021
Catherine Howle - Term Expires June 30, 2020
Rosanne Brasington - Term Expires June 30, 2021
George Chace - Term Expires June 30, 2020
Steve Abbott - Term Expires June 30, 2021
Open Seat - Term Expires June 30, 2021
Rose Pruitt - Term Expires June 30, 2020
Alternate Seat - Open

Planning Commission

Ronda Brown Term Expires: June 30, 2021
Mike Sprott Term Expires: June 30, 2022
Francis Parnell Term expires June 30, 2021
Ouida Page Term expires June 30, 2020
Rosalind Boakye Term expires June 30, 2021
Lou Kirchen Term expires June 30, 2021
Open Seat Term Expires: June 30, 2022

Board of Zoning Appeals

Calvin King Term Expires June 30, 2021
William Jackson Term Expires: June 30, 2020
Parker Howle Term Expires: June 30, 2021
Kay Pierson Term Expires: June 30, 2020
Open Seat Term Expires: June 30, 2021

Design Review Board

Audrey Gore Term Expires: June 30, 2021
Christy Williamson Term Expires: June 30, 2020
Open Seat Term Expires: June 30, 2021
Linda Beckham Term Expires: June 30, 2020
Open Seat Term Expires: June 30, 2021

Williamson Park Committee

Kyle James, chair
Travis Galloway
Ryan Whitlow
James Cooper III
Parker Howle
Nancy Adcock
Rosanne Brasington
Jay Ervin
Open Seat

Beautification Board

Lisa Chalian-Rock, chair
Ronda Brown
Jimmy White
Laura Burns
Becky Ishman
Karen Sprott
Letha Martin
Open Seat

Tree Board

Albert James III, chair
Ronda Brown (2017)
Rosanne Brasington (2017)
Jay Ervin (2017)
Sarah Fallaw (2020)

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON CITY OF DARLINGTON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Name of board/commission on which you wish to serve: Planning Comm. ~~Zoning Board~~.

Name: Michael Wiggins

Street Address: 106 Florida Drive

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: 843-617-6926 Other phone: _____

Email: mwiggins1@sc.rr.com

Are you a legal resident of the City? (Yes) No Are you a registered voter? (Yes) No

Have you been convicted of or plead guilty to a felony or misdemeanor within the last 5 years?

Yes (No) If yes, please explain: _____

Employer: N/A Occupation: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? The Betterment of Darlington City, assisting w/ its growth. I bring a new and impartial outlook to the development of the Commission.

List your experience, education, skill, or interest which would enhance your contribution to this board:

Retired - hard working, dedicated and mature, forward thinking individual.

List other boards, commissions, organizations that you serve and dates: N/A

If appointed, will you pledge to attend the meetings faithfully and actively participate? (Yes) No

Signature: _____ Date: 3-2-2020

Please return to City Hall, Attn: Planning, 400 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532, or fax to (843) 398-2629.

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON CITY OF DARLINGTON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Name of board/commission on which you wish to serve: Planning

Name: Gloria C. Hines

Street Address: 316 Pine St.

Mailing Address: same as above

Home phone: 843-393-0450 Other phone: 843-307-6874

Email: ghines55@yahoo.com

Are you a legal resident of the City? (Yes) No Are you a registered voter? (Yes) No

Have you been convicted of or plead guilty to a felony or misdemeanor within the last 5 years?

Yes (No) If yes, please explain: _____

Employer: Self Occupation: _____

Employer's Address: 901 S. main St

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Because I care about my city.

List your experience, education, skill, or interest which would enhance your contribution to this board:

On council for 17 years, Mayor for 4 years great things happened in Darlington under my leadership

List other boards, commissions, organizations that you serve and dates: _____

If appointed, will you pledge to attend the meetings faithfully and actively participate? (Yes) No

Signature: Gloria C Hines Date: Feb. 14, 2020

Please return to City Hall, Attn: Planning, 400 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532, or fax to (843) 398-2629.

Meeting Minutes & Agendas

All City board and commission meetings have been suspended until the Governor's Executive Order is lifted unless an action is needed to continue business.

