

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
January 21, 2020
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Vowels, Commissioners Emmons, Garland & Hesse, Board Attorney Brammell, City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller.

Absent: Commissioner McDowell & City Attorney Hays.

Mayor Vowels called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from January 6, 2020 regular meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized Lee Ann Watters, with Mountjoy Chilton Medley, to present the June 30, 2019 audit report and everyone was provided a copy. Ms. Watters reported that the City received a clean unmodified opinion. After presentation, Mayor Vowels stated the Commission would take time to review and approve at the next meeting, February 3, 2020.

Mayor Vowels recognized Sierra Enlow, Consultant with McGuire Sponsel, to present to the Commission Project Sunny: Corporate HQ Expansion, pertaining to an existing facility in Simpsonville. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to recommend approval of one-quarter percent occupational support for Shady Rays, provided KEDFA requirements are met, and authorize Mayor to sign a letter of support. This tax abatement is contingent upon adoption of tax amendment. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland recognized Major Brummer to present, to the Commission, a Law Enforcement Protection Program for Body Armor, a grant funded jointly by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Kentucky State Police. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to proceed with the Law Enforcement Protection Program Body Armor Grant Application and authorize the Mayor to sign grant application. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland recognized Major Brummer to present, to the Commission, the 2020 COPS Hiring Program. FY 2020 CHP awards will provide up to 75% of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of FT officers for a 36-month award period, with a minimum 25% local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125K per new recruit officer position **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to proceed with the CHP grant application to be used for a new recruit and to authorize the Mayor to sign grant application. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

Commissioner Emmons presented the December Financial Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels' Report: No Report

Mayor Vowels recognized the Board Attorney's Report:

Board Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-002 pertaining to the financial obligation for 2018 Sewer Project. Board Attorney Brammell read the ordinance summary in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2020-002. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2020-002 will be placed on the February 3, 2020 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Board Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-003 pertaining to Speed Humps. Board Attorney Brammell read the ordinance summary in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2020-003. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2020-003 will be placed on the February 3, 2020 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented, to the Commission, the engagement of Bond Counsel with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, for the 2018 Sewer Project, in accordance with Ordinance #2020-002. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the engagement of Bond Counsel with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP and to authorize the Mayor to sign documentation. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented, to the Commission, a request from Whitney Young Job Corps to recognize the Simpsonville city gym as their emergency displacement location. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to allow Whitney Young Job Corps to use the Simpsonville city gym as their emergency displacement location. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to extend an employee's time off without pay, with medical benefits, until the employee's next doctor's appointment, February 7, 2020. Commission authorized Board Attorney Brammell to create a letter of mutual separation if employee is not released to return to full work duty after February 7, 2020 doctor's appointment. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to approve the extended medical request as presented and, if needed, the employment separation letter. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:34 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Cary T. Vowels/Mayor