

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 2, 2022
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner McDowell.

Mayor Vowels called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from April 19, 2022 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized Public Work / Park Director, Chris Truelock, who presented to the Commission, for approval, a request for road closure July 4, 2022 of Old Veechdale Road from 108 Old Veechdale Road (soccer field) to US 60, for the preparation and exhibition of the BOOM! fireworks display. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve road closure request for July 4 BOOM!. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

PW / Park Director Truelock also shared the streetscape flower pots have been planted and will be ready to be hung in a few weeks.

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, Police Detective Patterson's letter of retirement effective May 31, 2022. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the letter of retirement from Police Detective Patterson. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland also shared the following Parks update: Farmers' Market to open May 21 with more than 30 vendors; Spring sports have begun; Eagle Scout project behind the gym is complete with Park Director Truelock adding the original brick walkway was discovered during the project and was reused for walkway.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission Ordinance #2022-001 pertaining to the 2022-2023 Budget. Commissioner Emmons read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept Ordinance #2022-001 for the first reading. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Ordinance #2022-001 will be placed on the May 17 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Vowels' Report:

Mayor Vowels, on behalf of the Simpsonville Code Enforcer, presented to the Commission a Proclamation recognizing May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Mayor Vowels read proclamation in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Building Safety Month Proclamation. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels also shared that a library representative, Rob Purnell, reached out to him regarding the 2-story building requesting consideration for SC Library use; Park Director also shared ideas and plans to consider for the soon-to-be vacated building. The Commission will consider all options and bring back for discussion at a future meeting.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays opened the bid received on the surplus CC Lots 1B & 1C at 7:30 pm during the regular city meeting. The bid was submitted by John Martin for \$171,500.00 for both CC Lots 1B & 1C.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the \$171,500.00 for both CC lots. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Hays will proceed with preparing the transfer of deed. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documents for transfer of CC Lots 1B & 1C. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared a reminder the Road Fund Public Hearing is May 17, 6:45pm.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the engagement letter from RWH CPA Firm to compile and present all adjustments necessary in preparation of the City's Annual Budget Audit as of June 30, 2022, for a fixed fee of \$4,500. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept the engagement letter as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, pursuant to Ordinance #2011-001, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to not increase sewer rates for 2022. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to have no sewer rate increase for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden also shared the City's annual ARPA report has been filed.

PW / Park Director Truelock acknowledged Mary Gaylord-McClean to thank her for her support and to present to the City a picture to be included with the City Hall wall portraits.

Commissioner Garland requested the City send a letter of encouragement to the local schoolteachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:46 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro-Tem