

**CITY OF LAURENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL CENTER
250 WEST LAURENS STREET, LAURENS, SC 29360
FEBRUARY 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 – The Advertiser

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.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Senn began by saying thanks to the community. He stated that the city has worked hard over the past two years to come up with a plan to move forward with the new land use ordinance that reflects the values of our community. This can't happen by people just sitting at the council table; it has to happen with the input of the community. Through this process, there have been five different public input sessions on the front end, hundreds of online and in-person surveys, four public workshops with Planning Commission and City Council members, Town Halls, and one-on-one meetings with property owners who had questions and concerns. As a result of this, there were a number of positive changes and feedback that the city wants to reflect in the ordinance in its final reading. This couldn't happen without the input of so many people in our community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda and January 28, 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 JANUARY 10, 2025 -

A motion was made by Councilor Campbell and seconded by Councilor Bolt to send Ordinance 01-25-01 and the zoning map back to the Planning Commission to make a recommendation on the staff's suggested revisions and to expressly invoke the pending ordinance Doctrine with respect to the entire zoning ordinance and zoning map. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE 01-25-02: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN OPTION AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND TOWERS V LLC FOR A CELL TOWER – There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve Ordinance 01-25-02. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – PHASE 1 GIBSON GROVE

SUBDIVISION: Proposed Use: Single Family Detached Residential, Proposed Lots (+/-52'x125') 89 Lots, as submitted by Mark III Properties for Tax Map No: 906-01-03-048, and drawn by 3D Land Surveying, and titled "Final Plat" "Gibson Grove Phase 1 City of Laurens, Laurens County, SC" and dated 10-10-2024. Surveyor's Project Number 3D-200257 – There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

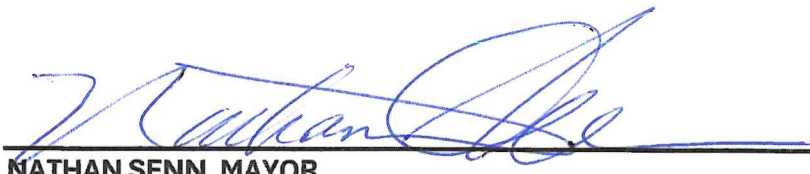
RECOGNITION OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CHARLES PETERSON

Mr. Peterson's mother and eldest daughter were present to thank council for the opportunity and to thank them for naming the street in Gibson Grove after Mr. Peterson. Mr. Peterson's daughter explained that her father passed away of Covid in 2020 and it feels good that his legacy won't be forgotten. The city that he contributed so much to is recognizing him. Mr. Peterson's mother stated that she thanks council from the bottom of her heart.

ADJOURNMENT

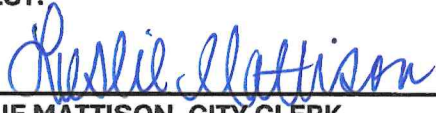
A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Latimore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK