

**CITY OF DARLINGTON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 PM  
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:**

Mayor Gloria Hines, Councilpersons: John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, Sheila Baccus, Bryant Gardner, Elaine Reed, and John Milling. Also, present: City Manager, Mr. Howard Garland, Mrs. Lisa Rock, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Building Official Alex Gainey, Mr. Kinsaul, Mr. Curtis Boyd, Mrs. Anna Dewitt, Mr. Francis Parnell, Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh, Police Chief Kelvin Washington, Mr. Ernest Boston, Mr. Winfred & Mrs. Brenda Herrington, and other visitors.

**NEWS REPORTERS**

Also present was Mr. Bobby Bryant, News Reporter from the News & Press.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Elaine Reed did the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Mayor Hines and Councilpersons Gardner, Bruce, Baccus, Reed, Milling and Segars voted in favor of the motion.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Mayor Hines said Mr. Garland informed her they would not be voting on Item 7A tonight for a lack of information. **Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the exception of Item 7A. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Millings, Elaine Reed, Carolyn Bruce, Sheila Baccus, Bryant Gardner and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A) DARLINGTON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION – MRS. LISA ROCK**

Mrs. Rock thanked everyone that came out to The DDRA’s “Bringing Downtown Alive” Concert Series on Friday night. She gave a special thank you to American Legion Post #13 for their support in July and August and to PDRTA for its contribution shuttling race fans downtown during Friday’s event. Mrs. Rock said the Grand for the series will be their Community Karaoke Party from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Rock said businesses, individuals, civic groups and churches are invited to join the DDRA as members. Mrs. Rock said members can give them a call or send them an email at [buildupdarlington.org](http://buildupdarlington.org) and they will feature their news, employee recognitions, sales, new products, special hours and other events with people interested in Darlington as well as TV stations, Radio stations, and newspapers through their text and email news alert system. Memberships are \$150 for most businesses, \$100 for civic groups, churches and nonprofits, and \$50 for individuals. Mrs. Rock said the next monthly Breakfast is at 8:00 AM, Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at Takis Diner. She said the breakfast is free for members and \$5.00 for others to go toward the meal. She said other dates to put on your calendar include “Scare on the Square” on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM and Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> for the Shop Small Downtown Open House.

**B) GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MS. ANNA DEWITT**

Mrs. Dewitt said Mr. Griggs, the Chamber Chairman wanted her to convey the following information: She said Freedom Fest was a huge success with an estimated turnout of over 20,000 and they made \$20,000 towards the operating costs. Sponsors include Pee Dee Food Service, McLeod Health, Patriot Automotive, Duke Energy Care South, SPC, Wilson Senior Care and Kinghorn Insurance. The Chamber’s Planning Retreat is scheduled for September 11, 2019 and they will be electing new officers and planning future events. The tentative date for Toast of Darlington is Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>; however, the Chamber Board meets on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> and they will be finalizing the date at that time. She said Mr. Griggs, the Chairman of the Chamber would like to extend his thanks to the City and Mr. Garland with regards to their building. The building has now been deemed cleaned of mold and they look forward to returning to downtown.

**ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAR**  
**Mr. George Chace – Storm Drains**

Mr. Chace said he came to approach the storm drain water system from another angle. Mr. Chace said he and his neighbor across the street would like to give special thanks to Alex for working on the storm drains. He said every time we have a hard rain the lady across the street has flooding under her house and she couldn't put ductwork under the house, and she had to put in a special heating system which cost three times what the ductwork system did. Mr. Chace said when we had a bad enough rain it would flood underneath his house. He said Alex has not completed the project, but he is showing them some light at the end of the tunnel and he thinks he need some credit because he is working hard at it. Mr. Chace said, "And another man who I don't think gets enough credit is the man that runs that new machine that we have for cleaning out the storm drains". Mr. Chace said, "Every time he comes out there, I go out and talk with him. He is a very polite gentleman and he is unusual in the fact that he cares about the piece of machinery that he runs". Mr. Chace said he gets upset if he doesn't get to do inspections and maintenance when he's supposed to. Mr. Chace said, "He's a good man, ya'll need to keep him".

