

CITY OF DARLINGTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of Darlington City Council was held November 12, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall at 400 Pearl Street.

**Present at the meeting:** Mayor Gloria C. Hines, Councilpersons John Segars, Shelia Baccus, Carolyn Bruce, John Milling, Bryant Gardner and Elaine Reed. Also present was City Manager, Howard Garland, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge and a room full of citizens.

Copies of the agenda were faxed to The News & Press, The Morning News and the Hartsville Messenger with place, date and time of meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Hines.

**PRAYER**

Ms. Elaine Reed gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reed. John Segars, Shelia Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and John Milling approved the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGEANDA**

Mr. Milling made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baccus. John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, Bryant Gardner and Elaine Reed approved the motion.

**DDRA UPDATE – MS. LISA ROCK**

Ms. Lisa Rock stated that the DDRA is a part of the Beautification Board and will host a state-wide program called “Grab a Bag SC Campaign” this weekend, November 16, 2019 from 9-12. They will be meeting at the City Administration building. She also stated that teams up to four who collect the most trash will receive \$100 Walmart gift cards. Ms. Rock also stated that the DDRA is offering it's members a referral bonus for all newly paid members before February 29, 2020. They will receive a free Taste of Darlington ticket. The member that gets the most newest members will receive a pack of tickets to the Southern 500. The DDRA is kicking off the holiday season with Shop Small on November 21, 2019 downtown with a Santa, DJ, snow and much more to support our downtown businesses. Arbor Day will be held December 6, 2019 at 10 am on the corner of South Main and Patience Street.

**CHAMBER UPDATE – MS. HARRIET**

Ms. Harriett Hobbs stated that the Toast of Darlington was going to be held November 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm on Edwards Avenue. She said they would have at least 18 cooks and tickets could still be purchase for \$25. There is going to be a cash bar and the band Jelly Side Up. Ms. Hobbs said that Light Up Darlington had already begun, and that Darlington would be having their first annual Christmas on the Square December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. This event will be free to the public and Santa will be there. Ms. Hobbs said that there will be a ribbon cutting on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 119 Cashua Street for A & D Tax.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL**

Mr. James Quick came before council to discuss the rezoning of D. Avenue. He stated that he lives on D Avenue and was concerned about having the Dixie Cup plant and what they are planning to build across the street from his home.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Miss Darlington USA – Karoline Kitching’s, Miss Darlington-Teen-USA- Sullivan Blackwell- Miss Darlington-USA Executive Director-Will Isgett

Mr. Will Isgett and Ms. Karoline Kitching’s were present to let Council and Mayor know how much they appreciate them and all that they have done for them and the Miss Darlington Organization.

- b. First Reading Ordinance 2019-23-Zoning Designation for Blue Street (164-06-01-078) R-10 Low Density Residential

Ms. Reed made the motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milling. John Segars, Shelia Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Bryant Gardner and approved the motion.

- c. First Reading Ordinance 2019-24-Zoning Designation for Old Florence Highway, Avenue D. and Friendship Street (165-04-01-005) and (165-00-02-010) BI, Basic Industrial District

Mr. Bryant made the motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baccus. John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, John Milling and Elaine Reed approved the motion.

- d. Approval 1019-2020 Housing Demolition List

- e. Mr. Milling made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 Housing Demolition List. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reed. John Segars, Shelia Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Bryant Gardner approved the motion.

**Receive as Information**

Department reports/ no action needed

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Hines addressed council and the citizens in the courtroom. She wanted to congratulate all the winners from the election and wished them well.

Ms. Bruce addressed council and the citizens in the courtroom. She thanked the City of Darlington for allowing her to serve for the last 4 years. She congratulated the reelected council members and the new Mayor Curtis Boyd. She stated that she looked forward to seeing what was in store for the City of Darlington and that GOD give them the wisdom, insight, knowledge and courage to help move Darlington forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Mr. Gardner, seconded by Ms. Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Secretary

