CITY OF DARLINGTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COURTROOM/COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT
400 PEARL STREET, DARLINGTON, SC
TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 2022 - AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager John Payne, Councilpersons Sheila Baccus, John Segars, Bryant Gardner, John Milling, Howard Nettles, and Elaine Reed. Also present was Mrs. Lisa Bailey, Police Chief Kelvin Washington, Codes Enforcement Officer Ms. Sheila Jones, W&S Superintendent Charles Shugart, Vondell Brockington, and several other water department workers, Street & Sanitation Superintendent Alex Gainey, Mr. Steve Abbott, Ms. Anna DeWitt, Carla Elvington, Judy Langley and a few members of the Pilot Club, Ms. Rosa Hudson, Ms. Ernestine Lyde, Ms. Gloria Hines, Mrs. McDowell, Ms. Jannie Lathan, Ms. Angela Johnson, and other visitors.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Prayer by Mayor Boyd followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, council meeting. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Milling said, "Since I wasn't here I don't know that I can vote".

Mr. Payne said, "Item F", Ms. Staci Richey is not going to be able to be here tonight. She had a conflict come up at the last moment so we're going to move her to next month. Mayor Boyd said, "We'll leave it as is and we'll just table it when we get there".

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
Upon motion of Councilman Bryant Gardner, seconded by Councilman Howard Nettles to approve the meeting agenda for tonight's meeting. Councilpersons Reed, Baccus, Milling, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
DARLINGTON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION – LISA BAILEY
Report for Council – August 2, 2022
Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association
Report for Council – August 2, 2022
Mrs. Lisa Bailey brought Ms. Teresa Lott along with her to the meeting. Mrs. Bailey said Ms. Lott is a member of their board and wanted to introduce her to Council so they can get to meet some of the other folks that are participating in the DDRA.

The DDRA continues their Bringing Downtown Alive! free summer concert series Saturdays on the Square presented by The City of Darlington. The Darlington Cruisers plan to continue their monthly car shows during the concerts, and we have a solid group of food trucks and other vendors scheduled to attend. Thanks to Pepsi, Fiber Industries, Belk Funeral Home, and Wilson Senior Care, and thank you to the community for supporting our efforts! The slate of bands continues with The Rick Strickland Band on August 13. The group features several artists from Darlington and has been recently honored by the Carolina Beach Music Academy with 13 nominations for 2022, including best male and female vocalist, songwriter, instrumentalist, song, group, and entertainer. Come see this talented group perform live downtown Saturday, August 13. Come early and bring a chair as RSB brings a crowd from North Carolina and Myrtle Beach with them! The DDRA continues our monthly Member Breakfasts at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, at Taki's Diner, 609 Pearl St. These meals are at no charge for members and a small $5 fee towards the meal for all others. The event, on the last Thursday of the month through October, allow our businesses to build connections and strengthen our local economy. We are also making plans to have a Halloween Decorating Contest for businesses with a top prize of $1,000! Businesses do not have to be on the Square or members of the DDRA to participate, although we would love to have them join! Businesses must register by October 15 to compete. The public will select the winners through an online survey during the last week of October, in preparation for the Scare on the Square – set for the FRIDAY before Halloween from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. You can download the registration form online at www.BuildUpDarlington.org/scare anytime. You can sign up to get this type of news directly to your phone by text or email at www.BuildUpDarlington.org/signup. We promote Darlington and its businesses on social media and through our News Alert System each week, and these alerts reach more than 2,700 people! Mayor Boyd asked Mrs. Bailey to tell the public about what DDRA does about the grants as far as the façade or anything structural. Mrs. Bailey said the DDRA since 2016 has had an improvement incentive grant available each year. Each year the board budgets a certain amount to distribute to local businesses and property owners to fix up the outside façade. She said they actually just approved three more grants today but so far their projects that the grants have been connected to have improved Darlington. It has been involved in $200,000 worth of improvements in town. It's a 50/50 grant, so it's a match up to $1,000.

GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Brook Sylvester was not present at the meeting

CITIZENS WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL (5 MINUTES PER PERSON 30 TOTAL MINUTES MAXIMUM)

*Disruptive behavior is not permitted

Mr. Jim Vernon said he is the General Manager at Darlington Country Club, and he is there representing them. Mr. Vernon said, "I understand I kind of got caught in between…..I was going to make a request for funds from the hospitality tax. In the past you've helped with the Southern 500 Tournament that we've held over the last, I believe this will be the 59th year in a row. He said we've had approximately 140 golfers come from all over the southeast (Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and even as far away as Florida). Mr. Vernon said, " You've been

kind enough to help us in the past and I understand that there is going to be voted on a new grant committee tonight". He said our tournament will be held on August 26th-28th so I wanted to go ahead and request funds of $5,000 for support of the Southern 500.

NEW BUSINESS

a)Darlington Pilot Club – Sweet Potato Festival – Krista Abbott, Club President

Ms. Angie Campbell past President of the Pilot Club read a letter that the Pilot Club President passed out to Mayor and Council (letter attached)

August 2,2022

Dear Honorable Mayor Curtis Boyd and members of the Darlington City Council:

It is with great excitement that we prepare for the 39th Annual South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival in Downtown Darlington! We are proud that our festival is the longest running festival in South Carolina! We appreciate your continued support of the South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival through the years. The resources and cooperation of Darlington's Street and Sanitation Department, Darlington Police Department, and the Darlington Recreation Department are truly appreciated, along with the donations provided by the City of Darlington. The Pilot Club of Darlington is a 501 (c) 3 organization, providing services and assistance for others in our local community. The funds raised from the SC Sweet Potato Festival are used to benefit those in our community. Pilots support the leadership development of youth through the Darlington Anchor Club, Caring for Families in Times of Need through our Pick-Me-Up Program, and Brain Safety and Fitness through our internationally award-winning program of Brain Minders, teaching children as well as adults how to protect their brain for life and supplying children with bike helmets as needed. The theme for this year's festival is "Helmets...A No-Brainer." We plan to partner with the Darlington Police Department so that officers can give out certificates for a treat to children they see wearing a helmet. Funds raised through the South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival are targeted to support various causes in our local community. Some of these include The Lord Cares, the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington, youth Scholarships, Safety Patrol Belts and Badges for local schools, flags for schools, Breast Cancer Awareness, Alzheimer's, Autism Awareness, The Heart Association, Christmas Gifts for Needy Children, the Kid's Closet, Camp Burnt Gin (a camp for children with medical challenges), and sponsorship of Project Lifesaver (a program to locate persons with Alzheimer's, Autism, and Down Syndrome who tend to wander). With the rising costs of supplies and advertisement for the festival, we respectfully request a donation of $5,000 to support the festival. Why? According to the Morning News, we bring over 20,000 people to the city of Darlington during this one-day festival. We feel that the Pilot Club of Darlington promotes tourism and enhances the economy in Darlington by sponsoring this event. Many local businesses benefit from having visitors to our beautiful city of Darlington. We have vendors from SC, NC, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Florida who travel to participate in our festival. The Pilot Club of Darlington invests funds on advertising the SC Sweet Potato Festival to encourage the crowd of 20,000 or more to attend this event ln downtown Darlington.

We ask your assistance in helping us to make this event one in which we can truly give back to our community.

Thank you kindly for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Krista Abbott, President
Pilot Club of Darlington

Councilwoman Reed asked, “Are we expected to answer this prior to the grants committee”? Councilman Gardner said, “Yes, I think the understanding is that this happened…the event is going to take place before they meet”. Ms. Campbell said, “We understand that there’s going to be a new process going and in the future we will follow the new process but if we waited for that to start this time then we miss the Sweet Potato Festival”. Councilwoman Reed asked, “When is the festival and Ms. Campbell said October 8th.” Councilwoman Reed asked, the grants committee is not going to meet before October”? Mr. Payne said, “You’re going to vote on the names tonight; after that I will constitute the group. They will get together; they will have to set their own meetings. This could go into August or early September; we just don’t know if there will be enough time to do it. After they make their recommendations they will bring you their decisions and then council will ultimately make decisions on what to fund. Councilman Milling said, “We have not yet set a dollar amount for funding. Mr. Payne said, “No sir, we haven’t done that either. This is kind of catching us in between the two. Mr. Payne said, “I knew that they were coming, I didn’t realize about the golf tournament. Ms. Campbell said, “We don’t have an answer tonight we just wanted to present to you since ya’ll were having a change of process. We wanted to be sure to get on the docket for us and to know going forward we will participate in the guidelines set forth by the new committee. Mayor Boyd said, “We don’t think anybody has a problem with helping because you’re all a part of Darlington but if you have it and it does delay (and let’s say you get the money in November) if it’s approved…..Ms. Campbell said, “A commitment is a commitment”. Mayor Boyd said even though yours and the golf tournament may be passed it still could be set and presented to the committee. Ms. Campbell said, “Depending on a commitment from the committee would also depend on for advertising because we do put our sponsors on the advertisement and that level is one that would be advertised as sponsored by the City of Darlington. Mayor Boyd said, “I would think by then the committee should be able to get together. Councilman Milling said, “One of the things we’ve got that puts us in a quandary is deciding what’s going to be the funding period so that we have people who are coming with fall events this year who are needing funding and they’ll be coming back next year (say we do it in January or February) and they’ll be needing funding for the fall year. So, we’re going to have this year it seems like we’re going to have to have some overlap where we fund some things prior to being able to set a dollar amount and prior to being able to set out the process. Councilman Milling said, “So if the Darlington Country Club or the Southern 500 that takes place at the end of the month, this takes place the first of October….Mayor Boyd said, “They could approve them now and then you just have to work with the committee. But again, the committee could meet again in January of next year and go ahead and start pre-approving people for the following year”. Ms. Campbell said if the guidelines say that this is the deadline for 2023 then we will apply by then”. Councilwoman Reed said, “It still seems like we are doing…we are going this route. Because we’ve been talking about this committee now for