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A) SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2019-18 SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES** (Omitted for lack of info)

#### **B) SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2019-19 – FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE**

Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-19 Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance.

Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. **Councilpersons John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, Sheila Baccus, Bryant Gardner and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion**

#### **C) SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2019-20 – FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE AND PREVENTION**

Councilman Bryant Gardner said he would like for one thing to be added to the ordinance - a phone number and a contact person. **Councilman Gardner made a motion to amend the Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-20 False Alarm Ordinance and Prevention; under the "False Alarm Number of offenses, he would like to add the sentence of who to contact and the phone number to follow "Failure to respond to the notifying public official within 30 minutes". Councilwoman Elaine**

**Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, Sheila Baccus, and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion**

**D) FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2019-21 OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE**

Mrs. Rock told Council they have a complete copy of all the new proposed ordinance that the Planning Commission approved. She also had a letter from the Planning Commission which she read asking the City to support the proposed ordinance update to provide businesses a clearer picture of what is required and to provide Codes enforcement concrete information to give businesses. Mrs. Rock said this change also improves nighttime security and public safety while discouraging energy waste while reducing glare and light trespass onto other properties. The Planning Commission thanked the City for their consideration of the proposal. Mrs. Rock said our original ordinance was about two pages, but this expands the lighting classifications a lot of the definitions to include the advances in technology over the last ten years or so. Mayor Hines asked would this information be in the package when a new person comes to town to get a business. Mrs. Rock said, “It should be”. Mr. Garland said Codes Enforcement and staff agrees with the proposed ordinance. Councilman Milling said, “As far as the City buildings are concerned, would we be in compliance or out of compliance or partly in and partly out”? Mrs. Rock said she is not really sure what all the fixtures; that would be a codes enforcement question. Mrs. Rock said this will only be for exterior lighting. Councilman Gardner said, “One of my questions is 2700 kelvin I believe that’s a rating of how white the light is; the lower the number the more yellow, the higher the number the whiter, and then blue”. Councilman Gardner said, “Could I recognize you (referring to Mr. Parnell) or to whoever wants to answer this”. Mr. Parnell said the 2700 kelvin still is white light, but a lot of the blue has been removed. Councilman Gardner said, “My next question is on #7 (off sight light trespass) in commercial areas light projected onto other commercial properties should not exceed 1.0-foot candle; how do we actually measure that”? Mrs. Rock said, “When they submit a plan there is a page in there that shows where the light and how much light is going to be extended beyond and, on their property”. Councilman Gardner asked, “And how do we actually follow-up on....Mr. Parnell interrupted and said, “As a matter of fact the section on Site Plan Applications when they send in the plans showing where all of the fixtures are at and the types they are going to use. Mr. Parnell said that’s one thing they haven’t been doing; sending in what they need to send”. Councilman Gardner said, “I understand, as far as a new building, I’m more interested in

