City of Darlington
Special City Council Meeting
Monday June 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM

The Special City Council Meeting was held at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC in the Courtroom/Council Chambers at 6:00 PM. The meeting was limited to Councilmembers and department heads.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager Howard Garland, Councilpersons Sheila Baccus, Elaine Reed, Howard Nettles, Bryant Gardner and John Segars. Also, present City Planner Ms. Lisa Rock, Assistant Fire Chief Mr. Charles Bailey, W&S Superintendent Mr. Giles Kinsaul, Recreation Director Mr. Lee Andrews, Police Chief Kelvin Washington, Fire Chief Pat Cavanagh, Street & Sanitation Superintendent Mr. Alex Gainey, Ms. Sheila Jones from Building & Codes and Mr. Bobby Bryant from the News and Press. (Absent-Councilman John Milling)

Mayor Boyd opened the meeting with prayer.

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to start the special meeting at 6:05 PM. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Segars and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

2020-2021 BUDGET REVIEW - MR. HOWARD GARLAND

Mr. Garland said our general fund total for the year is $7,176,788; our Water & Sewer budget is $4,398,661 so our total funds together total $11,575,449. Mr. Garland said if the fees for the stormwater fund is passed this evening it would be $226,650. Mr. Garland said the following changes have been made since the last time we actually met: The Stormwater Fund can now be found on page 65. They are suggesting an increase of $2.50 per household and an increase of $3.50 per month for businesses. Mr. Garland said we just spent an additional $88,650 in collections and we have enough to fund the bond payment of 180,000; make the vactor truck payment of $30,000; and allow for $10,650 to be placed in reserve. The vactor truck operator will still be an employee of the Street Department and the assistant will be a water department employee. The revenue line item for stormwater has been moved from the general fund revenue list. All departments have had changes made to the salaries because the State of South Carolina is not moving forward with increases in State Retirement. 500-215 (Travel Expense) has been reduced from $7,000 to $1,000 due to elimination of the MASC Annual Meeting. 580-381 (Buildings & Fixed Equipment) increased from $8,369 to $11,686; 580-388 (Paving) $61,400 be moved to the 2020-2021-line item 580-388 for a total of $123,177.00 for next year's budget; 590-273.3 (Beautification Board) change from $7,000 to $17,163; 600-101 (Salaries) $6,000 was added from 600-215; 600-226 (Maintenance & Service Contracts)

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increased by $15,000 to $90,000 with revenue coming from savings from state retirement contribution reduction. 620-272 (Special Contracts) increased from $48,500-$60,000. 640-101 (Sanitation Department salaries) -The City Mechanic has been removed from the Sanitation Department personnel roster and is back in department 660-Garage Department. In the Water & Sewer Department 914-277T (Sewer Bed Repair) has increased $232,090 with revenue coming from savings coming from the state retirement contribution reduction. This year's budget includes a 2% increase for employee raises. There is no increase for health insurance this year.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-05 BUSINESS LICENSE COLLECTION

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve the second reading on ordinance 2020-05 Business License Ordinance. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-06 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the second reading on ordinance 2020-06 Tax Anticipation Note. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-07 MILLAGE RATE

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve second reading on ordinance 2020-07 Millage Rate. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-08 WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-08 Water/Sewer Rate Increase. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Gardner, Nettles, Reed, Segars and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus voted against the motion. (Motion Passes)

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-09 SANITATION FEE INCREASE

Councilman Howard Nettles made a motion to approve second reading on ordinance 2020-09 Sanitation Fee Increase. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-10 STORMWATER FEE INCREASE

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve second reading on ordinance 2020-10 Stormwater Fee. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion.

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Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion Councilwoman Sheila Baccus voted against the motion (Motion Passes)

2019-2020 TO 2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT (580-388 CARRYOVER)

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 Budget Amendment 580-388 Carryover. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-11 (2020-2021 BUDGET APPROVAL)

Mayor Boyd said item number 11 will have to be split into three parts. Mr. Garland said we need to vote first on Fitness World 801-272, but Mayor Boyd cannot vote on this item since he is the owner. Mayor Boyd said he would abstain from the vote. Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve second reading on ordinance 2020-11 (2020-21 Budget Approval) for Fitness World line item 801-272. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Reed, Nettles, Gardner and Baccus all voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Garland said the next budget line item would be 550-12 PDRTA. He said Councilwoman Elaine Reed cannot vote on this because she has a sister that serves on the board.

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve second reading on ordinance to approve ordinance 2020-11 (2020-2021 for PDRTA 550-12). Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Gardner, Segars and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2020-11 (2020-2021 Budget Approval). Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Council persons Nettles, Baccus, Gardner, Segars, Reed and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2020-12 BULKY REFUSE FINE

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the Second Reading on Ordinance 2020-12 Bulky Refuse Fine. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Gardner, Segars, Reed and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Bryant Gardner commented that the rate increases everyone will see on the water sewer bills won't go into effect until October. Mr. Kinsaul said it's effective August 1st, but the actual increase will be on the bill everyone will get in October.

Councilman Nettles asked if we are sending something else out as a reminder that this is going to take place. Ms. Lisa Rock said, "we can". Mayor Boyd said, "We can put something in there that it starts August 1st, but it won't reflect on their bill until October".

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Councilwoman Sheila Baccus asked Mr. Garland about the engineering project on the Farm Street sewer overflow issue. She asked if we are going to upgrade Allen Street or replace the lift station? Mr. Garland said, "I think we have identified what the issues are, but we haven't identified specifically what we are going to do". Mr. Garland said we are going to apply for a CDBG grant for Farm and Allen Streets. Mr. Garland asked Mr. Kinsaul if he knew any more about this. Mr. Kinsaul said they are planning to rebuild the lift station and replace the force main and hopefully work out toward S. Main Street. Councilwoman Baccus asked, "So how is this going to affect the pump that's on the corner of Limit Street"? Mr. Kinsaul said Limit Street is this going to start taking place? Mr. Kinsaul said they are doing the studies and looking at the entire area of Farm St., Allen Street and out to S. Main St. Councilman Nettles said, "I think her question was what stage are we in"? Mr. Kinsaul said we are doing flow tests and engineering on the depth of manholes now. Councilwoman Baccus asked, "Who's doing the work"? Mr. Kinsaul said Davis & Brown is doing it so far. Mr. Garland said Pee Dee COG will write the grant application. Councilwoman Baccus asked if they are out now doing the preliminary part of it as far as talking to the citizens? Mr. Garland said, "No they are not, but as a reminder, last time we put in for a sewer grant on Farm Street nobody wanted to fill out the income survey so we are going to need some help when we go on Farm Street because if they don't fill out the income survey we still won't be able to address the needs in that area". Mr. Garland said we will need assistance from folks when we go to Farm Street asking residents to fill out those income surveys.

Mayor Boyd asked if there's an update on Broad Street and the time zone. Mr. Kinsaul said he just got the DHEC approval today. Mayor Boyd asked, "So the next step would be to get bids"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "Yes". Mr. Garland said hopefully we will have the bid ready for the August 11 meeting for Council to approve.

ADJOURN

Councilman Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM Councilwoman Elaine Reed second the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Nettles, Baccus, Reed, Gardner and Mayor Boyd all approved the motion to adjourn.

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