

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019**

Members Present: Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Trey Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas.

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Amber M. Price – Human Resources Director and City Clerk, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Aleks Gilbert – **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Freeman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – none

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Bobby Monroe, Vice President of Sales with DataMax -

Mr. Monroe presented revenue discovery and how DataMax can help the City recover business license money.

ORDINANCES

First Reading: Ordinance No. 5-2019: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Approving The Amendment Of Ordinance No. 10-2018 To Remove The Loan Function Of The Economic Incentive Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 5-2019 to approve the amendment of Ordinance No. 10-2018 to remove the loan function of the economic incentive program. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 6-2019: Approval Requested – Special Events Permit requesting road closure (Square) on Saturday, August 31, 2019, for the annual Wheels Of Time Labor Day car show.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve the special events permit requesting road closure (square) on Saturday, August 31, 2019, for the annual Wheels of Time Labor Day Show car show. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Report No. 7-2019: Approval Requested – Approval of the bid for the Phase III Cornice installation on the Abbeville Opera House building.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the bid for the Phase III Cornice Installation on the Abbeville Opera House building. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Report No. 8-2019: Information Only – Update on the recent tornado in Abbeville.

CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for February 2019.

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Consideration of appointments to fill the three year term of office of Jerry Capone on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).**

Councilmember Grant nominated Anna Lagrone. Councilmember Thomas nominated Ross Hughes. Voting in favor of Anna Lagrone were Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant, Greeson, T. Edwards and Jackson. Voting in favor of Ross Hughes were Councilmembers Thomas, J. Edwards, and Crawford. Anna Lagrone was appointed to fill the three year term of office of Jerry Capone on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).

OLD BUSINESS –

- 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Lilla Ray and Steve Davis on the Planning Commission which will be expiring on March 10, 2019.**

No action was taken.

2. **Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Roy Smith on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). Roy recently verbally resigned from this board.**

Councilmember J. Edwards nominated Ross Hughes. Councilmember Crawford nominated Theo Hoppers. Voting in favor of Ross Hughes were Councilmembers J. Edwards, Thomas, Edwards, and Jackson. Voting in favor of Theo Hoppers were Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Greeson, Grant, and Crawford resulting in a tie vote.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION -

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

1. **Discussion of Wilson Hill Park.**
2. **Discussion of City property located at Plantation Court.**

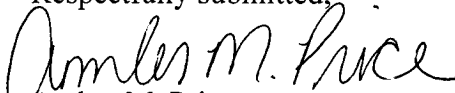
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

No actions were taken following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber M. Price
City Clerk