like if you go on and this would be a follow-up question, but under “Grandfathering” it has #2 has some things that the City can deem to be a nuisance-a glare or create a safety and those people would have to comply with the regulations within 60 days”. Councilman Gardner asked, “How would we measure if those people are going to be complying with it”? Mrs. Rock said, “I think what we are addressing mainly with this is; ok, when you are going to upfit your building and not a new building, when they come to pull their permit, they will have this available to say here, this is what you need to show us”. Mrs. Rock said right now our ordinance is not as specific, it’s a little more vague so that is why Mr. Gainey is not getting the information he needs from those contractors to enforce the lighting ordinance as it was intended. Councilwoman Reed said, “To go along with whatever Bryant is asking, whatever the lighting is now, and they are in compliance with what we have now because we are changing or upgrading our ordinance, then they would have to begin to upgrade, they just couldn’t remain like they are”? Mrs. Rock said, “They would be fine as they are, the thing is most of the people that have those incandescent lights, as those bulbs and fixtures start to break and they have to be replaced, we want them replaced with the right kind of thing and that’s what we’re really addressing”. Councilwoman Baccus said, “So I can clearly understand what you’re saying; anybody new coming in would have to follow the ordinance’ anybody who’s prior is fine until they have to do an upgrade”. Mrs. Rock said, “Yes, until they start pulling permits and having to change their fixtures”. Councilman Gardner said, “That’s technically not correct though because in section 6-6.9 – Grandfathering, section 2 says “Any grandfathered fixture deemed by the City to cause nuisance glare or create a safety hazard, i.e., discomfort or disability glare, shall be made to comply with these regulations within 60 days”. Councilman Gardner said, “I’m understanding if a new person coming with a new light fixture, they’ll have to bring it to Alex, and they’ll have to comply”. Councilman Gardner said, “My concern is if Alex gets a call from citizen “A” who says my house is being polluted by this light, how does Alex then go in and say that something is exceeding the commercial area light projecting onto their commercial property shall not exceed 1 foot and their’ s exceeded 1.5? Mr. Gainey said, “The main thing is going to be that your light is not lighting up someone else’s property. He said what we’ve got when you start talking about grandfathering in, is a lot of times what you have is people, they don’t pull permits”. He said if a fixture goes out, they’ll go buy an LED fixture and they put it up and it’s not shielded like it’s supposed to be. Mr. Gainey also said with the new ordinance, it will give us a little more to be able to

say, “Hey, this is the problem, but with the ordinance we have now it’s very vague and it’s hard to enforce some of it”. He said with the new lighting ordinance if he starts getting complaints, he can go talk to them and tell them what they need to do but it’s just pertaining to commercial, not residential. Councilman Gardner said, “I may be confused, but how are you going to project and authenticate on your end that its not exceeding 1 foot”? Mrs. Rock said that would be from the manufacturer’s information on the product. Mrs. Rock said, “If it’s not clearly obvious and I think most of these cases are going to be clearly obvious”. Mr. Gainey said, “Like I said, if it’s not shining in the roadway or lighting up your neighbor’s property, I’m fine with that, but if it’s lighting up the roadway or lighting up your neighbor’s property, I’m not fine with that and that’s what we’re going to use this ordinance for”. Councilwoman Baccus said, “This is for just commercial anyway, right”? Mrs. Rock said, “Yes, just commercial property”. Councilman Milling asked, “Lisa, you don’t have to do it because this is only the First Reading, but would it make sense under the 6-6.9 (Grandfathering, subsection 2), if it said “any grandfathered fixture deemed by the Building Inspector to cause a nuisance and then allow an appeal from Alex if they choose to do so to the Planning Commission. Councilman Milling said, “So that if somebody comes in, they can’t say Alex is mad with me and this is wrong. They could at least come to the Planning Commission”. Mrs. Rock said currently if anybody disagrees with a ruling from Codes Enforcement, they can make an appeal to the Board of zoning Appeals, so that’s already in existence. Councilman Milling said the ordinance just says the “City”. Mrs. Rock said it’s worded that way in case we change the structure, so that’s why we just put the “City”. Mayor Hines said Mr. Parnell has been sending us emails for a long time and he keeps up with the lighting so she will permit him to speak. Mr. Francis Parnell said the original ordinance the City passed was 10 years before the LED revolution and it does not handle the LED’s. Mr. Parnell said when Genesis put their sign up, they heard from a lot of people and they were mad because they didn’t want the digital signs going up. He said this new ordinance handles the LED’s. Councilman Gardner asked, “Under 6-6.9 (Grandfathering) can we change “City” to Building Inspector and add can appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals within 60 days”. Mrs. Rock said that’s already in existence in our current ordinance. Councilwoman Bruce said, “This is going to be the new ordinance that they will receive, right”? Councilwoman Bruce said, “So they wouldn’t know that if it’s not in the new ordinance”. Mrs. Rock said, “No, it’s in the actual zoning ordinance, not in the specific Lighting Ordinance”. Councilman Gardner said, “So, if

we're not going to include it, then will it just be within the prerogative of the Building Inspector to inform the citizen if they have an issue"? Mr. Gainey said, "Yes, any time they have an issue, I tell them they can appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals". **Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce made a motion to accept First Reading of Ordinance 2019-21 Outdoor Lighting Ordinance. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine Reed, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion**