quite a while. I just feel like we should wait and follow the process that we have put into motion and not complicate the situation. (Mayor & Councilwoman Reed speaking at the same time) Mayor Boyd said if the committee approves the Sweet Potato Festival, and they wait again until next year then you'll always be behind the eight ball whereas they may need to start doing it in January or February after this year. Mr. Payne said, "It's just because this year since we're starting there's some overlap. Ms. Campbell thanked council for their time and consideration. Councilman Gardner asked, "So are they going to get approved for two years then"? Mayor Boyd said, "The committee will meet in September. They will approve people for this year then they will meet again, just say, in January they will approve people for the….everybody would come back and be approved the following year". Councilman Milling said, "We're going to have a problem with functions that place in October…August, September & October because even the timing to put the word out that you've got to apply by such and such a date there won't be enough time between the notice to apply, the meeting, us meeting to approve the request and then funding the request before those entities that are needing our funding in August, September and October will have a chance to get funding this year if we don't vary a little bit from the new process for the balance of 2022 to take care of the 2022 second half request". Mr. Payne said, "And you still have that option". Councilwoman Reed chimed in, "I truly appreciate the comment, but when we set something, let's just follow it. My thing is….because we've been talking about this grant thing for a long time… Councilman Milling said, "Oh I agree". Councilwoman Reed went on to say, so I just say now we might be delayed in putting it together, but we can speed the process up by saying the committee needs….(Councilwoman Reed & Councilman Milling talking at the same time) Councilwoman Reed said, "Because of the things that you're voicing here now the committee needs it now. They know that they are going to serve, what it's all about…that we say that you need to meet by September at least. This is the top of August. In August you meet and then go on. Mayor Boyd said then for the 2023 year they need to meet in January or February. Councilwoman Reed said, "I don't want us to get to begin to look like we're favoring one organization over another". Councilman Milling said, "I don't either. I just raised the issue that there may be some people who do not get funded this year because of…..Councilwoman Reed said, "But they will. You know they will. Councilman Milling started by saying, "If we meet in a timely manner…Councilwoman Reed interrupted and said, and that's the committee. If we say that you need to meet so that that won't happen since that is a concern. Councilman Milling interrupted and asked, "Are we looking to have the committee make recommendations in September"? Mr. Payne said, "My goal Mr. Milling is, when you vote on these names this week, I'll contact them and I will get them to meet just as soon as possible this month and then they're going to have their own rules, their guidelines, their officers, and everything else and then they're going to have to meet again, but we can get that done by September". Councilman Gardner said, "Well, they're gonna meet this month without any notice to the public to apply…Mr. Payne said, "I assume they were going to meet to establish their rules, their protocols, their officers. They will have an initial public meeting". Mr. Payne said, "And then they'll set the dates that they want to open it. We'll put the information in the paper, on our website and every other avenue that we can, and we'll give applicants time (he has an application already created) and we'll send that out and hopefully in September (I'm not going to give you a definite time because I don't know yet) they can come back. Mr. Payne said we'll have that meeting, and they will make a recommendation to Council, and you will vote