The City Planning Commission did meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, to address such an action. See minutes attached.

DARLINGTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 21, 2020 – 9 A.M.
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attending were Planning Commission members Ms. Brown, Mrs. Kirchen, Ms. Page, and Mr. Sprott; staff Ms. Rock, planning and economic development director, and Mr. Gainey, codes enforcement official; and city council members, Ms. Baccus, Ms. Reed, and Mr. Gardner.

Call to Order: Mrs. Kirchen called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2020: Mrs. Kirchen made a motion to accept the minutes of the Jan. 21, 2020, meeting as presented. Ms. Brown made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Change Request for 106 Blue Street: Ms. Rock presented the application for a zoning change from Mr. Sam Evans for property at 106 Blue Street. His intentions are to remove the old building, formerly Mirella's dress shop, and continue the construction of townhouses on that street. He has put eight units so far and wants to add seven or eight more, depending on the space available due to setbacks. Ms. Rock said one neighbor contacted her about the issue, Mrs. McCall who lives on the corner. Mrs. McCall says she does not oppose the change because she wants the area to stay residential. Mr. Sprott made a motion to recommend to City Council that the zoning be changed from GC to R-10 to allow this development. Ms. Brown made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Ms. Rock said the City would move forward with procuring a contractor to write the next Comprehensive Plan (2035) in December or January since the Census figures prominently into the plan itself. She will have to write an RFP and get three bids for council to approve. Mr. Gardner asked if we could get the bid to the company that did Hartsville's comprehensive plan. Mr. Sprott asked to be mailed a copy of the previous plan. Mr. Gardner said it would be useful for everyone to have a copy. Mrs. Kirchen said she would like to see the mayor's vision worked into the plan as well. She suggested scheduling the next meeting to begin with the joint board meeting we had to postpone in March, so, when the consultant comes on board, we already have some things together. Ms. Page agreed and said it was an excellent idea. Mr. Sprott and Ms. Brown both were fine with a July meeting.

Director's Report: Ms. Rock said she had no further business for the Commission at this time.

Ms. Page expressed her appreciation for a lot of people involved with improving the City and Ms. Brown specifically for a great job organizing and getting the City looking nice.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY OF DARLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-XX

ZONING DESIGNATION FOR 106 BLUE STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, assembled _____ day of _____, 20___:

SECTION 1. The following described property, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, containing 0.61 acres according to a plat prepared by D.J. Wilkes, R.L.S. dated January 26, 1976; and also containing All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying and being located on Blue Street, containing 0.0332 acres, more or less, and designated as Lot 1, as shown on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, R.S., dated November 17, 2004; said measuring and being bounded as follows as shown on said plat:

NE: By lands of Mirella McKay, a distance of 140.70'; and
SE: By lands of Koutso Kalis, a distance of 14.91; and
SW: By lot 2, a distance of 127.5'; and
NW: By Blue Street, a distance of 13.47'.
This being a portion of the property conveyed to Mirella B. McKay by Deed of Debora McKay Rogers recorded April 1, 2013;

LESS AND EXCEPT:All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate lying and being located on Blue Street in the City of Darlington, State of South Carolina, containing 0.0332 acres, more or less, and designated as Lot 2, as shown on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, R.S., dated November 17, 2004; said lot measuring and being bounded as follows as shown on said plat:

NE: By lot 1, a distance of 127.5'; and
SE: By lands of Kouto Kalos, a distance of 21.49'; and
SW: By lands of Comelia McCall, a distance of 108.86'; and
NW: By Blue Street, a distance of 13.57'.
This being the same property conveyed to Comelia McCall by Deed of Mirella McKay recorded January 12, 2005;

And designated as Tax Map No. 164-06-01-088, is hereby zoned **R-10, Low Density Residential District**, as requested by the property owner and recommended by the City Planning Commission.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its final adoption.