**E) FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2019-22 PROPERTY DONATION (165-10-03-057) CHALMERS STREET EXTENSION**

Mr. Garland said Ms. Ila turner called later last week and said she wanted to donate this property to the City, and it is contiguous with Gandy Pool. He said it will be a great benefit to the City to accept it if we can get a clear title to it. Mayor Hines asked, "How much land is it"? Mr. Garland said he thinks it is less than a quarter of an acre, but it's one of the parcels that we were looking at. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to accept the First Reading on Ordinance 2019-22 Property Donation (165-10-03-057) Chalmers Street Extension. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine Reed, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion.**

**F) SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2018-16 – REGULATIONS/SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES – MR. GARLAND**

Mr. Garland said we had two first readings last year, so we need to have second reading. Mr. Garland said AT&T has called and want to put in some small wireless facilities in our area. He said as a reminder from last year there is an application fee involved. It's \$100.00 for each small wireless facility and if it's a consolidated application it's \$100.00 each for the first five and \$50.00 for each additional small wireless facility up to the maximum of twenty. Mr. Garland said other fees that would come to the City are on page 15 (annual rate on city owned poles would be \$100 per year for a wooden pole or \$250 per year for all the City owned poles. He said we don't own that many poles so most of that money would go to Duke Energy or Pee Dee Electric. Mr. Garland said this is a model ordinance from the Municipal Association of South Carolina and last year Council asked that we change some of the structure, which we did. Mr. Garland recommends that

Council pass this ordinance. He said AT&T and Verizon will be building small wireless facilities in our town and we'd rather they do it under our regulations than just come in with something we wouldn't have regulations over. **Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2018-16 (Regulations/small Wireless Facilities. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine Reed, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion.**

**G) CHALMERS STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – COUNCILWOMAN ELAINE REED**

Councilwoman Elaine Reed said when we completed the storm water project and the ditch that had been piped was covered, it left a big open space there and Ms. Rhonda Brown was able to bring this to their attention because she was aware of the kinds of things they wanted to do in her ward.

Councilwoman Reed said Ms. Brown realized this was City property which she could beautify and be an asset to the area. Councilwoman Reed said Ms. Brown talked with Councilman Bryant Gardner and they called her.

Councilwoman Reed said they want to make this a green area that would be pleasant to look at, but it won't be a park. She said Ms. Brown has plans for this area that's why they are calling it a beautification project.

Councilwoman Reed said she would like the support of Mayor and Council for them to be able to do that. Mayor Hines said, "Councilwoman Reed, the only thing that I would say about that is, that trailer sitting up there, we've got to try to get that trailer out first before you put any flowers up there".

Mayor Hines said, "It's an eyesore. She said flowers would be beautiful, but that trailer sitting up there would take away from the flowers".

Councilwoman Reed said, "Councilman Gardner said that he could use that, so I'm looking at that being removed very soon". Councilman Gardner said, "I've got no interest in using that trailer, but I don't think it'll be a problem getting that trailer off of the property". Councilman Gardner said, "I think Rhonda is interested in creating a green space by putting some grass there and maybe add a bench or two or transfer the benches we planned to put outside the pool". Councilwoman Reed said, "Most of the residents in the area, because they are seniors, they were not about the benches so much".

Councilwoman Reed said the main thing was to make the area look better.

