

**CITY OF DARLINGTON**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM**  
**APRIL 12, 2016**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:**

Mayor Gloria Hines, City Manager, Mr. Howard Garland and Councilpersons: John Segars, Coleman Cannon, Carolyn Bruce, Bryant Gardner, and John Milling. Also present: Mrs. Lisa Rock, Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh, Assistant fire Chief Charles Bailey, Policeman Michael Cooke, Policeman Mr. Jimmy Davis, Mr. Earl Johnson, Mr. Alva Mack, Ms. July Alexander, Ms. Andrea Knapp, Mr. David Brown, Mr. Earl & Mrs. Sharon McCullough, Mr. Roger & Mrs. Audrey Gore, Mr. Lee Andrews, Mr. Freddie Kinsaul, Mr. Henry Chapman, Ms. Sheila Baccus, Mrs. Betty Jackson, Ms. Karen Carroll, Mrs. Rosena James, Mrs. Dyan Cohen, Sheriff Wayne Byrd, Ms. Jannie Lathan, Mrs. Tonya Flowers, Pastor Kendall Williams along with several church members, and a number of other guests.

**NEWS REPORTERS**

Also present were News Reporters from the News & Press and the Morning News.

**PRAYER**

Councilman Coleman Cannon did the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

City Attorney, Mr. Albert James, III administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember, Ms. Elaine Reed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion of Mr. Gardner, seconded by, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.** Councilman Milling said on page 6 at the top, change wording from the “grant” is for \$521,000 to the “loan” is for \$521,000 of the minutes. **All approved the motion with the requested change.**

## **AGENDA CHANGE**

**Upon motion of Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Milling, to add Pastor Kendall Williams to agenda under Item 6, to make it 6B, which unanimously carried.**

## **DARLINGTON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION – MRS. LISA ROCK**

Mrs. Rock said the DDRA Annual Golf Tournament will be held tomorrow, April 13, 2016 at Darlington Country Club. On Thursday at 4:30 PM, DDRA will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for Sweet Jane’s Café & Wine Bar on the Square. She said the Annual “Taste of Darlington” will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Darlington Raceway from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the gate. Mrs. Rock said new this year, DDRA will hold two free Spring concerts at Liberty Lane downtown from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM on Saturday, May 21, 2016 with Radio Vibe of Darlington and on Friday, June 10, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM with beach music group The Recollections. The free event will feature a live band and food and drinks will be on sale. She said the Darlington Lion’s Club is partnering with them on these events. She said they are also coordinating with the Darlington Pilot Club to increase the impact the tourism dollars generated by the club’s festival, which brings 20,000 people to town. The DDRA will be part of expanding the Sweet Potato Festival weekend by reviving the Yam Jam on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto Office Furniture on South Main Street, admission will be \$10.00 with food and beverages for sale. Mrs. Rock said the Beautification Board would like to invite everyone to participate in “Clean-up Darlington” this Saturday. She said volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM at the Chamber office on the Square for activities that will include the Square, Liberty Lane, Wells Park, and Williamson Park, if they have enough volunteers. She said following work, a Dutch treat lunch will be at Tenampa’s Restaurant. Mrs. Hines asked if any other areas can be added to the list and Mrs. Rock said, “Yes” if they get enough people to work. Mr. Milling wanted to know if the May and June events are well received, if there are plans to have events in July and August. Mrs. Rock said, right now they are planning on May & June, but in August the week before the race, they will have the “Race Week” kickoff party.

## **GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –MS. JANNIE LATHAN**

Ms. Jannie Lathan gave the report for Mr. Steadman in his absence. She said Mr. Steadman has joined the Pee Dee Long Term Recovery Group to

assist Darlington County citizens who were affected by the October storm. Ms. Lathan said they will have the Chamber's first e-newsletter coming out next week. She said if there's any information about events or news that the City would like to have distributed, you may sent info to [nsteadman@darlingtonchamber.com](mailto:nsteadman@darlingtonchamber.com) and he will include it in the newsletter. Administrative Professionals Day will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the SIMT Building at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Ms. said they are partnering with the Florence Chamber of Commerce again this year. She said they have extended the hours for "Freedom Fest" which will be July 4<sup>th</sup> at Darlington Raceway from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM. She said they will have four bands this year and it will be much larger and much grander than last year. Ms. Lathan said they are making this event community and family friendly, so they will be expanding the kid zone. They will have Business after Hours on April 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Hampton Inn on Highway 52 in Florence, SC. She said they are anticipating "Business after Hours" once a month and "Lunch and Learn" sessions on a quarterly basis. She said the Golf Tournament will be at Darlington Country Club on Friday, May 13, 2016. She said this will be the best and most unusual golf tournament they have ever seen. She said they are tying into a "Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> theme.