DONE AND RATIFIED in City Council assembled this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 First Reading	_____ Mayor
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Public Hearing	
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Second Reading	

ATTEST:	
_____ Clerk/Treasurer	
AS TO FORM:	
_____ Town Attorney	

DARLINGTON POLICE DEPT.
COUNCIL REPORT
MARCH 30-APRIL 26, 2020

PREPARED BY: Stacy Blackwell Stacy Blackwell

Lavonda Green LaVonda Green

DATE- APRIL 27, 2020

COUNCIL REPORT FOR MARCH 30, 2020 – APRIL 26, 2020:

DEPT.: POLICE
CODE: 600

ACCOUNT NO.	PERSONAL SERVICES	AMOUNT	TOTAL
600-101	SALARIES & WAGES	$109,609.87	$109,609.87
	OPERATING EXPENSES		
600-210	PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPLIES	171.06	
600-215	TRAVEL EXPENSE	520.00	
600-217	AUTO OPEARTING EPENSES	1,455.36	
600-221	TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	773.48	
600-226	MAINTENANCE & SER. CONTRACTS	5,438.78	
600-241	UNIFORMS	1,758.14	
600-262	INSURANCE AND BONDS	32,733.24	
600-267	RETIREMENT FUND	21,332.22	
600-270	SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE	8,385.16	
600-289	RADIO DISPATCHERS – 911	19,254.50	
600-2904	POLICE CAPITAL FUND	10,311.10	
600-2905	POLICE DEPT. MISC. ACCOUNT	1,282.77	
600-384	POLICE DEPT. DEBT RETIREMENT	17,116.29	
			$120,532.10
			$230,141.97

Darlington Police Department Monthly Reporting

MARCH 30-APRIL 26, 2020

S.C. Warning Tickets – 21

P. Tickets Paid- 5

P. Tickets Written-4

Incident Report Count-185

17 OPERATING UNINSURED VEHICLE

Total for Offense 17: 3

21 SPEEDING OR TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS (<= 10MPH)

Total for Offense 21: 4

26 LIGHTS IMPROPER

Total for Offense 26: 1

42 DISREGARD SIGN SIG

Total for Offense 42: 4

4A NO SIGNAL / IMPROPER SIGNAL

Total for Offense 4A: 4

87 DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 87: 2

89 VEHICLE LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 89: 1

90 VEHICLE LICENSE IMPROPER

Total for Offense 90: 1

94 OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 14

96 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

Total for Offense 96: 4

Total for Report: 38

84 PEDESTRIAN DRUNK

Total for Offense 84: 2

94 OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 10

NT NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Total for Offense NT: 25

Total for Report: 37

ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED FOR MARCH 30-APRIL 26, 2020

NO. OF ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	11
NO. OF PERSONS INJURED	5
NO. OF FATALITIES	0
NO. OF PEDESTRIANS	0
NO. OF BICYCLES	0
NO. OF VEHICLES DAMAGED	17
NO. OF TICKETS ISSUED	0
EST. PROPERTY DAMAGE	$42,625.00

TIMES OF ACCIDENT	
12:00 – 4:00 AM	0
4:00 – 8:00 AM	1
8:00 – 12:00 NOON	3
12:00 – 4:00 PM	3
4:00 – 8:00 PM	3
8:00 – 12:00 MIDNIGHT	1

AGES OF DRIVERS	
14- 20	0
21 – 30	7
31 – 40	5
41 – 50	0
51 – 60	3
61 – 70	2
71 & OVER	2

INCOME REPORT FOR MARCH 30, 2020 – APRIL 26, 2020:

BACKGROUND REPORTS, COPY FEES, & FINGERPRINTING FEES	$ 60.00
PARKING TICKET FINES COLLECTED	$ 70.00
TAXI FEES	$ -0-
PRECIOUS METAL LICENSE	$ -0-
TOW TRUCKS	$ -0-
TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL FINES COLLECTED	$ 5,170.51
TOTAL FEES AND FINES COLLECTED	$ 5,300.51

Public Contact / Warning by State and Local Law Enforcement Officers
(no citation, no arrest)
From 03/30/2020 To 04/26/2020