Councilwoman Reed said, "The majority of folk that has been contacted said they would prefer no benches, which is less expensive". Councilman Gardner asked, "Councilwoman Reed do we want to put grass there and

Councilwoman Reed said, “Yes”. Councilman Gardner asked if we want to approve funds for grass seeds? Councilwoman Reed said, “I didn’t know what was needed from us”. Councilman Milling told Councilwoman Reed, “why don’t you and Ms. Brown bring us a plan together with figures so Council would really know what they’re acting on”. Mayor Hines told Councilwoman Elaine Reed we’ll take this as info until they bring the requested information back.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A) 2017-2018 AUDIT PRESENTATION – MR. BILL HANCOCK**

Mr. Bill Hancock with The Brittingham Group thanked Council for allowing them to be of service to the City. Mr. Bill said the first and most important thing the City needs from an audit every year is an unmodified or unqualified opinion. He said the result of their work of the financial statement was fairly stated and they didn’t find any issues with the presentations. Mr. Hancock went to page 44 which talks about internal controls. He said they didn’t find any instances where we had material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls. He said the most important item the City has as far as headline risks is 1) Are you in compliance, because we have to be in compliance with a lot of things. He said what would get you in the newspaper is if you run afoul sending in your police fine money and the period, they audited showed all 12 months were sent in on time for the correct amounts. He didn’t find any issues with getting retirement payments in on time nor our payroll taxes. Mr. Hancock went over page 4 of the audit which showed the balance sheet; went over page 10 which showed the Statement of General Fund Revenues, Expenditures & Changes. He said there is a change in the fund balance of a positive \$151,000. The final budget was \$6.7 million, and we came within \$151,000 of breaking even. He explained the variances in the budget. He then went to page 12 - Fund Income Statement for W&S and the Stormwater Funds. Mr. Bill said in the W&S Fund under Loss before Capital we are showing a \$500,000 loss in that fund. He said we have to ask, “Why”? Did anything happen out of the ordinary? Mr. Bill said his recommendation to management is have a Reg Study done periodically (every 3 or every 5 years). Another question would be, “Are we charging what our peers are charging? Other cities and towns have stated rates and is ours in line with theirs? And if we are already higher than theirs and we’re still losing money, then why? If we’re not as high as they are and we’re losing money, we might want to consider mirroring some of their rates. Mr. Hancock went on to say one of the things bond holders, banks, etc. do is look at the audit

and measure our overall health. One measure of health is how many days cash do we have on hand. Mr. Hancock said if all operations were to stop and no more money would come in, how many days could we last with the cash that we have in the bank right now? He said the calculation for this fund is about 193 days which is great because we've got more than 6 months' worth of cash in the bank and you say, "What have we got to worry about"? Well, what happens if you lose \$500,000 again next year? He said if the City hasn't had a Reg Study done, he would recommend that they do so. Mr. Hancock said we have about 125 days of cash on hand in the general fund. He said the rule of thumb: Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that you have 180-270 days of cash on hand. He said the reason GFOA recommends this is because when have a natural disaster, municipalities, cities, counties, etc. are charged with getting things right. He said if you have a flood or this Hurricane hits, the City has got to spend some money to get things back up and running like they were supposed to and that means you've got to pay people to do it. That's why you need to have the cash on hand. Mr. Hancock said you may get reimbursed by the insurance, but that takes time. Mr. Hancock said the City has to exercise prudence on our millage rate because you can only go up so much on that per year and that's State Law. He said, "So where do you raise revenues"? He said it's a lot easier to restrict expenditures, than it is to raise revenues. He said as a caution, remain diligent and be restrictive in how you spend your resources. He went over page 28 of the audit explaining the retirement and page 29 tells what our rates are that we have to pay. Mr. Hancock said with retirement rates, they are increasing 1% every year, so what does that mean"? He said if you take 1% of the City's entire payroll and add that to what you paid last year, that's an added expense you have. He said you haven't given your employees a single raise, but you're still going to have to put 1% more in the retirement system for them. Mr. Hancock said, "I'm sure everyone has heard about "unfunded pension liability". He said, "We've got conflicting authority here; I've got the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and Accounting Standards on the other and I'm torn right down the middle". He said the Constitution of the State says that the State of South Carolina will not let the State Retirement go bankrupt, so they make the employer pay more in for the employees. Accounting Standards says each participating agency member has to carry its fair share of the "unfunded liability" on its book. (Back to page 4) Mr. Hancock said the second biggest liability the City has is this "unfunded pension liability" of \$7.6 million. He said what this means is you're going to report this and as this liability goes up or down depending on the rate of

