

**CITY OF DARLINGTON  
PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019 AT 6:00 PM  
&  
SPECIAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

The City of Darlington held a Public Hearing to hear public comments on The Tax Levy, Water & Sewer Fee Increase, Sanitation Fee Increase and the 2019-2020 Budget Approval. Those in attendance included: Mayor Gloria C. Hines, City Manager Howard Garland, Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Bruce, Elaine Reed, Sheila Backus and John Segars. Others in attendance included: Police Chief Kelvin Washington, Codes Enforcement Officer Mr. Alex Gainey, W&S Superintendent Mr. Kinsaul, City Intern Mr. Will Johnson, and Mr. Robert Thomas. City Attorney Mr. Kelvin Etheridge came in after we adjourned the meeting. (Councilmen Bryant Gardner & John Milling were not at the meeting).

Mr. Bobby from the News & Press was present at the meeting.

**WELCOME**

Mayor Hines called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

**PRAYER**

Councilwoman Sheila Baccus did the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2019-12 – TAX LEVY  
(134.6125 MILS)**

Mr. Garland said the CPI of 2.44% allows us to raise 3.2 mils so we propose the new millage rate of 134.6125 which generates \$57,370 in revenue. Mayor Hines opened the floor for a Public Hearing and hearing no one to make comment, closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2019-14 WATER & SEWER  
FEE INCREASE**

Mr. Garland said we propose to raise our water & sewer fee by an increase of 3% (.28 cents on water & .28 cents on sewer). Mayor Hines opened the floor for a Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2019-15 SANITATION FEE INCREASE**

Mr. Garland said the sanitation fee is \$21.50 per month and we propose to increase it to \$22.50 per month. Mayor Hines opened the floor for the Public Hearing and hearing no one to make comment, the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2019-16 – 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Mr. Garland said the schedule of revenue for the general fund is proposed \$6,921,471 and the schedule of revenue for the water & sewer is 3,916,981. Mr. Garland said he propose a 1% increase for salaries and there is no increase in health insurance rates. Mayor Hines opened the floor for the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the public hearing.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(None)

**SPECIAL MEETING –IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING**

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-11 BUSINESS LICENSE FEE**

*Upon motion of Councilwoman Sheila Baccus, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-11 Business License Fee, which unanimously approved.*

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-12 TAX LEVY (134.6125 MILS)**

*Upon Motion of Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, seconded Councilwoman Elaine Reed Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-12 Tax Levy (134.6125 mils), which unanimously approved.*

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-13 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE**

*Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-13 Tax Levy (134.6125 mils), which unanimously approved.*

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-14 WATER/SEWER FEE INCREASE**

*Upon motion of Councilwoman Sheila Baccus, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-14 Water/Sewer Fee Increase, which unanimously approved.*

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-15 SANITATION FEE INCREASE**

*Upon motion of Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-15 Sanitation Fee Increase, which unanimously approved.*

**SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-16 (2019-2020 BUDGET APPROVAL)**

*Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Baccus, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-16 (2019-2020 Budget Approval), which unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURN**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Treasurer