

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC**  
**REGULAR & ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

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

**Via Phone:** Councilmember Louise Aikens

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Community Development Director.

**Via Phone:** Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Media Via Phone:** Henry Greene

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 Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. With no objection the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**1. Kristen Capone, Local Resident**

Ms. Capone addressed Council with concerns related to the suspension of the Opera House Theatre season, and as to how the incident was handled involving the Director, Jimmy O. Burdette.

**2. John Brady, Local Resident**

Mr. Brady addressed Council with concerns of how the Children of Abbeville will be affected following the suspension of the Opera House Theatre season.

**3. Allison Phillips, Local Resident**

Ms. Phillips addressed Council with concerns related to the suspension of the Opera House theatre season. She would like to see more discussion on this topic.

**PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS – None****ORDINANCES****1. ORDINANCE NO. 8-2020: First Reading**

An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Entitled“ An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance AGENDA Regular City Council Meeting June 9, 2020 No. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto” To Adjust The Date Of The First Payment Due Thereunder.

A motion was made by Councilmember t. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Entitled“ An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance AGENDA Regular City Council Meeting June 9, 2020 No. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto” To Adjust The Date Of The First Payment Due Thereunder. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL****1. Report No. 20 -2020: Approval Requested**

Wilson Hill & Chestnut Park Bathroom Bids

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 20-2020 approving the Wilson Hill & Chestnut Park Bathroom Bids. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Thomas, Crawford, Jackson, T. Edwards, and Aikens voted in favor. Councilmember Grant voted in opposition. With a vote of 8-1 Report No. 20-2020 was **approved**.

**2. Report No. 21 -2020: Information Only**

Anti-Litter Campaign

**3. Report No. 22 -2020: Information Only**

June COVID – 19 Update

**4. Report No. 23 -2020: Information Only**

Oakland Ave Stormwater Project

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Enforcement  
(City Manager, Blake Stone)
2. Discussion of Roll Cart Pricing & Potential Recycling Roll Carts  
(City Manager, Blake Stone)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

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

1. Contractual Negotiations  
(City of Abbeville & Town of Calhoun Falls Water Agreement)
2. Receipt of Legal Advice  
(Fees & Solid Waste Contract)
3. Discussion of Personnel Matters  
(City Manager Review)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

**NEW BUSINESS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Appointment of Dispute Resolution Committee Members

Councilmember Greeson nominated Blake Stone, City Manager to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Councilmember J. Edwards nominated Laura Snelling, Chief Financial Officer to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Councilmember T. Edwards nominated Bob Irwin to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:46 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley K. Suttles  
City Clerk