CITY OF DARLINGTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2023

6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of Darlington City Council was held November 14, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Courtroom of City Hall at 400 Pearl Street.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Curtis Boyd, Councilpersons John Segars, Shelia Baccus, John Milling and Bryant Gardner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Boyd.

PRAYER

Mayor Curtis Boyd gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Segars. All in favor.

Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes from the work session of October 11, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milling. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Councilman Milling made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

CITIZENS WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Ms. McRavin asked that the council allow an open forum on the discussion of the sports complex. She asked that they allow citizens to have input. Also, to plan and make sure how much access the citizens will have, where the funds are coming from and make sure we're not just wasting funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading Ordinance No. 2023-09 Business License Standardization Act. Motion by Councilman Milling to approve, seconded by Councilman Bryant. All in favor.

Mayor Boyd wanted the agenda to be amended to place the presentation of the proclamation for Ms. Ella Mae Dewitt be moved to item A. Under new business. Motioned to amend agenda by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Segars. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor Boyd presented a proclamation to Ms. Ella Mae Dewitt for her dedication and commitment in Home Health Care.

B. Mayor Boyd presented the Darlington High School football team with a proclamation. Mayor Boyd congratulated the young men for a well finished season that ended in a trip to the lower state playoffs, something they have not accomplished in a long time.

C. Mr. Bill Lynch with Asset technology presented with council with three bids he obtained for consideration in a new HD surveillance camera equipment purchase for the city. He said he obtained bids from ADT Commercial (46,795), Foxfire Networks $11,156 which has no monthly charges and Securitas Electronic Security ($15,740.94). After reviewing of bids, council decided to go with Foxfire Networks. Motioned by Councilman Milling, seconded by Councilman Gardner. All were in favor.

D. Attorney Mr. Ben Zeigler explained to council that he was there to talk about the structure of the financing part of the improvements to the ballfields on Blue Street. The city will be leasing this property from the school district. He said that we would be financing this project through what is called a installment purchasing financing. He said it is used widely around the state. We set up a nonprofit organization and the city takes out a lease hold interest in the project. Mr. Zeigler explained that the Public Facilities Corporation Incorporation Resolution authorizes the creation of it. The ordinance will allow for a lease and the issuance of an installment purchase revenue bond of no more than $3,100,000 to finance the

costs of acquisition, construction, renovation, and expansion of the Blue Street Ball fields. Mr. Payne pointed out that this public facilities corporation resolution has no authority besides issuing debt and takes away no authority from the council.

First reading on Public Facilities Corporation Incorporation Resolution and Ordinance 2023-10. Motioned by Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Milling. All in favor.

First reading on Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bond Series 2023 for Blue Street Ballfield Complex not to exceed $3,100,000. Motioned by Councilman Milling, seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

Mr. Andrews said we will be getting brand new tennis courts tennis courts, brand new baseball field, upgrades to the existing facility, batting cages and paved parking.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Councilman Milling, seconded by Councilman Gardner. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor

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Secretary