		15 & under	16-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76-85	86-95	Over 96
African American	Female	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
African American	Male	0	5	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hispanic	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	Female	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
White	Male	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Age / Sex / Race Breakdown for Uniform Traffic Tickets

From Arrest Date 03/30/2020 To 04/26/2020

		Unknown	25 & Under	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76-85	86-95	Over 96
African American	Female		3	4		1	1				
	Male		4	12	6	4	10	2			
	Unknown										
Hispanic	Female										
	Male										
	Unknown										
White	Female		2	3	4	2		1			
	Male		3	6	2	1	4				
	Unknown										
Other	Female										
	Male										
	Unknown										

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TALLY SHEET

From 03/30/2020 To 04/26/2020

	PRIMARY FACTORS:	
01	Disregarded Signs, Signals, Etc.	2
02	Distracted/Inattention	--
03	Driving Too Fast for Conditions	--
04	Exceeded Authorized Speed Limit	--
05	Failed to Yield Right of Way	--
06	Ran off Road	1
07	Fatigued/Asleep	--
08	Followed Too Closely	--
09	Made an Improper Turn	--
10	Medical Related	--
12	Agressive Operation of Vehicle	--
13	Over-correcting/Over-steering	--
14	Swerving to Avoid Object	--
15	Wrong Side or Wrong Way	--
16	Under the Influence	--
17	Vision Obscured (Within Unit)	--
18	Improper Lane Usage/Change	--
19	On Cell Phone	--
20	Texting	--
28	Other Improper Action	--
29	Unk.	--
	Total:	3

	INJURIES:	
1	Possible Injury	2
2	Suspected Minor Injury	--
3	Suspected Serious Injury	--
4	Fatal	--
	Total:	2

	SPECIAL:	
25	Motorcycle	--
27	Pedacycle	--
41	Pedestrian	--
	Total:	0

	PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCIDENTS:	
	Total:	0

	ALCOHOL/DRUG RELATED ACCIDENTS:	
	Total:	0

17 OPERATING UNINSURED VEHICLE

Total for Offense 17: 3

21 SPEEDING OR TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS (<= 10MPH)

Total for Offense 21: 4

26 LIGHTS IMPROPER

Total for Offense 26: 1

42 DISREGARD SIGN SIG

Total for Offense 42: 4

4A NO SIGNAL / IMPROPER SIGNAL

Total for Offense 4A: 4

84 PEDESTRIAN DRUNK

Total for Offense 84: 2

87 DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 87: 2

89 VEHICLE LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 89: 1

90 VEHICLE LICENSE IMPROPER

Total for Offense 90: 1

94 OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 24

96 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

Total for Offense 96: 4

NT NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Incident Date Range: 03/30/2020 To 04/26/2020

Incident #	Date	Location	Officer 1	Officer 2
107 DEATH - NATURAL OR SUSPICIOUS				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	1
11D FONDLING - FORCIBLE				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	1
13A ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	4
13B ASSAULT - SIMPLE				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	4
13C ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	2
220 BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
23C SHOPLIFTING				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	11
23F THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	12
23H LARCENY - ALL OTHER				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	8
240 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
250 COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	7
26A FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	2
280 STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	2
290 VANDALISM OF PROPERTY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	8
35A DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	5
520 WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
90E DRUNKENNESS				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	4
90F FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	1
90I RUNAWAY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	2
90J TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	4
90K INCORRIGIBLE				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	5
90N RESISTING ARREST				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	1
90S DUS - DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
90T TRAFFIC OFFENSES				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	7
90W TRESSPASSING - ALL OTHER THAN 90J				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	14

Incident Report Offense Totals

Incident Date Range: 03/30/2020 To 04/26/2020

Incident #	Date	Location	Officer 1	Officer 2
90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	6
ANM ANIMAL COMPLAINT				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	4
DV2 CDV - SIMPLE ASSAULT				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	5
DV3 CDV - INTIMIDATION/THREATS ONLY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	1
FDP FOUND PROPERTY				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	3
NRP INCIDENT NOT REPORTED				
			TOTAL FOR OFFENSE:	46
			TOTAL COUNT:	185

Total for Offense NT: 25

Total for Report: 75

April 2020

The year 2020 is not being kind. We have not resumed any activities and all our parks and playgrounds are still closed that share equipment. I would like to take this time to personally thank council for purchasing the land for our new sports complex. I look forward to what the future can hold here and thank you for the trust and responsibility you have given my department! We look forward to serving Darlington.

