CITY OF LAURENS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MUNICIPAL CENTER 250 WEST LAURENS STREET, LAURENS, SC 29360 MARCH 18, 2025 5:30PM

PRESENT

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Martin Lowry, Councilor Marian Miller, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, City Administrator Eric Delgado, IT Director Colby Rice, and City Clerk Leslie Mattison

PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

Judith Brown - Advertiser

THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMEMBER SARA LATIMORE'S SERVICE TO THE CITY OF

LAURENS – Mayor Senn and Council presented Councilor Latimore with a gift and a picture of Mayor and Council. Mayor Senn thanked her for her many years of service to the City of Laurens. He stated that he is certain that Councilor Latimore, who has served Laurens City Council since November 2012, has spent time reflecting on the legacy she leaves behind. He encouraged everyone to consider legacies due to the passing of former Mayor Bob Dominick. Mayor Dominick served the city from 1978 to 1994, marking the longest tenure of any mayor in the city's history. Before that, he served an additional eight years on City Council.

Mayor Senn stated that Councilor Latimore has been an integral part of council. She has supported revitalization efforts that brought new life to long-vacant buildings, held landlords to account, updated city facilities, upheld the principles of civility on council, among many other things. The city celebrates her contributions.

In turn, Councilor Latimore thanked Mayor Senn and Council for all they have done for her while serving on council.

Additionally, Mayor Senn updated everyone on upcoming city events, explained that the FY 2025-2026 budget is currently in the early stages of process, and informed everyone of an upcoming Traffic Safety Enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda and the February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Bolt to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE 01-25-01: AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 44, REPLACE IT WITH ORDINANCE 01-25-01, AND ADOPT THE REVISED OFFICIAL CITY ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 16, 2025 – Councilor Sullivan began by making a motion to table this ordinance until April's meeting for clarity purposes. No one seconded the motion.

Councilors Lowry, Miller, Campbell, and Bolt all stated that they are proud of the process that has led to the passing of this ordinance. Meetings, workshops, and public hearings have continuously taken place. They thanked City staff for the hard work in making this happen.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve Ordinance 01-25-01. The motion was approved 6-1 with Councilor Sullivan voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING MARCH AS DISABILITIES

AWARENESS MONTH – Mayor Senn began by reading the March as Disabilities Awareness

Month Proclamation. Executive Director Jason Tavenner, Case Management Director Tara Glenn, and Board Chair Peter Littlefield were all present to give an update on the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board and the many beneficial and valuable opportunities it provides.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

NÁTHAN SENN. MAYOR

ATTEST:_

LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK