CITY OF DARLINGTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COURTROOM/COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT
400 PEARL STREET, DARLINGTON, SC
TUESDAY JUNE 6, 2023 - AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager John Payne, Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine Reed, & Sheila Baccus. Also present was Codes Enforcement Officer Ms. Sheila Jones, St. & Sanitation Superintendent Alex Gainey, Police Chief Jimmy Davis, Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh, Mr. Steve Abbott, Ms. Jannie Lathan, City Planner Ms. Merry Morgan Smith, Superintendent, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Ms. Rosa Hudson, Mrs. Lisa Bailey, Mr. Linwood Epps, W&S Superintendent Charles Shugart, Mr. Roosevelt Scott, Mr. James Jett, Mr. Charlie Benton with Asset Technology Group and other visitors. Also present was a representative from the News & Press.

Councilpersons Bryant Gardner & Howard Nettles were not present at the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 2, 2023
Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 2, 2023. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 23, 2023
Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 23, 2023, Council Meeting. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA FOR June 6, 2023
Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve the meeting agenda for tonight's meeting June 6, 2023. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL (5 MINUTES PER PERSON, 30 TOTAL MINUTES MAXIMUM)
***Neither personal attacks nor disruptive behavior are permitted**

Shawn Odom said before he gets into his discussion he wanted to thank City Councilwoman Baccus, city councilwoman Reed, Madam Mayor and Ms. Lathan for always having his support when he comes up to speak. Mr. Odom said, "When council spends millions of dollars building up a water park and buying up some houses why council can't spend that money in south

Darlington getting some of the roads repaired. You can't call the people who you're supposed to call because they never pick up. And when you've got department heads leaning over threatening council people…..Mr. Mayor you should have called up the chief, had him arrested and put him in one of those holding cells back there because I knew if it was you, you would have wanted the mayor to call him on in".

Pastor Corey Milling said the thing I want to bring to your attention is the different things that was happening to the church at 90 Public Square. Pastor Milling said three of the units were taken off the top of the building. He said they had four units on top of the building but now they have one. He said the only reason why he knows that is he sent someone up there to move something and they came and got him and said three of the units were gone. Pastor Milling said when he got up there he saw the wires hanging out of one section where it was, and I had to pay an electrician to come and cap those wires off. He said now things are happening to the water. He said those water lines are cast iron lines, so those lines just don't break, but all of a sudden the one a short distance from the back of the building, something was covering it up and all of a sudden water was shooting out of it and the water department had to come and piece that cast iron back together. He said the only way that could have broken is someone had to go near it for that particular thing to happen. Pastor Milling said, "So far, I don't know why certain things are starting to go on. Normally things didn't go on, but now they are starting to bother the ministry and the church and things like that. He said the only thing we do is do work in the community and I don't charge anyone for coming to use the building, they can use our building for free. Pastor Milling said, "I did talk to the Chief about it, and he got on me because I didn't bring it to him soon enough. He said I just wanted to bring that to your attention. He said these water problems just started happening. Someone drove right under the water spigot the first time and then water came up. The second time (this just happened last week) and so this was the second problem and so I don't know what's going on. I do have cameras in the front, but I don't have anything in the back and now I am getting ready to install some cameras in the back of the church, but I still can't install something to catch someone going on top of the roof. He said for us to get on the roof, we've got a twenty-foot (20') ladder to get on top of the first part and then you've got to have a six-foot (6') ladder to get on top of the second part and then you have to have another six-foot (6') ladder to get on the third part. Mayor Boyd asked, "And the whole unit is gone"? Pastor Milling said, "Three whole units are gone. It takes five units to keep the church cool and warm and now three are gone. He said right now they are operating off of two units and that's why they are having church early in the morning when it's cool. Councilwoman Baccus asked, "So in order to…if you had to have those units reinstalled it would take a company with a crane to actually move those units on top"? Pastor Milling said, "Yes ma'am". Councilwoman Baccus said, "So it probably took something in that area to take them down off that building"? Pastor Milling said, "Yes". Mayor Boyd said, "Unless they took them down in pieces". Pastor Milling said I wanted to bring that to the table and let you all know about those particular things that's starting to go on. It has never happened before and now it's happening. Councilwoman Baccus asked Pastor Milling for his phone number and told him she would give him a call.

NEW BUSINESS

WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY – DAVID WHITE AND WILLIE MORGAN, SERCAP

Mr. Payne said, “We hear every month about the condition of our infrastructure, and we also hear every month people complaining about the cost and everything associated with it, so Mr. Shugart and I initiated a rate study to determine if what we are charging is adequate enough and what these gentlemen are going to do is present their findings. Mr. David White said, “As you all know, water and sewer systems are very complicated and it’s very, very expensive and the revenues that are coming in are not sufficient enough to sustain your water and sewer system. Your infrastructure is in disrepair and it’s in constant disrepair and it’s going to always be in disrepair unless it’s completely replaced, which is not going to happen. He said the public works department is doing the best they can to get these things fixed but it takes a lot of money to get these things fixed. Eventually somehow this has to be paid for in order to have the convenience to walk up to your sink, or your toilet and flush it or turn your sink on or take a shower just the simple necessities of life that you need to have water and wastewater.

So, what we did is, we had the financial audits and that is where those numbers come from your water and wastewater is all combined, so we lumped them all together. The water company Combined sewer company is not making...well actually ….. The water and sewer company never makes a dime and any revenue that actually comes in is back out the door the next day. The reserves that you have within your reserve fund are just not adequate enough to sustain the water and sewer system. He said the numbers for the rate study and the files, and the spreadsheets have all been presented to Mr. Shugart and Mr. Payne. Mr. White said, “You’ve been operating at a net loss for 2020, 2021, and 2022 and those are the numbers I can only calculate because 2023 is not over yet so we go by the end of the year financials on a calendar year and not a fiscal year because your rates and billing rates are on a 12-month basis, right? Whoever pays it, pays it and whoever doesn’t and whoever doesn’t and that’s an…..(*inaudible*) Percentile. So, you are constantly losing money and they are trying to keep up with the system itself, but it’s just not enough. They get ahead of the game by a day or two and then tonight or tomorrow you get a massive water main break that shuts half the town down…..so major investments need to happen whether it be grants, loans or an increase in rates. An increase in rates would need to be substantial. You are losing more money than you’re spending and you’re at a 29% deficit right now as of 2022 which equates to on a financial forecast, if you keep going along the way you’re going by the end of 2023, as of right now we need an additional $749,5944…that’s a break-even number. That’s not making any profit. The town’s water system doesn’t make profit off of what it is constantly re-investing back into the system. Mr. White said I’m sure all of the people in here have problems with the water and wastewater system so this has to be addressed he said I know you guys have applied for grants; you have CDBG money coming in; you’ve got RIA money that came in, you’ve got ARP funds that came in and some of it back into the system as much as it could, but you have other things that need to be funded as well. Mr. White said, “But you have to go back to the quality of life and sustainability for the community as a whole. He said without a decent water and sewer system that is not going to happen. Mr. White said if I wanted to buy a home in this town or establish a business in this town, the first thing I’m going to look at is the utilities. What is the electric rate? Can I have clean freshwater to drink from and bathe in and can I supply that to my customers? The question is right now, is it’s very iffy. There’s not a whole lot there to see and it’s at no fault of the public works that are running the system. The guys out in the field….there’s nothing they can do about

it because the system has aged out and that goes along with every other system everywhere throughout the United States and the world. Mr. White said the cost to keep up with the system …. as a quick example and this comes from Lee County, they got a quote for a water main in 2015 and the price was $474,000 and seven years later that same exact quote for the same exact materials is up to almost $1 million dollars and this is going to continue to happen. The prices of water and sewer are going to have to go up because the price of materials and labor are going up on a daily basis and they fluctuate greatly. Councilwoman Reed said, as an elected official when I got comparisons from neighboring cities, I don't seem to get the same ….. They all have problems, but not at the extent of the massiveness of what we're experiencing in Darlington so I'm trying to get a handle on how other cities are being able to function without such extravagant rate changes on the residents. And it seems very right …. I mean close to it so I don't understand for here … it is we are in such dire need and when I do hear from our water and sewer director that he's been able to secure a lot of grants or monies coming in and still in this kind of shape. Mr. White said, it's a never-ending battle and it's with every other system too. The differences between systems vary greatly; the age of the system, the maintenance of the system, who was taking care of the system prior to the people that are taking care of it now. Were they doing the right thing, were they maintaining the pumps, were they maintaining the chemicals, were they doing a leak protection program, were they out there reading meters properly. Mr. White said that's a huge task, and it varies from town to town on how the infrastructure is taken care of, and what's in the ground he said, some of these other neighborhoods, towns, communities, and cities have some pvc in the ground. On the sewer side, it's clay pipe and it's completely degraded, and it's completely infested with roots. On the water side we've got a lot of steel pipes which are degrading also. Councilwoman Reed said, I always ask … I always have this in mind, but I never get a ….. like you have been able to identify what has caused this and how it has come about those who are in the position to correct it or manage all of this I would like to see what would it take to get it in order put it on paper don't say we can do it but show us what would it cost? Just give us something to work with because as it comes in increments here and increments there it is just so exasperating as an elected official to be able to explain to our residents. Councilwoman Reed said, I cannot get a handle on ….. what is it going to take to, how long, but if we're working on something that will correct it … Mr. White is trying to talk but Councilwoman Reed continues to talk over him. Mr. White said, if you want to look at the overall scheme of things, the cost, how would you go about doing that? How would you bring somebody in and evaluate your entire system and say this is what we need done …. That would be an engineering firm that specializes in hydraulic models. He said if want to get involved in hydraulic modeling and model this entire system you were talking several million dollars just to do a study. Mr. White said, "The only way to really get a total grasp and a total … completely repair or rebuild your collection system with distribution system would have to be hydraulic remodeling which is way beyond … It's hard to comprehend the details that go into a study like that and how many years it would take to get a study like that done. It's basically calling an engineer and putting him on your staff and saying this is your job for the next five years. Tell me how to model this system. Councilwoman Reed said, it seems like if we don't do that and don't continue to have this study, it's breaking out on that side and we're just patching…not patching but I don't see that we're correcting this but if we're not correcting this in line with next year … Mr. White said, "That is what would have to be done. Is

that feasible? Not really unless you've got some major influx of funds from somewhere to replace your entire water and wastewater system and keep it in operation at the same, this town will be in turmoil. He said at the same time you are still going to have your primary agency (DHEC) to come do inspections on a pretty regular basis. Mr. White explained the procedure that DHEC goes through once a violation is found and the penalties for not being in compliance. He said what could literally happen if you can't keep up with those fines, and keep paying that out-of-pocket, and shifting money from your general fund to reserve fund and bouncing money around and can't keep up with it, things can get really serious and DHEC can actually fine you up to $10,000 per day, this is the worst-case scenario. He said look at Timmonsville, they went into an administrative order. That's when EPA sets the rules for DHEC, and they come in and take that system away. Now all of the revenue that's coming in from your water, it is just gone. If you don't have a collective water system and you're not making any money off of it to put back into it, the City of Darlington will cease to exist. Mayor Boyd said, "We're at a point that our pipes ….and I agree with Elaine, before I became mayor I used to always think, if they are getting ready to pave that road why didn't they just go ahead and fix all of the lines down that road. He said the City of Darlington doesn't have that kind of money to go and even test to see if they are all bad or not". Mayor Boyd said, "We're in a bandage point at this moment. I tell people we've adopted something … This council has adopted this city and knowing that it's falling apart everywhere you look, and the water department is trying their best to go out and has brought in a lot more grants than in prior times past so a lot of stuff is getting fixed but we're at a point that and to let the citizens know we're not going to go up this year's water bill. Even if we quadruple everybody's water bill this month and from here out, it still is not going to fix everything in here so we can't do everybody that way". He said lots of towns are having problems because of these pipes …. We found a pipe the other day that wasn't on the map and it's a tar type pipe (paper). We're at a point where we know it's got to go up. We've got to gradually go up on people as we go up so we don't kill everybody but I would say that my point of view is we have to diligently fight to get as many grants to go out to take care of it so therefore we now have money that we have set to the side from ARP money that we're trying to hold onto to make match money so that when we get grants we'll have the money to match it". Mr. White said, trying to strive to be a proactive community and aiming to progress your water and sewer system is a wonderful thing but it's a very difficult thing. He said that's where your capital improvement plan comes in; your 5-year plan, your 10-year plan and what you can do is set a rate structure and distribute it over several years so the people know what's coming. So instead of jacking, the rates tomorrow an extra 75%, which is pretty much what you need right now, you distribute it throughout the years to come and you take that little bit of influx that you have coming in and put it back in your general reserve and then from your general reserve you can transfer it to your capital investments. Mayor Boyd said, as you said a moment ago, a lot of the stuff that was happening before according to Mr. Shugart, a lot of the lift stations were all different lift stations with different parts compared to having the same type of part to be able to conserve and save money and things weren't being repaired and replaced as well as they should be in the past. Mr. White said, "That brings up another concern years ago the warehouses had this stuff on the shelf. When you're dealing with water and wastewater systems you can't just run down to Lowe's or Ace Hardware or whomever, you have to go to a supply house and there's just no stock on the shelves anymore. So now you've got this pump that's

down. Water is not coming out; the sewer is not being pumped. Now they have to order it but then it could be six to eight months down the road. So, then you've got to do is go run a bypass pump and start bypassing that sewer somewhere which is another huge expenditure. Mayor Boyd said, "Right now my understanding is he is going to try to get all of the pumps the same so therefore we don't have to have all these different types of parts on the shelf so when something does break it's the same pump". Mr. White said Mr. Payne and Mr. Shugart have the documentation with all of the financials on it showing them what has happened. He said they can decide, or you can decide or whomever can decide on how they go about doing that. How to start bringing some money in other than grants and loans. Mr. Willie Morgan said your current staff appear to be doing an excellent job in terms of seeking out funding opportunities and now is a good time to continue that. He said staff really need your continued support and encouragement to push for seeking out those funding opportunities that are available. Mr. White said, your whole water and sewer department really needs your support. You've got to get onboard. Whether you are or not I don't know, I'm not familiar. Mr. White said, "I have no skin in the game. I don't know Mr. Payne. I don't know Mr. Shugart and I intentionally did that because I wanted to look at the numbers and numbers only. He said if you want SERCAP to come and assist, which we are now, we have been working with Mr. Shugart about every day. He said we have mapping, we have a GIS team, we have a lot to offer. He said they are a completely nonprofit organization. Everything we do is completely free. He said we can get together again by email, by zoom; we can come back out here and give you another presentation of what we can offer.

BID REPAIRS TO 410 PEARL STREET, SHEILA JONES, CODES ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Payne said I asked Sheila to put this out for bids. He said the city has got a wonderful asset there that's just decaying, and we would like to renovate it and be able to use it again. If you'll remember a year or two ago you had the opportunity to sell it and you decided not to and if the city is going to keep it the city needs to repair it or it's just going to deteriorate just like the water and sewer system. Ms. Sheila Jones said, I was tasked with finding out what it would take to get 410 Pearl St., so that we could move back into it. We had a property inspection report and based on that information we bid out - ran in the News & Press two weeks (accepted bids from May 3rd - May 17th). We received some interest, but we only received one bid from Scott's construction company. She told council they received the scope of work in their packet which outlines items #1 Building repairs and replacement; #2 Electrical – qualified electrician make all needed repairs to items listed in the building inspection report; #3 Plumbing – leaking urinal to include repair/replace, should that be needed; #4 Mechanical HVAC duct work, replace any missing insulation on existing duct work and make sure all connections are properly sealed; #5 Painting – wash/sand exterior of building and repaint the entire exterior of the building. Make any needed repairs to drywall on the interior of the building; sand & prep all walls, trim, and repaint the entire interior of the building using existing colors; #6 Fire Protection – Install exit signs, service existing fire extinguishers and install new battery-operated smoke detectors where wiring is not currently provided. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to accept the bid of $84,045 which was received from Scott's Construction Company. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.**

1ST READING ORDINANCE 2023-07, AMENDMENT TO FAILURE TO COMPLY 70-10, SHEILA JONES, CODES ENFORCEMENT

Sheila said, “Back in 2018 we came up with the habitual offender penalty because as a department we sent out 360 violations in a 24-month period. A lot of it was overgrown properties so we came up with this habitual offender ordinance that said if in 12 months we send you one letter in the same calendar year we have to send you a second letter you’ll get a habitual offender penalty. You’ll get a citation, and you’ll have to come to court, and it could be up to $500. Since that time, in the last 12 months, we have sent out 306 letters. They have gotten pretty smart about it. We send out a letter and then we don’t have to send out another letter necessarily for that property (unkempt properties). We have an accumulation of refuse and trash everywhere. We have cars. We have furniture that’s out and we have all of these other things. We still have overgrown properties, but we have everything else that’s in section 70 (solid waste) that people are putting on the street, in their yard so we would like to amend the original habitual penalty to not just be for overgrown properties but be for all of solid waste for that entire section. So, we want to amend the failure to comply 70-10 that it’s still the first offense is a letter but instead of one calendar year, it will be one property owner. If you own that property and we sent you a letter and we have to send you another letter you can get the habitual offender penalty and you’ll have to come to court. A citation will be issued, and you’ll have to come to court, and you can talk to the judge about why you don’t want to clean up the property or what’s preventing you and you’ll pay a fine”. Councilwoman Baccus asked, “Are we referring to …. when you said furniture, are you saying the furniture is on this piece of property or it’s furniture that’s put on the street to be picked up”? Sheila said, “Furniture that’s on the property and furniture that’s on the street that is not picked up by the city because we have a lot of people that put setouts out ….. they will evict people and they will set it out and that’s not the city’s responsibility to pick it up”. She said, So, when they don’t want to pick it up and we send a letter …. We already have in our ordinance that if they don’t comply we can issue a citation for it. It’s already an option for one offense, but we’re saying for people that are continuously putting it out. Sheila said in her department they call it a Sanford & Son yard. They have trash everywhere, furniture everywhere, cars everywhere and it’s been a struggle ….. They will start cleaning it up and then they’ll stop cleaning it up, so we are trying to get it to where Darlington is important to everybody”. Councilwoman Baccus said, “I can understand what you’re saying when you’re saying somebody has been put out, but the part about if somebody put furniture on the street for the city to pick up how is that going to play into this ordinance because last year we raised the street and sanitation department rates in order for the city to pick this up if they put furniture out. Sheila said, “I believe our ordinance says not over three cubic yards of stuff. Councilwoman Baccus said, “I’m talking about a piece of furniture”. Sheila said, “If somebody puts out a couch, sure, but when someone puts out a couch, their queen size bed, the nightstand …… I had half of a boat on the side of the road”. Sheila said, when someone puts out a couch yes we’ll get it. If someone puts out a chair, yes, we’ll get it, but when someone has fifty feet of street furniture and they put fifty feet of stuff out…..and it’s not always setouts and it’s constant. This shouldn’t be a problem if someone violates it, and we send a notice of violation like we always do. They clean it up, no harm, no foul. They know they can’t do it anymore but for the property owner that continuously does it, that’s who should be penalized. Not the one

who does it once or the one who does it and puts too much and doesn't know how much they could put out. She said we're talking about the citizen that we tell not to do it and they say ok, but they do it again. Councilwoman Baccus said, "I'm fine with that. I just want to get a clear understanding that it's not the ones that's just putting one or two things out because I don't think they need to fall under this". Sheila said, "No, not just for one or two pieces". Mayor Boyd said, "It would be your judgment call whether you think it's too much and then at that point if you thought it was too much you would send them a letter". Sheila said that's one of the beauties of the departments is getting along as well as we do. It's not just my call. I get together with Alex or with Kelli and we talk about what's out there". Mayor Boyd reiterated most of what Sheila already said. Mayor Boyd said, "You said you sent out 306 violations. Are most of those people following through"? Sheila said, "Yes most of them comply". Mayor Boyd said, "My thing was the parked cars everywhere". Sheila said, "This is not applicable to parked cars. This is only applicable to solid waste. This is applicable to section 70 of our ordinance". Councilwoman Reed said, "I just want to be clear. When we are putting out furniture that we need to let them know. It's not a regular part of the department to pick up furniture. Ms. Sheila Jones said, "Right. I'll give you an example; On Reid Street two or three months ago, the guys went by and there was a lot of stuff and so the guys called Kelli. Kelli called her so she rode by and saw a guy in the yard, so she got out and asked him if he put this out there and he said yes. I asked if this was a setout and he said it's not really a set out, but they moved out and we're cleaning it up. Sheila said, "We don't pick that up". She said the guy said OK and I asked him when he could have it up and he said maybe next week sometime. Sheila said, I said, "No how about let's have it up by this weekend and he said I'll do it". Sheila said, "I went by the next day, and it was gone". She said we're not running out there issuing citations, we do talk to people. Councilwoman Reed said, "so in his case though, if you hadn't seen it, they hadn't called, that fellow would have gotten what"? Sheila said, "They would have gotten a notice of violation". Councilwoman Reed said, Because of the amount……Sheila said, "Because of the amount of it and it's …..because putting furniture out is designed for….you have a piece of furniture our citizens to get rid of stuff. It's not designed for us to clean up when they're turning a unit for someone else to move into it. It's not designed for us to make ready a house or an apartment for someone else. Councilman Milling said, "On page 2 of the proposed amendment the next to the last paragraph talks about if the violator does not pay the fine prior to the court date does not appear in municipal court the city has the right to immediately issue an arrest warrant. Councilman Milling said I would like for you to let our city attorney take a look at that because there's some vagueness in that as to who's going to get arrested and who's not going to get arrested and there needs to be sufficient notice to somebody as to what triggers an arrest. Councilman Milling said it also says in the last paragraph in the event criminal sanctions are invoked hereunder but there's no identification as to what causes criminal sanctions to be invoked so I think that needs to be tightened up so if you'll get with Kevin to be sure we're not stepping on somebody's rights. **Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2023-07 Amendment to Failure to Comply with Section 70-10. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.**

PLANNING COMMISSION & HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – MERRY MORGAN SMITH, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Ms. Merry Morgan said Dannie McLellan has applied to be on the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission has put forward her name to go into a vacant slot on the Planning Commission Board. The other nomination put forward to the council is for Brian Gandy to be placed on the Historic Landmarks Commission. She said Brian is the manager for the Darlington County Historical Museum and Archives. Ms. Morgan said the code allows for seven members on the Historic Landmarks Commission, 4 of which are required to be Darlington County residents. Three of which could be professionals that have bearing on the type of work that the Historic Landmarks does, and Brian is a wealth of knowledge, and he would be replacing Roseanne Brasington who has decided to rotate off of the board. Councilman Milling asked, "Since Brian serves in a similar capacity with the county, is there any issue with respect to a conflict of interest. He was talking about some breach or some gaps between his role with the county and then serving with the city. Councilman Milling said, "I just don't want anybody to get embarrassed….. Ms. Morgan said, "I don't see that there's any admonition against it with him holding the position and also being on the board but I'm happy to do whatever you recommend ensuring that. Ms. Morgan asked Councilman Milling if he wants her to reach out to the County Attorney and the City Attorney. Councilman Milling said, "As long as there's no prohibition I think you would be a great one to do it, but I just don't want us to appoint him and him get appointed and all of a sudden the question arises about it". Councilman Milling said, "Check it out and I'd say appoint him subject to there being a problem and let him know'. Councilwoman Baccus asked Ms. Morgan if she had a new list with all of the seats that's open. Ms. Morgan told Councilwoman Baccus that she didn't have a list with her tonight, but she would send it to her. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to appoint Ms. Dannie McLellan to the Planning Commission. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of appointing Ms. Dannie McLellan to the Planning Commission Board**. **Councilman John Milling made a motion to appoint Brian Gandy to the Historical Landmarks Commission Board, but just double check to be sure it's not going to create any issue for him or for us. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.**

2023 -2024 BUDGET EXPENSE REVIEW:

Mr. Payne said if you remember we had a wage and classification study that was presented to us. All of the budgets that you'll be presented with today and tomorrow using the recommendations for the minimum bid and maximum levels per employee have been calculated into this. Mr. Payne said we found some employees were woefully under the minimum and those have all been adjusted. He said everyone who was below the minimum has been brought up to at least the minimum at this point. Mr. Payne said everyone in the city has gotten an increase of some kind; not the same because it depends on where they were within the chart.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – POLICE CHIEF JIMMY DAVIS

Chief Davis said they are asking for a slight increase this year. Councilwoman Baccus asked about the decrease in the salary amount. Mr. Payne said we lost six officers. Chief Davis said,

right now it's sitting at 7 but we'll say 6. Mr. Payne said what we could have done because those people weren't making any salary anymore so that money could have sat there and been sitting on the bottom line at the end of the year and had a big fund balance. He said what he did this past year was for all of the officers (all the people who wear a badge and carry a gun) increase their salaries to $3 an hour. Councilwoman Baccus asked Chief Davis if he was trying to replace those six officers. Chief Davis said, "Yes ma'am, we want to but currently I know that there's a task that's almost impossible. I have requested that we suspend a position or two until we get the street back up to 100% and then next year this time reconsider opening those positions back up. Councilwoman Baccus said, "Based on what he just said if that money was used giving a raise to policemen that we already have (which makes sense they should get a raise) how are you going to hire new policemen if this money is already spent"? Mr. Payne said because it was already in the budget". Councilwoman Baccus said, "There's 6 new ones already included into this, so you'll be able to hire six new ones if you found six new ones? Mr. Payne said, "Well it's five new ones. As I understand it there's four patrolmen and we needed two SRO's and I believe we just hired one. Chief Davis said the SRO come from the patrolmen and he moved over to the SRO side. Chief Davis said we had two patrolmen and two vacant SRO's, so now you got one patrolman and one vacant SRO. Councilwoman Baccus said, "So, technically you're still down seven so if you could hire seven would this be able to accommodate seven? Chief Davis said, "Yes, I believe it would". Mr. Payne told the council to keep in mind that assuming this passes, July 1st we're not going to have seven officers walking through the door. It's going to take time. Chief Davis said, "I've got seven openings, but it may take me four months because I don't get a stack like we used to". Mr. Payne told council if they would look at line items 2900 – 2905 they should not have been budgeted there (the auditor asked us not to do that. They are not part of the general fund) so the bottom line is decreased and that's the reason. Mr. Payne said assuming that this passes with the increases we will be relatively comparable to our local competitors. Mr. Payne asked Chief Davis if it was a $10,000 increase or $12,500 from last year for certified officers; From last year which was $32,500 and it is now $42,500. Mayor Boyd said, "For the record I begged for more". Chief Davis said, "For the record, we are comparable with other agencies in our area assuming that their budget doesn't increase them this year."

FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF PAT CAVANAUGH

Chief Cavanaugh asked the council if they wanted to look at the sheet when Mr. Payne handed out and instead of going line by line, let him know what their concerns are, and we're try to walk through it. Councilwoman Baccus said, "My concern is your salaries. On this sheet it says your salaries went down $65,520.79 so I want to know why the fire department salary would go down so much"? Chief Cavanaugh said, "Here's how this works. We did get an increase from Mr. Payne this year, not what I begged for, but like Jimmy said we got what we could because of the salary study. He said the proposed salary budget when we do the salaries, a fireman works he said twenty-nine thousand hours, but I know he meant twenty-nine hundred hours. The city has 13 or 14 holidays. When that firefighter works that holiday he gets double time, so you have nine employees back there that's getting double time which adds extra into this. If we have a large fire I have to clock these employees in because the volunteers are getting thinner and thinner and that's extra hours we can't anticipate into the final numbers. Chief Cavanaugh said overtime is going to be critical for him because in order to keep our ISO rating for insurance I've

got to keep three men on duty at all times. He said if I do not and ISO comes in here and they drop our insurance rates that means everybody behind me, all of the citizens their homeowners' rates are going to go out the roof". He said all of the hard work that we've done will be for nought and guess what, who's going to take the blame no offense guys, but it's going to be y'all or not me first. So, that is why the salaries get out of whack. We want to do versus over the years projected is what we came up with when we went and talked with Mr. Payne. Councilman Milling asked, "Are you competitive with other communities of like size and location"? chief Cavanaugh said, "We're close but the problem we've got like what me and Mr. Payne talked about other agencies are bumping up as we speak and unless you can find a pot of gold for him to divvy up six million dollars for everybody….it's almost like the infrastructure until we chip away at it what are we going to do. Mr. Payne said, "I also want to mention that when the police were getting raises mid-year the fire department got approximately $3,000 more than they got this time last year. Councilwoman Baccus continued to ask about the salary amount and the overtime they might incur and where the money will come from. Councilwoman Reed said, "My thing about the salaries is it's going to happen and you are going to pay it (you cannot not pay them) and every year you pay these folk so why not just go ahead and budget it". Councilwoman Reed asked, "So John y'all and not never paid them, right"? Mr. Payne said, "We've never not paid them but I've got a certain amount of money and if I increase based off of what I don't know what's going to happen, let's call it $50,000; I've got to pull $50,000 out of somebody else's budget or across a number of budgets to make that up because we can't a budget that is not in balance. He said what we could do is we have some ARP money just sitting there, I could take some of that and move it into the general fund and I can increase this, but the money has got to come from somewhere. But that ARP money, a minute ago we had the water & sewer people here, I can't spend a dollar twice. At the end of the day, I've got to make a decision based off of what I can project not what I think may or may not happen". Councilwoman Baccus said, "It's not a question looking at their past history; it's going to happen. It's not no if, or when, where or how based on the history it's going to happen. Chief Cavanaugh said, "This has happened every year since I've been Chief. Mr. Payne asked, "Where would you like for me to pull $25,000-$30,000"? Councilwoman Baccus said, "That's your job you figure it out". Mr. Payne said, "Ok, that's what I've done". Councilwoman Reed said, "What we're saying is see if you can find it to help because we're just a little bit concerned about the fire department salaries….Mr. Payne said, "Elaine, here's what I'll do. Tomorrow I'll get with Pat, and we'll work over some more numbers and then when we come back for final reading I will have adjusted this. I will pull some from ARP because that's all I've got. Mayor Boyd said, "the fire department can't raise any fees…….Chief Cavanaugh said we do get some funds from our fire district, and we get a little money from cost recovery to pay for our training and that may be $400 every 3 or 4 months. Mayor Boyd said, "What I'm trying to express is you're like the police department in a sense that the police department can't budget off of "we're going to stop 40 people today and give them tickets. They may or may not. The street department has a certain has a certain amount of money coming in from trash and water & sewer. If all of the departments and all of the citizens of the City of Darlington would work together…..and I'll use the street department as a small example. If the guy on the back of the trash truck takes good care of his trash can, if the residents take good care of their trash can, then we don't have to spend $16,000-$20,000 on their trash cans. If the codes department goes out and diligently make sure that they are paying

their fines and they are keeping the streets looking like they are supposed to and they are paying their permit fees, if the business department makes sure that every business in town and every business in town make sure that they pay their business license and make sure that they pay their fees that they are supposed to pay each. Then all of us working together there will be more money coming into town, more businesses coming into town (it's happening now. More businesses are coming into town), more residents are coming into town. Therefore, more money would come into town, and we won't have to go back and ask people can I give you a $1 raise". Mayor Boyd said, "So, think about all of the things that we do together that can help each department.

STREETS & SANITATION – ALEX GAINEY, ST. & SANITATION SUPERINTINDENT

Mr. Payne said, "Based on the wage and classification study that we had earlier I mentioned that there were a number of employees that were below the minimum and Alex's department was one of them. Some of the employees were $4,000 - $6,000 below the minimum so that's why you're going to see an increase in salaries. Mr. Gainey said last month I came before you and I talked to you about a rate increase. He said he worked with numbers on a 6% increase and as he looked at it 6% wasn't going to cost the residents a whole lot of money. Mr. Gainey said like Mr. Payne said, if you look at the salaries we increased the salaries. He said right now they have pretty much a full staff and they accomplished that within the last month. Mr. Payne asked, "How far below were we"? Mr. Gainey said, "At one point and time I was five people short. Most of the time since I've been in that department we have been anywhere between on average two to three people short. Mr. Payne said, "If you look at the projected 2022-2023 - $451,000 that's why that number is so much lower because we were down that many people in that department and now we are back to full staff for the immediate future. Mr. Gainey said another thing I mentioned last month about the auto operating expense and what it would cost to keep up those vehicles. He said if you look at where we're projected to be at this year versus where we were budgeting to be at, it's costing us a lot of money to keep those vehicles up. Mr. Gainey said right now we're going to be in the red on maintenance on vehicles. We have a sweeper truck that's down and I'm projecting that it's going to cost between $15,000-$20,000 to get that truck back up and running. Hopefully, I'll find out in the next couple of days how much it's going to cost for sure if we can find the parts and how long it's going to take to get it back up and running. He said that's going to be an expense at the beginning of the new budget year that's going to eat up a portion of what we budgeted to take us the whole year. Councilwoman Baccus said, "While you're on this equipment. Is the upkeep of the vac truck included on your maintenance or is it on maintenance in the water department or how is it for the repairs to be taken care of for the vac truck"? Mr. Gainey said, "You'll have to talk to … Mr. Payne will have to answer that question". Mr. Gainey said, "In the past, we have taken care of it. That vac truck is not in my department so I ….. Mr. Payne said, "It's in streets and sanitation. The water department doesn't have anything to do with that vac truck. Mr. Payne said, "Wait a minute, I'm thinking about the street sweeper. I'm sorry, I'm, thinking the street sweeper. Yes, they share the cost". Councilwoman Baccus said, "So with the amount that you have that you're already saying is going to be used up on the sweeper how is the vac truck if it goes down going to play into your budget"? Mr. Gainey said, "I haven't had the vac in five or six weeks. It's been in the water department so we haven't used it, so if it goes down it would be left up to Mr. Payne but

