DARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

Present: Mayor Boyd, Councilman Howard Nettles, Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Councilwoman Shelia Baccus, Councilman John Milling, Councilman Bryant Gardner, Councilman John Segars, Gloria Pridgen, Lacie Weatherford and a room full of visitors.

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and Councilman Segars opened with prayer.

Approval of Regular City Council meeting on July 13, 2021. Motioned by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Nettles to approve. All in favor. Approval of Special Council Meeting on July 20, 2021. Motioned by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Milling to approve. All in favor.

Motioned to amend agenda by Councilman Milling, seconded by Councilman Gardner to remove item 8b. Resolution for CDBG grant application. All in favor.

Ms. Lisa Rock presented council an update of the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association. Ms. Rock thanked council for their support of their program that allowed them to hold the Saturdays on the Square Concert Series. She reminded council to mark their calendars for the Taste of Darlington on Thursday, October 14 at the Darlington Raceway. Ms. Rock said that they continue to promote Darlington and its businesses on its social media and through News Alert System each week. These alerts reach more than 2,700 people. Ms. Rock said that they would also like to thank the Darlington County Council and the Accommodations Tax committee for providing funds to support our BuildupDarlington.org tourism website.

Ms. Brooke Sylvester, the Marketing Director with the Darlington Chamber of Commerce was present to give her update. She said they would be starting up a new event called Member Connect sometime in August and she would let them know the date when it became available. Also, the Grand Old Post Office will be having a small business expo on September 18.

<u>Citizens Wishing to Appear before Council. (5 min per person)</u>

Mr. Jay James was stated that he wanted to come before council and commend the Darlington City Fire Department and first responders that fought the fire on the public square at the Jewelers Bench.

Dr. Cliff Wilson with Aesthetic Dentistry stated that the City had planted a Oak Tree on his property some years back and it had destroyed his lawn and irrigation system. He said that he wants to be compensated for his damages. Mr. Wilson was given a tort claim form and was told to complete it and return it to the City to be file with our insurance company.

Ms. Joyce Wingate, a Darlington City resident was present to discuss the recent demolition of her mother's house. She stressed that the procedures concerning demolition of condemned houses needed to be better.

Angela Johnson stated that it was her wishes that Council would pass the first reading on the rezoning of 203 Orange Street from R10 to GC. She stated that the front part of the lot that the CRC building is on is already zoned for GC and they would like the back part of it to be as well that sits on Orange Street.

Mr. Pew that lives at 207 Orange Street was present and gave out a petition to council with several signatures against the rezoning of 203 Orange Street.

<u>New Business</u>

A. First Reading on Ordinance 2021-13 Rezoning 203 Orange Street from R-10 to GC

Ms. Lisa Rock stated that the zoning committee approved and recommended the change but had left it up to council. After much

discussion, Mayor Boyd said that they needed to rethink it and readdress it at the next council meeting.

B. Resolution for CDBG Grant Application had been removed from ageanda.

C. Approval of contract for Mozingo & Wallace – Mr. Lee Andrews

Motioned by Councilman Gardner to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Reed. All were in favor.

D. Boards and Commission Appointments – Lisa Rock

Kyle Gainey for Williamson Park. Motioned by Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Reed. All were in favor.

Roosevelt Scott for Board of Zoning Appeal. Motioned by Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Baccus. All were in favor.

Michael McKibben for Board of Zoning Appeal. Motioned by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Nettles. All were in favor.

Vincenzo Monterosso for Board of Zoning Appeal. Motioned by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Reed. All were in favor.

F. West End Heritage Corporation – Ms. Peggy Sheffield

Ms. Sheffield wanted more money to help finish the West End Heritage Memorial. Motioned Councilwoman Reed to give the Corporation $2500, seconded by Councilman Nettles. All were in favor.

H. Request funds for Southern 500 Golf Tournament – Mr. Timmy Huntley

Mr. Huntley requested $7,500 from the city for the Southern 500 Golf Tournament. Motioned by Councilman Gardner to approve $2500, seconded by Councilman Nettles. All were in favor.

<u>Council Comments</u>

Councilwoman Reed had some grass cutting requests and reminded Council not to forget Ms. Joyce Wingate and her request.

Mayor Boyd thanked the Disability Farm on their grass cutting and Issac Fullard with the Street & Sanitation Department that waters the plants around the square.

Motioned by Councilman Milling to go into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Reed. All were in favor.

Motioned by Councilman Gardner to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilman Milling. All were in favor.

Motioned by Councilman Milling to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Nettles. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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