### **PASTOR KENDALL WILLIAMS & MS. LINDSAY BYRD – SOUP KITCHEN**

Pastor Kendall Williams said when they appeared at the Council meeting last month they got approval from council to use the old Darlington Supply building and he wanted to mention a couple of issues. Ms. Byrd said they have ten different churches involved and the Steering Committee is made up of one person from each church. Ms. Byrd said the committee has met a couple of times and decided to start with the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month until they get things going. She said they will start at 8:00 a.m. until about 9:30 or 10:00. She said their first feeding will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 and they have churches scheduled for the next second & fourth Saturdays. Pastor Williams said he understands there was mold found in the building they were going to use and he wanted to know what the status of the mold issue in the building. Mr. Garland said he is waiting on a quote from companies to remediate the problem. Mr. Garland said Ms. Karen Carroll has moved out of that building into a temporary office behind the building. Pastor Williams said Mrs. Tonya Flowers offered them to use her business on City Lane, but their group feels like the area they first decided on would be the best area to have this. Pastor Williams said if the building has not

been approved for use by the time they get ready to do the feeding, they would like for Mayor and Council to allow them to use the parking lot in front of the building and they can get that area pinned down and people will know where they are going to be and once the building is approved and they are able to move in, it won't be so confusing to people. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland if he's been given any indication when the building will be ready because he previously told her three weeks. Mr. Garland said he was told at one time three weeks, but he still doesn't have a quote and if it's going to be a big dollar item, council has to approve it. Mr. Garland said that's why he didn't want to commit to anything until we get those numbers back. Mayor Hines said the soup kitchen is needed here in Darlington and if it's not raining that day, she doesn't see why they can't use the outside if they are willing to work. Mayor Hines asked Council members if they objected to this. There was no objection from council. Mayor Hines told Pastor Williams she will be there on May 14, 2016 a little before 8:00 a.m. to help them in any way she can.

**MS. ANDREA KNAPP**

Ms. Knapp gave council packets with the areas she had concerns about. She read a quote from the March issue of VIP magazine where Mayor Hines referred to Darlington as the "Pearl of the Pee Dee". Ms. Knapp said package 1 was handed in to Mr. Henry Chapman in November, 2015 by Mr. John Wallace and he mentioned all the issues and violations in the City. She said Mr. Wallace followed up in December, 2015 with Ms. Darlene Jackson because she was unaware of any of the concerns, so she asked for and received another copy of the report. Ms. Knapp said six months later, the majority of the complaints are still valid. She said the signs from the gas station across from News & Press have been removed; the majority of the household items from the back of H&S on E. Hampton Street are removed. However, the auto business on S. Main Street & Farm Street is still as bad, if not worse. The Cashua Street apartments are still an eyesore and the old toilet storage on S. Main Street is still there. Ms. Knapp said the auto repair business on S. Main & Farm Street is still there and violating every ordinance code. She said she talked with Darlene last week and she said Mr. Chapman has been to the business several times to speak to the owner. Ms. Knapp asked why do we have section 18-252 (notice of violation) if it's not going to be enforced. She said there was a fire at the old garage just over the railroad tracks and the fire department was involved, but down on S. Main & Farm Streets, the exact same thing is happening and there're not given any notice of violation. Ms. Knapp had pictures of the building on E. Broad

Street (where Pee Dee Cab & Park Florist was located). She said she knows the building is in probate, but something needs to be done about it. Mr. Gardner asked City Attorney, Mr. Albert James if there is anything that can be done if property is in probate. He said the probate process is an orderly process in which you can be heard. Mr. James said he doesn't know the facts, but he would have to look and see what's going on in the estate. He said he can't answer the question without getting the facts. Mr. Garland said the estate has been brought before Judge Dan Causey and fined twice for code violations. Mayor Hines said we will have to fine them again because this is one her pet peeves. She said she's brought this up before Council in the past and this needs to be taken care off. She said it's not fair to prey on the people that cannot help themselves, but if you can't get one, don't bother the other. Mayor Hines said we will address this and Mr. Albert James and Mr. Garland to look into it and see about the probate. Mayor Hines told Ms. Knapp she mentioned what she said in the article and she meant that. Ms. Knapp said she doesn't doubt that she meant it, but 90% of the yards and the main entrances are tidy, but the businesses look like garbage. She said if Mr. Chapman has been to the businesses a number of times at what point will we issue a violation. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Chapman what the owner said when he went to talk to him. Mr. Chapman said the owner told him he was going to do some things, but he hasn't gotten back with him because he was waiting on him to tell him what he was going to do. Mr. Chapman said he was told to wait until after the election. Mayor Hines said the election is over now, so it's time to get to work. Mayor Hines told Ms. Knapp the owner would have to be issued a ticket. Ms. Knapp said it says in the code the owner gets 30 days. Mr. Chapman said he warns them first and after that he sends them a letter. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Chapman if a letter has been issued yet and he said, "No". Mayor Hines told him to write the letter tomorrow and Mr. Garland is to follow-up and make sure it's done. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland about the status of the apartment building on Cashua Street. Mr. Garland said a bank in Camden, Tennessee that bought this building. He said they came last November and met with them, and they were willing to do some work, but not completely up to code. Mr. Garland said if they won't bring it up to code we are not going to let them open it.

**MR. ROGER GORE – DARLINGTON COUNTY LONG TERM DISASTER RECOVERY**

Mr. Gore said this is a fairly new organization and a lot people may not be familiar with it. He said their purpose is to try and bring some level of

normalcy to the people that have been affected by the recent disaster (the rains in October, 2015). Mr. Gore said they are asking every municipality to contribute to their organization because they are without funds and they don't have the means to do printing or buy any of the things that are needed. Mr. Gore said they meet every week at 6:00 PM, New Vision Center, 1416 Bethlehem Road in Hartsville, SC. He said they will move the meetings to different locations throughout the county because people in every part of the county were affected by the disaster. He asked the City to give a monetary donation to his newly established organization. He said when FEMA is gone, they won't be able to step in and help those in need. Mr. Gore said they have applied for several grants and once they get the funds they will use it to buy materials to rebuild the people's houses. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Gore if he has any grants as of yet. He said, "No", because they are so new and it took them about two months to get organized. Mayor Hines told Mr. Gore that Council will receive this as information at this time and once he gets all of his information, to bring it and give it to Ms. Garland and Council will look at it and consider it. Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Gore if they have their 501 ( c ) (3) and he said, "No", but they have 501 ( c ) (3) affiliates that they are able to have funds distributed through. Mr. Gardner asked Mr. Gore if they have applied for their 501 ( c ) (3) and he said not yet because they don't have any money to do so. Mayor Hines said we will receive this is information.

**PEE DEE COALITION PROCLAMATION**

Mrs. Cynthia Atkinson, Outreach Advocate for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault appeared before Council to give Mayor and Council information about the services their coalition provides for children and adults. Mayor Hines signed a proclamation proclaiming April 16<sup>th</sup> as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**MRS. SHARON MCCULLOUGH – STORM DRAINAGE**

Mrs. McCullough passed around pictures for Council's view. Mrs. McCullough lives at 121 Sparks Street said her drainage has been overflowing with water and it would build up for days. She said someone came and cleaned out the drainage and she thought this would fix the problem, but it did not. Mrs. McCullough said she noticed one section of Sparks Street was being repaired, so she stopped and asked the worker if they were fixing their street and he told her they would dig trenches as far as American Legion, go behind it and through the woods to Cain School. She said she told the gentleman that this was not fair and he told her to call Mr.

Garland, which she did to share her concerns. Mrs. McCullough said she told this area received a grant, but she wants to let them know that they are somebody. She said they work, she and her husband own their own business and they pay their taxes. She said it's not fair to fix a section of drainage problem on a street and not fix the entire street and this is her grievance. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland what it was about the grant that it didn't go that far down. Mr. Garland said that is as far as the money would allow them to go, but if Council wants them to work in that area, it would be Council approving funds to go further. Mr. David Brown said the work was based on the money that was available. He said the pipe is deep enough to extend it and if they go another 285 feet the estimated is approximately \$20,000. Mayor Hines asked Ms. Lathan her take on this. Ms. Lathan said she put together a five-year storm water master plan for the City. She said there is so much storm drainage needs in the City that they needed to phase it out over a 5 year period. Ms. Lathan said it will take a significant amount of time to address all of the storm water needs in the community. She said they are applying for grants with Rural Infrastructure Authority or the Department of Commerce. Ms. Lathan told Mrs. McCullough that she may see some improvement on her street, but not to the extent that she thinks she may want, but it's not that the City is not trying to address all of the Citizen's concerns, because they are. She said the City's storm water problem in the city is so huge and it will take years. She said it's limited to the amount of capital dollars that the City has and their ability to get grants to make these improvements. Ms. Lathan said the City is in the process of applying for another storm water grant, but it will be in Southwest Darlington where there are severe storm water issues as well. Mr. Cannon said since the people are already working there, maybe the City can make some sort of agreement with the company to extend the line to 121 Sparks Street. Mayor Hines said she is sorry that the grant didn't extend that far, but if someone on council wants to make a motion to spend \$20,000 to have this done, they can. Mr. Kinsaul said this will only extend the pipe to 121 Sparks Street, so you will short the rest of the residents on the street. Mayor Hines asked Mrs. McCullough to give us a chance to work on this and we will see what we can do. She said we won't be able to do it tomorrow, but we'll work on it the best way we can.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2016-01 SCRLF SEWER BOND**

Mayor Hines said on the agenda last month it stated that we needed approximately \$281,000, but he told her \$321,000 and asked him to explain it to Council. Mr. Garland said that's due to the bid that came in. He said

the State of South Carolina has approved up to \$400,000 and if we have any contingencies or if we go over, we are able to cover it up to that amount. The EDA grant is for \$521,000. Mr. Milling wanted to know if this is old debt or new debt. **Upon motion of Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Segars, Second Reading on Ordinance 2016-01 SCRLF Sewer Bond, which unanimously carried.**

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2016 -02 – MAYOR/COUNCIL FILING FEE CHANGE**

Mayor Hines said Mr. Hoyt Campbell came to our meeting and talked about the City increasing the filing fees for Mayor and Council positions. Mayor Hines said for a person to run for Council after approval of fee change, the fee will be \$140 and for the Mayor’s position, the fee will be \$240.00. **Upon motion of Councilman John Milling, seconded by Mr. Cannon, Second Reading on Ordinance 2016-02, Mayor/Council Filing Fee Change, which unanimously carried.**

**BID APPROVAL (DILAPIDATED HOUSING DEMOLITION) – MR. HENRY CHAPMAN**

Mr. Chapman said bids were opened yesterday for the demolition of 13 properties. Mr. Chapman said the low bid came from M.T. Talbert Demolition in the amount of \$42,190. He said everything has to be cleaned off from around the property; they have to be licensed and insured. The property also has to be leveled off even if it means the contractor has to haul in dirt. Mr. Chapman said everything has to be in order before payment will be made to the contractor for demolition of houses. **Upon motion of Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Segars, to accept low bid of M.T. Talbert Demolition in the amount of \$42,190, which unanimously carried.**

**FURNITURE PLACEMENT ON THE STREET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Hines said if you ride around the City of Darlington, you will see furniture in some places. She said the City does not pick up furniture and some of the citizens of Darlington do not know this. Mayor Hines said in the past if furniture was on the street, the City would pick it up, so this has sent out mixed signals. She said we have to make other arrangements to get the word out to citizens. Mrs. Karen Carroll said it’s been confusing to direct the workers at the street department in reference to picking up trash, because the ordinance does say we don’t pick up trash. Mrs. Carroll said the first thing would be to post it on the water bill before we move into this project “that the city does not pick up furniture and offenders will be fined”.