as far as I'm concerned the expense would be on them. Mayor Boyd said, "you have $62,500 in your machines & equipment line item. Mr. Gainey said we're probably fixing to hit $15,000-$20,000 of it right off the bat. Councilwoman Reed said, "I want to be clear about this vac truck. Is it now in the …it's been moved from you all because we purchased it ……I mean we're using streets and sanitation is now being….I know it is for draining and all of that". Mr. Gainey said, Mr. Payne advised me I guess it was in April sometime, that he wanted the keys to the truck; he wanted to be responsible for it or if he wanted to be in charge of it so he's got it so you'll have to talk to him about the vac truck. Councilwoman Reed asked, "So it's out of street & sanitation"? Mr. Gainey said, "It's not in our department, no". Mr. Payne said, "They still use it". Councilwoman Baccus asked, "So you haven't been able to use the vac truck to clean out storm drains and things now before the fall come in, and the rain come in and the backing up in the streets start again"? Councilwoman Baccus said, "Originally, the vac truck was supposed to be used to clean out drainage. That's what the truck was purchased for to clean out the storm drains, to clean out the lines so when the drainage starts backing up the water will be flowing out of the streets. Mr. Payne said, "The vac truck is shared by two departments". So, what you're saying is now that you're not using the vac truck for that…that you haven't been able to use the vac truck for that". Mr. Gainey said, "I haven't been directed to use it. He said they have been using it in water & sewer. Mr. Payne said it's been needed a lot lately in water and sewer. The street and sanitation still share it, it's just been used more lately with water and sewer. He said they still share the equipment. Councilwoman Baccus said, "Kendrick does the maintenance on the vac truck and keeping the trucks up, right"? Mr. Gainey said, when it was in my shop, yes. Councilwoman Baccus asked has the vac truck come back for maintenance within the last six weeks"? Mr. Gainey said, "No ma'am we haven't seen it". Councilwoman Baccus asked, "So if the vac truck go down depending on what goes down, what is the average cost for the city to repair this vac truck"? Mr. Gainey said we've had a couple of larger bills for repairs on it. He said that truck is not that old, so you haven't hit the point to where you're going to have a lot of problems with it. He said what you're fixing to run into is if it's not maintained properly, then you will start having problems". Councilwoman Baccus asked, "And if it's not maintained properly then…..Mr. Gainey said the vac system on it itself is approximately $150,000". Mayor Boyd asked, "Does Kendrick work on all of the trucks in the city"? Mr. Gainey said, "He works on them to the best of his ability whenever it comes to him. He said you will see that one thing he and Mr. Payne talked about in department 660, is hiring a part-time diesel hydraulic mechanic to come in after hours and actually do pm on these big trucks. He can come in 3:30 in the afternoon and work 4-6 hours a day doing the pm on the trucks to make sure they are up to par and being serviced like they should. And if there is a problem with one then they can get that fixed so that when the guys come in the next morning the truck is ready to go out on the route and they are not trying to work on it first thing in the morning to get it going. Mr. Gainey said he and Mr. Payne talked about it and felt like that was a good decision to make. He said you will see in department 660 where we did increase the salary a little. He said we didn't have enough money to be able to increase the line item for a full year, so we talked about listing that job and try to bring somebody in for the last 6 months of the next budget year. He said I would like to see that eventually work into a full-time slot. Mr. Gainey said in line item 630-388 Paving, they put an additional $60,000 in there this year because we've got 2 streets that the city owns that desperately need to be resurfaced - Cross Street and Roanoke Drive in the

Country Club. Mr. Gainey said that's the two last streets that we own in the city that need major repair. We are estimating around $60,000 is what it's going to cost to resurface those two roads. Mr. Gainey said he and Mr. Payne talked about this. Back in 2020 when the millage was increased the last time that was one of the things that councilman Gardner said that if we do our millage increase this time it was going to be for resurfacing roads. He said that's what that last millage increase was actually voted for and passed. He said if you all remember two years ago when we resurfaced all of those roads the year prior to that, that money was just put into an account, and we didn't use it so when we resurfaced the roads in the city we had a $120,000 sitting there. Some of it was budgeted and some of it was from that millage increase from the previous year and some of it was from the millage increase from that year so that's how we came up with the money to be able to do the resurfacing. Mr. Gainey said once we resurface Cross Street and Roanoke Drive we should be good on our city streets other than any patching around the city. Mr. Gainey went over the department 640 explaining any increases or decreases. In line item 293 is where Capital Waste and the roll carts are charged. He said like I told you all before when Capital Waste took over the contract they told us the first year there wouldn't be an increase. The second, third and fourth years would be a 2.5% increase. Mr. Gainey said this line item is where they would buy new roll carts whenever he needs to replace some. In department 660 the salary budget was increased in order to allow them to hire a part-time hydraulic diesel mechanic for the last six months of next year. Councilman Milling asked if the funds from the last millage increase were put into a stand-alone account. Mr. Gainey said, I don't know how Howard was going to do it. I just know whenever it was voted on that was the main reason it was passed. I told them the funds would have gone into the general fund. Mr. Gainey said if I remember correctly I believe it was an additional forty something thousand dollars a year. He said it's not like we need to put $40,000 in an account every year but we need to make sure that if we have streets that come up that need to be resurfaced ….I don't want somebody to come back and say why can't my street get resurfaced because I thought that's why y'all did the millage increase and now y'all saying you don't have the money so we need to make sure we cover our bases. Mr. Gainey said every street that the city owns needs to be resurfaced. Councilman Milling said and we've beat on the highway department as much as we can to get the other streets. Councilwoman Baccus said, except for the ones the city tore up that the city has to repair like Lee Street, D Avenue, all of those the water department tore up so the city is responsible for repairing them and resurfacing. Mr. Payne said those were torn up because water and sewer lines collapsed. Mr. Payne said those will be done all at once. Mr. Gainey said a couple of weeks ago or last month I think there was a question about Avenue D. He said I talked to Sam about that, and he said that's What they wanted to do. They wanted to put the asphalt there and let people drive on it, especially those big trucks and it's settling so they know where the low spots are before they start resurfacing.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MERRY M. SMITH

Mr. Payne said Ms. Merry Morgan was hired in November and she's not really had a chance to come before you and talk and give you some ideas of what she's doing and what she would like to do. Ms. Merry Morgan said they have an RFP out that will come to an end on the 16th. Those applications from respondents will be reviewed internally by staff and also by some community partners as well as a representative from historic landmarks and a representative from the