return that the system gets, that's how our balance sheet is going to go, up or down. On page 34, it shows how the \$7.6 million is broken down between SCRS and PORS. Also, on page 34 it lists all of the debt the City has. Page 35 lists the obligations individually with the interest rates and reasons we borrowed the money. Pages 37-39 has the amortization of the debts. Mr. Hancock said those are the highlights of the audit. He said he is glad the City is on track now with the State Treasurer's Office. He said they are scheduled to do the field work for the 2019 audit the first two weeks of October and he plans on presenting that to Council in December. Mr. Hancock said, "That is important because Council hasn't had audited information to look back on in several years and I would like for when you do your fiscal year 2020-21 budget, to have actual figures for fiscal year 2019. He said you can at least look back on something that actually happened when you are making a decision on how to allocate your resources. Councilman Bryant Gardner said, "Last year when we had an update on this subject, they said that we weren't going to get our audits caught up for a number of years; so, you're telling me we'll potentially have it caught up by next year"? Mr. Hancock said, "Not potentially; you will have it caught up by the end of this calendar year". Mr. Hancock said, "I can't get paid until I get finished and I like getting paid". Mayor Hines said, "So, we are actually caught up, because this is 2018 here". Mr. Hancock said, "You are not out of compliance with the Treasurer's Office anymore and then by the end of this calendar year, hopefully at the December meeting, I will present this fiscal year 2019 report". Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Hancock and his group for the quick way they responded to us. **Councilman John Milling made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 audit that's been presented by Mr. Bill Hancock on behalf of the Brittingham Group, LLC. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine Reed, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion**

**B) BOARDS/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – MR. ALEX GAINY**

Mr. Gainey said he has one seat available on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He said that Mr. Mike Sprott has expressed interest in filling that seat. **Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion that we approve Mike Sprott for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce seconded the motion. Councilpersons John Segars, John Milling, Elaine**

**Reed, Bryant Gardner, Sheila Baccus, Carolyn Bruce and Mayor Gloria Hines voted in favor of the motion.**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilwoman Sheila Baccus** said at the last Council meeting there was a discussion about the comprehensive Plan and things we didn't follow up on. She said a comment was made that we never had a discussion about this. Councilwoman Baccus provided Council with a copy of their September 25, 2018 work session where they did have a conversation of several things that they discussed that they needed to follow up on. She said at the bottom of the page Councilman Milling gave a summary of what we discussed, and all the things were listed that we were going to follow up on and we have not followed up on them. Councilman Milling said it seems like Mr. Garland asked us to give some opinions of some things that we thought needed to be done with the City. Councilman Milling said everybody discussed it and he made notes and tried to do a summary of what everybody had. He said, "Councilman Milling said, "This isn't my input necessarily". Councilwoman Baccus said, "It said you gave a summary". Councilman Milling said, "I gave a summary of what Council discussed". Councilwoman Baccus said, "The point is, we need to follow up". Councilwoman Baccus asked, "Is there a dress code for Council meetings"? She said, "I think we need to research that". Mr. Garland said, "I don't think there's anything in the ordinance about it. I think there's one for court". Councilwoman Baccus said, "Ok, just curious". Councilman Gardner said, "What kind of dress code would you like"? Councilwoman Reed said, "As long as they don't come in naked".

**Mayor Hines** thanked the City with help during Mayo Alumni, Southern 500 and also helping Ms. Sheila Baccus with the cemetery cleanup.

### **REMINDERS**

October 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM - Regular Monthly Meeting Darlington City Council

### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Upon motion of Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.***

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Treasurer