She said then they would produce door hangers with a tear-off part at the bottom; the route driver will fill out door hanger with date, what was there and the address. They will leave the top portion of the door hanger at the residence and bring the bottom portion to Mrs. Carroll which she will keep record of it and pass it on to the water department. She said she has already checked with the water department and they have a place where they can add the fee (extra pickup) to the water bill. Mrs. Carroll said the first proposal would be to do this in a 5-day turn-around. She said they will assign a truck to specifically go around and pick up the debris. The second option would be to automatically assess the fine once we see the debris there. Mayor Hines asked Mrs. Carroll what type fee she was talking about. She said \$10.00 minimum and constant abusers would be charged more. Ms. Reed asked Mrs. Carroll if she considered imposing a fee for picking up furniture. Mrs. Carroll said they don't want people to think they are their service of picking up furniture. Ms. Reed said with a fee as low as \$10.00 that is why she said that. Ms. Bruce wanted clarity on what would be on the water bills. Mrs. Carroll said before we institute this, we will post this on the water bills so the citizens will know what is getting ready to happen. Mr. Cannon wanted to know how someone will know if the right person is being billed. Mrs. Carroll said if the wrong person gets a charge on their bill for furniture or debris pick-up, if they know who put it there, they will tell. Mayor Hines suggested putting it on the water bills first as notification to citizens that the City will be implementing this. Mr. Gardner said he is in agreement with the 5-day removal. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland if we need to vote on putting this notification on the water bill. Mr. Garland said we have an ordinance on the books, so we have to enact a new ordinance (first & second reading) and then we can do this. Mr. Milling suggested putting a flyer as well inside the water bill. He suggested that in connection with doing the ordinance, the City develop a fee structure to insure that the City is adequately compensated for services the City will provide from time to time. Mr. Milling said to also have something so that when a new resident/tenant applies for services, they are given this information.

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – MRS. LISA ROCK**

City Planner, Mrs. Rock said last month Council voted to give \$40,000 for new decorations. Council also requested information on refurbishing decorations. The cost will be approximately \$90 a piece to sandblast and paint the frames and another \$90 a piece for a harness of new lights. The manufacturer said just wrapping the lights around the silhouette would not produce the visual effect you want if it's not in the right place. She said we

would ship the manufacturer one of our decorations and they would create a harness that would fit our decorations and send it back. Mrs. Rock said there's another \$100 in labor to take all of that out. She said for all 45 silhouette angels and trees will cost approximately \$12,600, which does not include the cost to ship the decorations that are about 8' in size. The manufacturer suggested that we do only 5 a year if we want to use city labor. Mrs. Rock said fixing the old decorations in addition to adding lights to the existing wreaths and garland would cost approximately \$18,000-\$19,000. She said purchasing 45 new ones and adding the lights will cost approximately \$25,000, which is a cost difference of about \$6,000. Mrs. Rock said all of these prices are based on sale prices and estimates and secondly, some of the sale pricing may or may not be available and neither of the prices includes the rental of a bucket truck. She said the refurbishment estimate does not include the opportunity cost of what the City workers would be doing otherwise. Mrs. Rock said the Beautification Board suggested that Council invest some of the approved \$40,000 into the entrances to the City rather than something that is only seen for one month out of the year. She said if Council would prefer to reuse what we have, she would recommend that we do 5 at a time as the manufacturer suggests and purchase fewer new decorations if we're trying to trim costs. Mayor Hines asked what would be the cost for the entrances coming into Darlington. Mrs. Rock said for the large marquee signs, it could be as low as \$8,000 and as high as \$12,000, depending on what the sale is. She said another issue would be electricity for the lights. Mayor Hines asked if we are going to use that spot every year, can we do the same thing Williamson Park did. Mrs. Rock said she doesn't know if DOT will have an issue with this. Mayor Hines said we will have to ask DOT and see what they say. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Gardner which decorations did he check and said they were ok. Mr. Gardner said they checked all of the silhouette trees and angels and the metal is in perfectly good condition. He said the lights would need to be replaced. Mr. Gardner asked how much a new decoration this same size would cost. Mrs. Rock said a new decoration that same size will cost approximately \$600 each. Mayor Hines said in order to get Darlington more attractive, we need to improve the lighting around Darlington. She said we need to use what we have and add a little further down the street. Ms. Bruce said if we are going to refurbish the lights, where the manpower for this is going to come from. Mr. Gardner said he has a group that would be willing to help out. Mrs. Rock asked if there is an issue with liability as far as citizens helping out. Our City Attorney, Mr. Albert James was asked about this and he said, "You never know until something happens". Mayor Hines

told Mrs. Rock she doesn't think she will get much clarity on this tonight, they need to have a workshop and decide what they are going to do.

### **TRASH IN OPEN DITCHES**

Mayor Hines said she and Mr. Garland had a discussion about the ditches not being properly taken care of by the City. On top of that, people are throwing things in the ditches. She said we have to learn to work together. She said she doesn't know about the manpower for this because there are so many areas in the City. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland for any suggestions to get the ditches cleaned. Mr. Garland said any community or neighborhood group can come together and clean the ditches. Mr. Garland said if someone sees someone dumping trash or appliances/furniture in ditches, call and let him know. Mayor Hines said we will talk about this also at our work session.

### **LEASE AGREEMENT CATERPILLAR BACKHOE – MR. FREDDIE KINSAUL**

Mr. Kinsaul said the lease agreement on our current backhoe runs out in May, 2016 with a 5-year lease. The company has given a proposal to lease a new backhoe for 5 years at a cost of \$1,327.28 a month. Mr. Kinsaul said the cost is split between the water department (60%) and the street department (40%). He said Caterpillar has given us the option to buy the current backhoe that we have for \$24,692. Mr. Kinsaul said we currently do not have a second backhoe because the one the street department had, blew up. He said Caterpillar said if they put this backhoe on the market it would sell in the upper \$40,000. Mr. Garland asked Mr. Kinsaul to explain to Council how the new lease works and what we're responsible for. He said the City is responsible for all the routine things (tires, battery, etc.) and the major things are warranted by Caterpillar (engine, etc.). **Upon motion of Mr. Segars, seconded by Mr. Cannon, to accept Mr. Kinsaul's recommendation to buy the backhoe that we are currently leasing for \$24,692 and lease a new backhoe for 5 years at a cost of \$1,327.28 a month, which unanimously carried.**

### **EDA BY-PASS SEWER PROJECT BID APPROVAL**

Mayor Hines said the EDA By-Pass Sewer project will allow the City to expand sewer services for any new businesses that may want to build. Mr. David Brown said the low bidder was from Stutts & Williams from Lexington, NC in the amount of \$805,650. He said nine bids were received. Mr. Brown said our estimate was \$790,600, so they were a little over

\$15,000 over what we estimated. Mr. Brown said his recommendation is to award to Stutts & Williams, which was the low bidder. **Mr. Segars made a motion to accept the low bid from Stutts & Williams in the amount of \$805,650. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruce. All voted in favor of the motion.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hines said we need to go into executive session to discuss Option to purchase property for recreation department and also Darlington County School District Property transfer.

### **REMINDERS**

Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Taste of Darlington, Darlington Raceway.

Saturday, April 30, 2016 – Darlington Raceway Half Marathon

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon motion of Mr. Cannon, seconded by Ms. Reed, to go into executive session at 9:05 PM.**

**Upon motion of Mr. Segars, seconded by Mr. Cannon, to end executive session at 9:48 PM.**

Mayor Hines said the school district made an offer of 100' (one hundred feet) on either side of Swift Creek, but they want the City to write them a letter requesting it. **Upon motion of Mr. Milling, seconded by Mr. Gardner, that we send a letter to the School District requesting the property. All approved the motion.**

Mayor Hines said there's 100 acres of land on Lawson Road that can possibly be used for a park. Mr. Lee Andrews is supposed to get engineers to see about the perking of the land, to see how much wetlands and how much land we will have for building. **Upon motion of Mr. Gardner for option to purchase the property on Lawson Road with \$1,000 being the option price, Ms. Bruce seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

Mr. Garland made an announcement that the Clerk & Treasurer will do the budget for 2016-2017 budget year. He said we have met with department heads and they will get their budget requests in to her by tomorrow. Mr.

Garland said he will work on our capital plan and long range planning tool, which by ordinance he is supposed to present to them, but never has. The first budget workshop will be Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The next budget workshop will be May 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. He said in the past he has given department heads a chance to come in and make their pitch directly to council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Councilman Milling, seconded by Councilman Segars, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

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Mayor

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Clerk & Treasurer