



Work Session Minutes Landrum City Council Tuesday, April 13, 2021

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-80, THE TIME, DATE AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, ON THE CITY WEBSITE AND THE CITY FACEBOOK PAGE, THE MEDIA WAS DULY NOTIFIED.

Meeting started at 5:24pm

Members present, Mayor Bob Briggs, Council Members, Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside.

Members absent: Daniel Prince, Tammy Cox

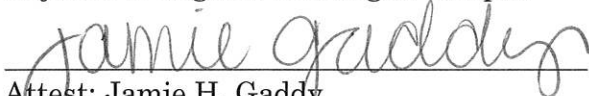
1. Local Rescues 1st Annual Paw Pride Market. P3 presents with a request to have Trade Street blocked from the Landrum Train Depot down to the corner of Main Street at the corner of the Hare and Hound Restaurant on Saturday, September 25th, 2021. The event proposed is a not-for-profit local Animal Rescue benefit to include food trucks, rescue raffles, animal adoption, local live musicians and informational booths provided by P3, Foothills Humane Society and Pet Tender Angels. Mayor Robert B. Briggs advised he would coordinate the closure with the Landrum Police Department, all council members in favor for the road closure, no further discussion on the matter.
2. American Rescue Plan Discussion of Public Broadband Infrastructure Improvements. City Administrator Rich Caplan advised members that the Municipal Association of South Carolina has informed the city of an allocation of funding from the recently passed American Rescue Plan that will provide funding back into the city to recover costs incurred and revenues lost due to the economic impact of the pandemic. The city can utilize funds to improve broadband services to its residents, therefore, upon receipt of funds, anticipated within the next 90 days, equipment to boost public broadband services at strategic locations around the city such as the Downtown areas, Brookwood Park, the Farmer's Market Pavilion, and the Youth Association Recreation Fields is suggestively encouraged. Council members also encouraged to submit any additional "places of interests" that would be suitable for such broadband upgrades to ensure the most residential usage.
3. Discussion of South Carolina Business License Standardization Act. City Administrator Rich Caplan and Assistant City Clerk Jamie Gaddy advised members that in accordance with Act 176 signed into law in September 2020, each local government accepting business license tax will be required to administer the tax in the same manor statewide as of January 1, 2022. The new license year will run May 1st to April 30th and must be changed by way of action by city council. All businesses holding a business license inside the city must be notified once this action has been concluded. All license records must possess the correct 2017 NAICS codes and correct state-mandated rate class using the 2021 Class Schedule provided by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Once the rebalancing steps are in place city council will be required to repeal the city's current business license ordinance

and adopt a new ordinance that complies with Act 176. City staff members are already working with the Municipal Association on the required steps and council should see the effects of this process come to order by the end of this year. No further discussion at this time by members.

4. Discussion of Disposal Services Contact. City Administrator Rich Caplan advised members that the current five-year contract agreement with Republic Services for trash disposal inside the city will expire as of June 30, 2021, unless an action is taken to extend the agreement. A decision is to be made to determine if extension of the agreement for another year or longer is preferred or if the city should call for rebid of the contract. Council members Shannon Dodson and Billy Inman asked that further discussion take place between the city and Republic Services to determine if the current arranged agreement would withstand or if any changes will occur with the services and rates currently provided.

5. Update on Proposed Historic Preservation Initiative. City Administrator Rich Caplan advised members that prior to the upcoming role of the city's Historic Preservation Committee it would be necessary for an independent assessment to be performed of the city's buildings that are potentially eligible, being defined as, being 50 years of age or older. A recommendation is given to have these duties fulfilled by architectural students from the state's only college which offers an architectural degree, that being Clemson University. Some communication has already taken place with the University's faculty, those members were responsive and requested that a specific scope of what would be required, as well as pay or stipend details be submitted to the University for review. Council Members were given a proposed scope of work draft to review. Following the overview of this process there was discussion among members which lead to the request to table the second reading of the Flexible Review District, which was revised to include "historic and cultural resources." No action taken at this time on this matter.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:15pm.


Attest: Jamie H. Gaddy
Assistant City Clerk

Approval Date: May 11, 2021