the way you vote. Mr. Payne said, “But before you get to that point, and we’ll have to discuss this later, you’re going to have to determine how much money you want to put up for that year. Councilwoman Baccus said, “And if necessary they can have more than one meeting in one month to get done what needs to be done”. Mayor Boyd said, “Again, this first time the two of you are, for example, may be in a catch 22. You may get the money after the eight ball, but then my suggestion would be that they go ahead and meet, and they may have to meet three times. It may be November once they get the word out for everybody to come in and get your money, get your application in and they go through the applications. But then they need to go ahead do it again early next year. If they do it in January, February, or March of next year then everybody ahead of the time can go ahead and get your applications in early then we won’t have that issue next time”. Mr. Payne said, “So what I would recommend tonight is the two entities that have come before you, I would advise, and we will make sure that everyone knows when the applications will be accepted. I would offer to them to make application at that point”. Mr. Payne said, “Like you said, it may be after their event, but if they are awarded they will take the money.

MASC CONFERENCE WRAP UP - JOHN SEGARS MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilman John Segars said the theme for their recent MASC Annual Meeting in Charleston was Civility in Government. Yes, and we have experienced this or a lack thereof on a national level as well as here on a local level. This council has been to several training sessions over the years on the proper manner a meeting is to be conducted. We have a moderator, who is the mayor, who presides over the meetings and conducts the agenda in an orderly fashion. When I was first sworn into council in January 1998 our meetings were conducted in a professional and orderly fashion. Seven members of council did not always agree, but we disagreed politely with respect and dignity. Today’s council lacks…(inaudible). There are constant outbursts, one will talk over another not allowing the first person to finish his or her statement. The mayor has trouble controlling the meetings because of elevated voices and not allowing control. There has been some name-calling which is disrespectful and yes, some has been threatened. The discord this council is displaying is hurting the very people we are trying to help. Our meetings are viewed online by many people, organizations, and other government entities. Industries and retail businesses are looking for new locations, but they will look elsewhere and not locate here because of the disruptive nature by this council. These companies not only look at our educational system, but they also look at the local government. The compatibility, the ability to work together as well as the ability to work with them because of this lack of professionalism these companies will locate elsewhere. Another disturbing message I received is another governmental entity has produced a training film from our meetings on how not to conduct a council meeting. This is something we should not be proud of. In closing, I ask all council members to act in a professional, civilized, and respectful manner and allow our mayor to conduct orderly and productive meetings. Our citizens will then be proud of these meetings and our council members.

GRANTS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - JOHN PAYNE, CITY MANAGER

Mr. Payne said, “As we discussed last month, council by resolution established a new grants committee that will take city funds either through H-Tax or appropriated funds from the past and

disburse them to eligible entities throughout the city. Mr. Payne said, each one of you have given me a person's name that you wish to be appointed.
Howard Nettles appoints Flori Cavanaugh; Mr. Milling appoints Dean Sigmon; Mr. Segars appoints Mike Sprott; Mr. Gardner appoints Dr. Andy Cohen; Ms. Reed appoints James Cooper, III; Mayor Boyd appoints Rujon Williams; Ms. Baccus appoints Gloria Hines. **Councilman John Milling made a motion that we approve these individuals that have been nominated by each council member constitute the grants committee for the City of Darlington. Councilman Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Reed, Gardner, Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd approved the motion.**

WWTP OPERATIONS UPGRADE - CHARLES SHUGART, WATER & SEWER DIRECTOR

Mr. Shugart said, I'm up here a little prematurely about this. We hoped to tell you tonight that this project was completed, but this is one that you all approved last December to be completed at the wastewater treatment plant by North American Construction Company. Mr. Shugart said once every two years we have to backwash our filters that use our carrier water. We use part of our effluent going through our wastewater treatment plant to carry chlorine back to the head of the chlorine contact chamber to disinfect the wastewater going to Black Creek. They have to do that every two years and it costs about $7,000 apiece. He said we have identified an upgrade and moving the pumps that carry that water from the beginning of the chlorine contact chamber to the end of the chlorine contact chamber and that will allow us to wash each side of the chlorine contact chamber and use those pumps to clean out the sludge that settles in there and it should increase efficiency by a huge amount. Mr. Shugart said, "We expect five years now on those filters instead of two and I wanted to come here and tell you that the project was completed when we had everything in place, but we found out we got other parts that we needed---we didn't get right, and it might be another 30 days out. Mr. Payne said, "This is just for informational purposes. He said this was such a large project, an important project for the city and we just wanted to make you aware of it". Councilwoman Baccus said, "I have a question for the water department. Last council meeting I asked this question, and I didn't get an answer so I'm going to ask again. We raised the water bill on citizens at the budget during our budget session and my question then was how much money did the water department profit from the 40% increase last year? So, I'm asking that question again". Mr. Shugart restated the question, "How much the water department profited. We're not in the business of profiting… We haven't….Mr. Payne said, "We just finished our fiscal year on June 30th. The auditors have not given us that information". Councilwoman Baccus said, '"We tally our income every month (income and expenses) so you're saying you don't have any idea if you made money or lost money last year"? Mr. Payne said, "No I'm saying there's matters including depreciation and journal entries that will need to be made by professional auditors that we are not going to do here in City Hall. That's a part of our overall audit and we just can't give that information yet because we don't know it. We don't know what the auditors are going to require". Mr. Payne said, "That will come out and it will be in our final audit". Mayor Boyd asked, "When do they finish the audit"? Mr. Payne said, "It will generally be done around October or November".