25 MAR --- 24 APR 2020

STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

- Total tonnage in yard debris 448,480 lbs. 224.24 tons.
  Weight receipts available upon request.
- Residential garbage 324,200 lbs. 162.10 tons
  Weight receipts available upon request.
- Commercial garbage 29,440 lbs 14.72 tons tipping fees $747.04
- Residential recycling 3900 lbs 1.95 tons

- Vehicle gas usage for time period:
  Dept. 630 $429.43

Due to the self-quarantine implementation, our sanitation service weights has increased for residential garbage and residential yard debris. The weights dropped for the commercial accounts. The recycle program was suspended for the month. Recycling is back on normal pick up schedule as of 28 April. The vehicle gas expenditure decreased due to lower gas prices.

The street, sanitation and garage departments have not skipped a beat in performance of assigned duties. No health issues amongst employees. Only a couple of employees had childcare issues come up, temporarily.

Due to the pandemic outbreak, the Bridging the Gap grass crew has limited their service. The supervisory staff are out working without the disability crew.

The order of roll carts has arrived.

Auto Mechanic, Mr. Holloman, maintaining city vehicles; procuring, repairing, replacing parts as needed. He has more responsibility to supervising crews on daily duties. On mechanic down time, he is also operating street sweeper.

The departments' capital fund account balance the end of February: $63,417.31

Alex Gainey,
Superintendent

Water Department

Non-routine activities for March 2020

1. No major water problems this month. Repaired small leaks, all ¾ to 2 inch and one six-inch line.

2. Major sewer issue on East Broad Street. North American Construction Company brought in to assess problem. Street signs set up and sewer placed on by-pass operation. Seeking proposals and estimates for repair options. RIA grant applied for emergency funding to help. City looking at other finance options. After doing more video work, we found at least 2 sections we can't get through. We can not pipe burst line if we can't get through it. It looks like the only way to repair Spain to Ervin will be to dig it up. Budget numbers are still a moving target.

3. Several street paving projects have been completed and working on others.

4. Extended wet period is still causing heavy loading on sewer lift stations.

5. Working with City Manager on financing for projects needed.

Prepared By: *Freddie Kinsaul*

FY2020-2021 City Budget

Timeline

- May 5 – City Council Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- May 8 & 9 – City Council Work Sessions on the Budget
- June 2 – City Council Regular meeting – First Reading of the FY2020-2021 Budget
- June 16 – Final Reading of the FY2020-2021 Budget
- **Public Hearing on the FY2020-2021 Budget TBD.** Comments will be continuously collected. Any comments that you want to be read at a meeting to be entered into the minutes of City Council should be submitted at least three (3) business days in advance of a meeting.
- Watch City Council meetings online at www.Facebook.com/darlingtonSC/live. You do not have to have an account to view the meetings.

Proposed Changes to the Budget

- Millage (Remain the Same) = No property tax increase
- Water & Sewer Rates (Increase 40% & 60% respectively) = $9.55/month increase
- Sanitation Fees (Increase 28%) = $6/month increase for residential customers
- Storm Water Fees = To be discussed

Total annual estimated increase = $186.60 per household

Where will the money go?