Planning Commission. Ms. Morgan said this will be brought to you, perhaps in your executive session in July for you to review all of the information and the reviews and the scaling of the various respondents that we get. On May 24th they have an optional responder meeting that the school district provided a short bus for them and a driver; and Brian Gandy provided narrative and drove the respondents around Darlington and showed them the areas that we have that need help; the areas we have that are extraordinary and all of our needs. Ms. Morgan said we've had six new businesses to open in the last two months - Leo's Pizza, East & Calla Boutique, High Cotton Salon & Boutique, and a reopening of the Darlington Mercantile and Ice Cream, Pub on the Square opened, and we've also had a psychological complex open with a psychologist providing help care on the corner of Cherry Street called A New Care. She said they are also planning to make application to SCDOT 's tap program which is an alternative transportation program where we have to submit an engineering bid and if our project is accepted then DOT would take on the project, let the project, manage the project and ensure its delivery back to us so it would not cause a drain on the city in order to get the project done. She said that is due in August. She said the previous plan that Bryant worked on with one portion of a trail is probably the one we'll try to use for this project Because it would be a difficult one, and it could be something DOT would be a good partner to have for that. Ms. Morgan said we have a lot of code revisions that need help and I know that plans and codes aren't interesting, but they are necessary and that they establish the rules by which we operate and so particularly important for the Tree Board and they have already undertaken that and the Historic Landmarks Commission will need to undertake the same thing and these are important because we need to be in compliance with planning …… legislation. She said the boards and commissions can choose through their committee how they want to operate, what's going to be important to them, how they will influence, enforce, and require based on what they choose to do inside their committees. That is very important for the things that affect how citizens are engaged and how the board applies their work. Ms. Morgan said she's grateful to be here. I think that together we can do a lot of work. I also see that there's a little bit of a loss gap here in Darlington in the area of community development because nobody is specifically tasked with that so some of those ideas, techniques, and pursuits I think we ought to engage in. One of those is affordable housing and workforce housing. It's where Darlington has a gap. She said for the long term that's something we need to put effort towards as well. Mr. Payne asked Ms. Merry to talk a little about how she's been working with property owners and lawyers regarding the Bailey Bill and tax credits. Ms. Merry said, I did speak to historic landmarks in their last commission meeting so that the idea was we have tools, economic incentive tools, that are available to anyone that lives in a historic property. She said identifying those properties that are historic and working to get them on the register if the residents are willing opens them up to use some called Bailey Bill and it's actually the local tax credit that's done in conjunction with the county and what allows for is an abatement of your taxes based on the amount of money based on the investment of the house and based on the investment that you put into the property. So, what percentage that is, allows you to have tax free p, so to speak, for a certain number of years. She said there are other options if the homeowner wants to do more extensive research. There are options through Archives and History for a state tax credit deduction and there's also some buildings here that would qualify for abandoned buildings tax credit that could be used. There's lots of incentives that we can employ, the idea that Historic Landmarks talked about was having a citywide

workshop to gather people together to let them know what's all available. Councilwoman Reed asked if there was anything outside of the historic district that could help residents with some kind of incentive like that to keep it up? Ms. Merry said, "I'm reaching out to USDA to see what they have available. There's been a change in administration from the folks in Columbia that administer the program so I'm hopeful that we could find some help there. She said I see that roofs in Darlington are a big issue. She said I know of at least two elderly people who are living with holes in their roofs and now have holes in their floors and so those kinds of things are what I'm talking about - Community development efforts that can help residents maintain their property, so I think looking for funding opportunities, grants or gifts that can help that sort of thing is very beneficial. Councilwoman Baccus asked, "Why is there $1,000 in the line item for the Carnegie Library"? Ms. Merry said I hope that is for a plan. She said the building is historic; it belongs to the city, and it's in a perfect place for a portion of what ultimately will be redevelopment since the school district is moving out of the St. David's property so it would make an extraordinary visitors center. Councilwoman Baccus said, in line item 273, there's $12,000 for trimming and planting trees. Do you have a plan where you're going to plant trees? Ms. Merry said it's for anything that supports the planting and trimming of the trees. It's what we are required to put toward our tree program as a part of being a member in Tree City USA. She said we are required to spend $2 per person per capita. The Tree Board is already working on its rearrangement of some of its codes and I hope that in the fall with making this planning that tree has done the SC Forestry Commission is letting a project that Darlington will be eligible to apply for which would give us additional assistance for several years cost free. That would include Community engagement, and tree planting on private property through this program. Councilman Milling said, I saw something in the paper about the flowerpots not being funded anymore. He said there are two $7,000 items listed in the budget. Ms. Merry said, I think that might be an error. Councilman Milling asked if the pots will be moved from the Square and stored somewhere? Ms. Merry said the Beautification committee met the week before last while I was out of town, but the minutes say that their intention was to retain some of the pots and make them truly extraordinary. She said there's been a failure of sorts and I've been told this is not the first time that the pots were not being watered and until I recognized they were dying and asked questions I didn't realize they weren't being watered. She said nevertheless that was a lot of money that was spent on the pots and then not able to be maintained so the folks on the beautification board, or a little horrified with the outcome. The other thing is, they thought there were too many pots on the Square, so the idea was to reduce the number of pots on the Square. Ms. Merry said I don't believe they ever voted to remove all of them. That is not what I read in the minutes that I was provided. Mayor Boyd said, "My understanding is they were going to move them off of Cashua Street and then they were going to thin the other ones out so they can maintain them. Mr. Payne said, "Isaac is out there every day watering them. It's the weekends that sometimes cause a problem, but Isaac is out there continually". Ms. Merry said the other thing they talked about in the last meeting was getting prices for wrapping signal boxes like the one that's wrapped on the corner of Hampton and Pearl.

MUNICIPAL COURT - MR. PAYNE, CITY MANAGER

Mr. Payne said there were increases of approximately $12,000-$13,000 in salaries and wages for three positions which include the judge. The expenses are pretty much in line. The bottom

line is $182,500 projected for 2022-2023. The proposed for 2023-2024 is $196,114. Councilman Milling asked, what types of things are covered by line item 265 professional services? Mr. Payne said that primarily is for Asset Technology Group that keeps all of our technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 30–4–70(1) personnel matter. The council may act following the executive session.

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to go into executive session at 8:02 pm. Councilman John Milling seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

5 Minute Break

Councilman John Milling made a motion to end the executive session at 8:29 pm. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons Reed, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

Back in public session

Councilwoman Sheila Baccus made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Milling, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted against the motion. (Motion Failed)
Councilman John Milling made a motion that for the fiscal year that the city manager's contract be amended with an increase in salary of $6,000 to commence July 1st payable on a monthly basis during the period of his contract. Councilman John Segars seconded the motion. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus and Councilwoman Elaine Reed voted against the motion. Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion. (Motion Passes)

REMINDERS:
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - Budget Workshop, 6:00 PM
Tuesday July 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting of Darlington City Council, 6:00:PM.

ADJOURNMENT
Councilman John Milling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Councilman John Segars seconded the motion. Councilpersons Baccus, Reed and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk & Treasurer