1ST READING ZONING REQUEST, 203 ORANGE STREET, LISA BAILEY, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Bailey said the property owners at 203 Orange Street (the CRC property from Orange Street, Pearl Street along Dargan Street) is zoned in two different sections. Part of it is zoned as General Commercial (GC) and part of it is zoned R-10 which is Low Density Residential which is the most stringent, most restricted zoning district and the least restricted zoning district. Mrs. Bailey said the property owners have requested that the back section of the parcel that is currently R-10 be reclassified as OR office and residential to allow them to cut part of the property off to sell to fund the CRC. The proposed potential uses would be compatible with the CRC and its mission. We can't discuss specifics because they don't have all of the details worked out without having the plat redrawn and they can't redraw the plat until we rezone it. The current designation is R-10, and the front is General Commercial (GC) as is most of Pearl Street. Mrs. Bailey said these are two opposite ends of the zoning district spectrum. The most restrictive and the least restrictive right next to each other. She said this is not typically what you do. You typically have something as a buffer zone between those two. The owners made the request to change the entire property to General Commercial last year. The Planning Commission approved that request and then council denied it last year. She said the owners have waited the requisite twelve months to reapply and have made a request to change the back portion to office and residential (OR) instead of General Commercial (GC) which is much stricter in terms of use. Mrs. Bailey said this was brought to the Planning Commission and after more than two hours of debate the Planning Commission could not agree on a recommendation. However, per section 10-2 of the city's zoning ordinance the request shall be deemed approved if they fail to reach a decision and then it is presented to you. Staff is recommending that the council approve this change request. It is a compromise solution between switching it from R-10 to GC, which is very drastic, and a very reasonable request based on the discussion and debate from last year. Mayor Boyd asked, "So if it's office residential they can put like a tax office or some of that nature"? Mrs. Bailey said, "Which there are tax offices and that sort of thing. The AT&T building is down that road. Edward Jones is on Orange Street". Mayor Boyd asked what will not be allowed there? Mrs. Bailey said, "You couldn't put a gas station there; you couldn't put a Dollar General—those types of things". Councilman Nettles asked if there is a square footage minimum or maximum they could put there. Mrs. Bailey said, "Yes, that's on all of our zoning districts". She said that's why they need to change the zoning district so they can divide it and keep the CRC extending from Orange Street to Pearl Street and the sale of the small piece of property will allow them to renovate the entire building. Councilman Nettles asked if they have a buyer for the small piece of property. Mrs. Bailey said they have several interested parties but with many economic development and legal issues you can't really disclose those. Councilman Nettles said, "I remember the last time we asked over and over what they wanted to do, and it was repeatedly said we don't know or we're not sure yet so I'm just trying to figure out what they think they might do with it". Mrs. Bailey said, "It is an office type use". She said it is appropriate for an office and residential use. Ms. Angela Johnson spoke up and told Councilman Nettles if he would review the information in his packet that they provided the Planning Commission it touches upon the reasons for their inability to offer you details. Councilman Nettles said, "So what you're saying basically is still no details. No real details because you don't know, is that what you're saying? Councilman Nettles said, "I didn't see anything, that's why I'm asking". Mrs. Bailey said, "It should have been in your packet and if it's not, my apologies". She said it details