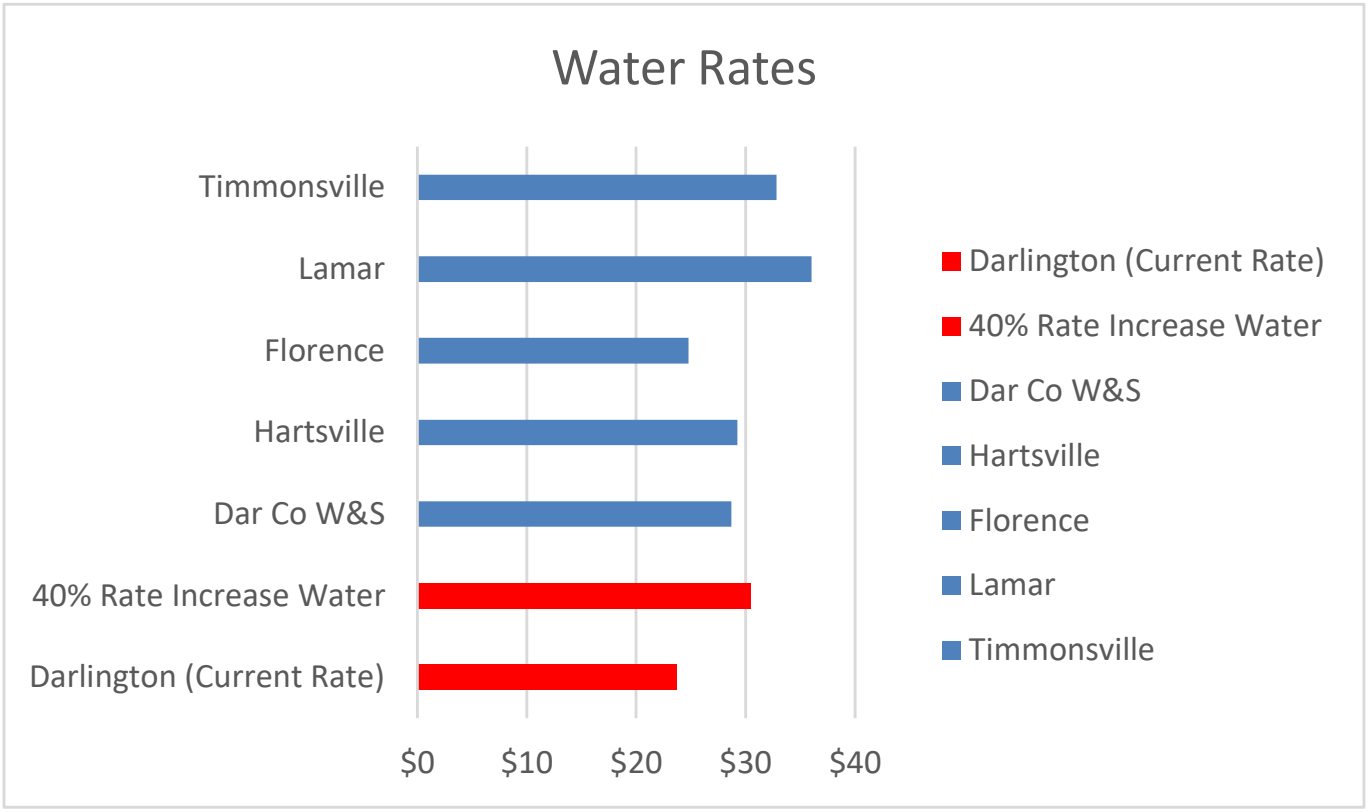
These additional collections, above and beyond service costs, will be used to make proactive progress on repairing the City's infrastructure, i.e. water lines, sewer lines, storm drainage, sidewalks, and streets. City Council and Staff will be developing a priority list for each system based on condition and use.

We want to hear your voice!

Citizen comments on any topic, including the budget, are accepted in writing via email to rock@cityofdarlington.com, dropped off at the drop box at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, or mailed to City Planning, Attn: Public Comment, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540. Please include your name *and* daytime phone number with your comments. No anonymous comments will be read to City Council.

