

CITIZENS HEARING – 5:30 P.M.

Shekinah Miller, Chair, Community Relations Council, addressed the City Council about Race Equality Month. Mayor Gettys presented the proclamation to Ms. Miller.

Reginald Brackett, Chief of Staff, Catawba Community Mental Health, addressed the City Council on mental health initiatives in the area.

Milt Delair, 1686 Essex Hall Drive, addressed the City Council on Wreaths Across America.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss eleven matters. None of the matters were scheduled to appear on the agenda except for the last item. The Council discussed background information and received legal advice as to litigation matters, received legal advice concerning City Zoning, City Budget, and City Utility Ordinances, received background information and legal advice concerning a potential agreement related to the expansion of City services near I-77, discussed potential contracts concerning the sale or purchase of properties in the downtown/urban core area of the City, discussed the employment of an employee, and discussed Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Gettys, Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay and Councilmembers Black, Pender, Reno, K. Sutton, and P. Sutton. Also present were City Manager David Vehaun, Deputy City Manager Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager Steven Gibson, City Attorney Paul Dillingham, and Municipal Clerk Anne P. Harty. Media in attendance was Ben Simon of the *Post & Courier*.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Reno, the City Council approved the following two consent agenda items:

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF AUGUST 28, 2023

ORDINANCE FOR PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTHERN STREET IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL – Adopted

There were no changes to the ordinance since first reading.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING WRECKER CHARGES – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL CONCERNING WRECKER CHARGES was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember Black, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

The Rock Hill Police Department uses a rotation schedule for wreckers called out to Police investigation sites or to accident sites when there is no specific wrecker requested. In 2018, the City Council set the maximum rate for a standard tow (Class A) at \$150 and this remained unchanged since then. To reflect current wrecker company costs, companies requested increasing the maximum rate.

Current wrecker rates for Rock Hill are Class A, \$150; Class B, \$300; and Class C, \$328. Proposed wrecker rates for Rock Hill are Class A, \$210; Class B, \$300; and Class C, \$420.

Police Chief Chris Watts presented the item to the City Council.

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON WEST MAIN STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ROCK HILL – First Reading

An ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PROPERTY ON WEST MAIN STREET, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY THE CITY OF ROCK HILL TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ROCK HILL was given first reading upon a motion by Councilmember P. Sutton, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

The Housing Development Corporation, in partnership with Family Trust Federal Credit Union, received a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Housing Program to rehabilitate 405 West Main Street into four permanent supportive housing units. The current structure will be converted into two housing units and a portion of the existing structure will be demolished to construct two new housing units. The units will be managed according to the HDC's existing permanent supportive housing model. The HDC requested the property be transferred from City ownership to the HDC for \$1.

Corinne Sferrazza, Manager, Housing & Community Development, presented the item to the City Council.

APPROVED A LIST OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL'S PRIORITY PROJECT RANKING FOR THE PENNIES FOR PROGRESS 5 REFERENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved, approved a List of the City of Rock Hill's Priority Project ranking for the Pennies for Progress 5 referendum.

Pennies for Progress will hold a public meeting on September 20th at the Operations Center during which City of Rock Hill staff will present a list of transportation improvement and road resurfacing projects for the Pennies 5 Commission to consider including on the 2024 Pennies Referendum. The Pennies 5 Commission asked jurisdictions to provide an official list of project requests in priority order. Staff recommended approval.

Christopher Herrmann, Transportation Planner, Planning & Development, presented the item to the City Council.

APPROVED A REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WEST WHITE STREET FROM CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD TO DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD FROM 35 MPH TO 30 MPH

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pender, which was duly seconded and approved upon a motion of 6-1 with Councilmember K. Sutton dissenting, approved a request to reduce the speed limit on West White Street from Constitution Boulevard to Dave Lyle Boulevard from 35 mph to 30 mph.

At its August 16th meeting, the Traffic Commission evaluated concerns related to speeding along West White Street from the Constitution Boulevard roundabout to Dave Lyle Boulevard. The Commission recommended City Council reduce the posted speed limit along that corridor from 35 mph to 30 mph.

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ANNOUNCED SMARTSWITCH AND CUSTOMERCONNECT WINNERS

Mayor Gettys announced Tyricia Crockett as this month's SmartSwitch winner and Jarvis Kennedy as this month's CustomerConnect winner. Both were chosen at random by computer and each will receive a \$50 credit on their next utility bill.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Gettys asked City Attorney Paul Dillingham the status of the York County lawsuit filed against the City.

Councilmember P. Sutton noted that it was hurricane season and to take the necessary precautions.

Councilmember P. Sutton asked everyone to remember 9-11-2001, the military, police departments, and fire departments, and those who lost their lives.

Mayor Gettys reminded everyone of the Pennies for Progress public meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, at the Operations Center.

RETURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mayor Gettys reported that City Council met in executive session and that no action was taken.

Upon a motion by Councilmember K. Sutton, with was approved without objection, the Council approved the following appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Clean and Green Board

Ben Miskelly, 2134 Belle Chase Drive, to a term expiring April 14, 2026.

Community Relations Council

Victor Street, 2161 Regency Court, to a term expiring March 10, 2024.

Public Parks and Recreation Commission

Dupree Hart, 322 Shurley Street, to a term expiring January 1, 2026.

Tourism Commission

Emily Wade, 749 Rockwood Drive, to a term expiring December 10, 2023.

RFATS

Mayor Pro Tem Lindsay was appointed to serve as the Transit Representative for the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved and adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Anne P. Harty, Municipal Clerk