it in more clearer terms, but this was based on our discussion. Mrs. Bailey said the concerns that were brought by the neighborhood last year that caused the council to deny the request seem to be that they were concerned about it being heavy traffic and a heavy retail type use. Office and residential kind of eliminates that problem of the increased traffic that you might see at a Dollar General or a Walmart versus a doctor's office. Of course, there are other financial offices in that area-Andrews & Bryant, CPAs in that area and you've got Edwards & Jones. Councilman Gardner said, "That's not really in that area". Councilman Segars asked if they are intending to rezone the whole frontage part of Orange Street"? Mrs. Bailey said, "Yes Sir. They are unable to carve off a piece of the property based on our zoning ordinance without rezoning it". Obviously they would want some use that is compatible because they still want the CRC to function as a community entity for children so they actually like the office and residential designation. She said it seems like a very reasonable request to create a buffer zone. She said the Planning Commission spent more than two hours in the discussion and couldn't come up with an answer. Councilman Nettles wanted to know how many people were present for that meeting. Mrs. Bailey said four. Councilman Nettles asked how many are on the committee? Councilwoman Reed said, "I just don't understand why there is such a problem because if it remains that we do not act to help them in this situation it's going to stay in an area where they could do anything they want because of how it's zoned right now". Mrs. Bailey said, I think the request is very reasonable. Mayor Boyd asked, "The way it's zoned right now you can only put a house on it, correct"? Mrs. Bailey said, "Pretty much". Councilman Nettles asked Lisa what the difference between office/residential and mixed commercial. Mrs. Bailey said, "Mixed commercial is not a zoning district in our ordinance ". Ms. Angela Johnson said I think when we used that term we were using it to describe office/residential, but office/residential is the goal. Councilman Milling said, "Lisa this is just a definition in our codes of office/residential if it would be of any help. Mrs. Lisa Bailey said I feel it's a very reasonable request and a good compromise from going general commercial and it does create a buffer area that is currently not existing, and I don't know why they wouldn't have put it there to start with. Mrs. Bailey said the zoning ordinance says specifically about office and residential district. The OR district is intended to accommodate office, institutional and residential uses in areas whose character is mixed or in transition. It is designed principally for use along major streets and subdivision borders characterized by older houses to help ameliorate the consequences of change impacting theses areas and provide a transitional buffer between potentially incompatible commercial and residential development, which is exactly what we need. Councilwoman Baccus said, " I don't see what the problem is". Councilwoman Reed
made a motion to approve the First Reading Zoning request for 203 Orange Street. Councilwoman Baccus seconded the motion. Councilman Milling said, "I hate it, but just as I had involvement and didn't vote last year in the matter, I'm going to recuse myself on this one. He said he's represented the family and they are great people. I met with them in my office on several occasions about CRC and the work that their momma had done". Councilman Gardner said, "If the property was on Pearl Street I'd see no issue with it. It's surrounded by houses where it sits on the back. I'm going to vote in favor of it this time, but I want a little bit more understanding in the future. Councilman Gardner said I just don't know how we're going to go about zoning our city in the future without understanding what it's actually going to be placed on the property thus while we're rezoning historical neighborhoods. When this was Oak Street we

were very clear that we wanted to preserve our historical neighborhoods. When its Orange Street it may be not so clear and I'm not sure why that is. Councilman Gardner said, "I'll vote in favor of it for first reading but want a lot more further discussion and a little more education over the next month. Councilwoman Baccus said, "I think a two-story building is going on Oak Street, right? Is that residential? That's a commercial building on Oak Street. A two-story commercial building. How is that preserving the historic district"? Councilman Gardner said, "I think if you remember correctly we voted that down previously; fought pretty hard against it and I think through some legal loopholes it was done differently". Councilman Gardner asked, "Am I wrong"? Councilwoman Baccus said "Either way the building is going up". Mayor Boyd asked Councilman Gardner if he vote yes, and he affirmed. Councilman Segars voted "No". He said if the commission couldn't come up with a solution, I can't vote for it. Mayor Boyd said I'll vote yes again for tonight but with further discussion. Councilman Nettles said since it's first reading, he will vote yes. Councilpersons Reed, Baccus, Gardner and Mayor Boyd voted for the motion. Councilman Milling recused himself and Councilman Segars voted no.

SE DARLINGTON ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FINAL REPORT – STACI RICHEY, ACCESS PRESERVATION

Tabled until next meeting,

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Council may need to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a legal matter involving the procurement of city services. It may or may not act following Executive Session.

Mayor Boyd said there will be no executive session for tonight.

REMINDER

Tuesday September 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM – Regular Monthly Meeting of Darlington City Council.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Nettles, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Councilpersons Reed, Baccus, Milling, Segars and Mayor Boyd approved the motion.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Treasurer