City of Darlington
South Carolina

- **Emergencies, call 911**
- Utility payment online darlingtonpayments.com or by calling 1-877-794-1145
- Business Licenses 843-398-4000 ext. 101
- Permits – 843-398-4029
- Water/Sewer, Normal Hours 843-398-4040
- Water/Sewer, After 5 p.m. 843-758-1127
- Fire, Non-emergency 843-398-4013
- Police, Non-emergency 843-398-4026
- Municipal Court 843-398-4004
- Streets & Sanitation 843-398-4035
- Media Inquiries 843-992-1561
- No recycling will be collected until further notice.
- Yard debris will be collected as normal.
- Residential and commercial garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.
- Local business operations and capacity at BuildUp Darlington.org/covid19
- Find links and information about COVID-19 at www.darlingtonSConline.com/healthemergency.php.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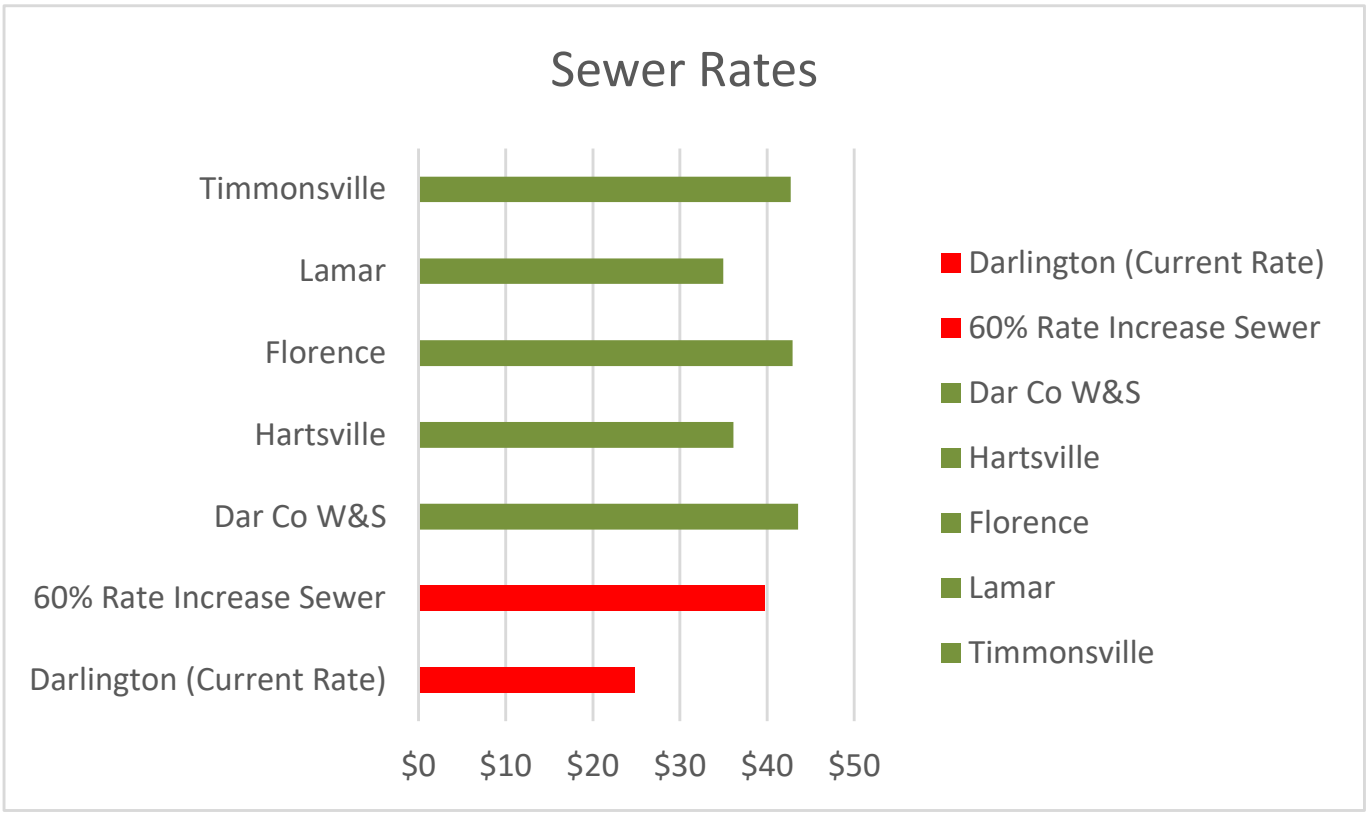
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