CITY OF DARLINGTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD IN THE COURTROOM/COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 400 PEARL STREET, DARLINGTON, SC

MARCH 30, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Boyd, City Manager Howard Garland, Councilpersons Baccus, Gardner, Reed, Milling, Segars, and Nettles. Also, present Mrs. Lisa Rock, Maci Schafer, Mr. Alex Gainey, Police Chief Washington, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Ms. Jannie Lathan, Mr. Roosevelt Scott, Mr. Coleman Cannon, Gloria Hines, and Mr. Bobby Bryant with the News & Press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman John Milling made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00 PM to discuss the City Manager's contract extension. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Baccus, Gardner, Nettles and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

Upon motion of Councilman John Milling, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed the Executive Session ended at 7:26 PM. Councilpersons Segars, Baccus, Gardner, Nettles and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded by Bryant Gardner not to renew City Manager Howard Garland's contract but extend a severance package. Segars, Baccus, Milling, Gardner, Nettles and Mayor Boyd all voted not to renew contract.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Baccus to pay Howard Garland a severance package to include 3 months (through June 30, 2021) which is remaining on his contract, along with vacation days and holidays that are due to him plus an additional $75,000 to be included in the severance package. Councilpersons Segars, Milling, Reed, Nettles and Mayor Boyd all approved the motion.

Councilman Howard Nettles made a motion that during the break of Mr. Garland and the next temporary Manager and before another Manager is hired that Ms. Gloria Pridgen would step into his position during this time. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Milling, Baccus, Reed and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Gardner made a motion to table the work session for the recreation ballfields that was scheduled for tonight. Councilwoman Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Segars, Milling, Baccus, Nettles and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Baccus, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm. Councilpersons Segars, Milling, Gardner, Nettles and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

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Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Mayor