

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Mayor Nathan Senn

Councilors

Johnnie L. Bolt
Sara C. Latimore
Marian C. Miller

Cassandra Campbell
S. Martin Lowry, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alicia Sullivan

Special Called Council Meeting
126 East Public Square

AGENDA

Tuesday February 2, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order – The Honorable Mayor Nathan Senn

Invocation: Councilor Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of February 2, 2021 Agenda

Opening remarks from Mayor Nathan Senn

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To receive legal counsel regarding proposed ordinance.

COUNCIL BUSSINESS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. City Attorney Tom Thompson presenting first reading Ordinance 9-20-01 Parade, Event, Block Party, Performance, Filming and Picketing Regulation Ordinance.
2. City Attorney Tom Thompson presenting first reading Ordinance 2-21-01 Changing the name of Mock Street to Kelly Street.
3. Adjournment.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT – 15 MINUTES
EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO 2 MINUTES
MUST SIGN IN TO ADDRESS COUNCIL BEFORE
THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER

**CITY OF LAURENS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
126 EAST PUBLIC SQUARE
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
5:30PM**

PRESENT

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, Councilor Marian Miller, City Administrator Gary Coleman, and City Attorney Tom Thompson

ABSENT

Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Martin Lowry and City Clerk Leslie Mattison

PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

Kelsey Woods - GoLaurens

THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order with Councilor Campbell giving the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve the February 2, 2021 agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Senn began by announcing a third housing development is gaining traction. He continued expressing the importance of the City's partnership with Prisma Health using the Ridge as a regional vaccination site. He thanked Council for helping inform the public of the site. He finished by informing Council that registration sites are being developed in the community and will be announced soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Miller made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilor Latimore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Open Session continued with no action taken in Executive Session.

CITY ATTORNEY TOM THOMPSON PRESENTING FIRST READING ORDINANCE 9-20-01 PARADE, EVENT, BLOCK PARTY, PERFORMANCE, FILMING, AND PICKETING REGULATION ORDINANCE

City Attorney Tom Thompson began by stating that the purpose of this ordinance is to update, regulate, and standardize special events that take place in the city limits.

The ordinance lists the descriptions and requirements for all special events, including block parties, events (festivals, concerts, public gatherings, etc), filming, open events (open to public where no ticket is required), parades, performances, picketing, private events (weddings, receptions, fundraiser, etc), and street performances. In order to discuss this ordinance a motion to approve first reading was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore. Councilor Sullivan began the discussion raising questions about the approval process of the application and fee schedule. She also had questions concerning the appointment of the panel to review a denied permit. Councilor Miller agreed with Councilor Sullivan. Councilor Latimore added to the discussion the importance of having an ordinance in place to prosecute bad behavior in court. Councilor Campbell had questions she wished to discuss with Mayor Senn prior to second reading. Mayor Senn added the importance of having the ordinance in place to enforce orderly conduct at said events. Mayor Senn called for a vote on first reading of Ordinance 9-20-01. The motion was approved unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY TOM THOMPSON AND COUNCILOR CAMPBELL PRESENTING FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2-21-01 CHANGING THE NAME OF MOCK STREET TO KELLY STREET

City Attorney Tom Thompson began by expressing the renaming of the street is to honor the late Councilor Johnny B. Kelly who passed away April 15, 2020. Mr. Kelly represented District Three with an impeccable reputation for honor, integrity, and civility. Mr. Kelly resided at 116 Mock Street for a number of years before his death. City Attorney Thompson concluded his remarks stating that it is abundantly fitting to rename Mock Street to Kelly Street so as to better preserve the memory and deeds of Mr. Johnny Kelly. Councilor Campbell added that it was an honor to have known him. He was an honorable and good man. She added that as she canvassed the community suggesting the change of street names, she received an overly abundance of support. A motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2-21-01 was made by Councilor Campbell and seconded by Councilor Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan and seconded by Councilor Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Leslie Mattison

LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK AND TREASURER